

Policy Corner – September 2025 NRMP's Commitment to Data Usage and Privacy

As we prepare for the launch of another successful Match cycle, we wanted to call out our commitment to protecting and preserving the data and information entrusted to us by all Match participants as well as the information collected about Match participants from other organizations. Section 14.0 of the Match Participation Agreement outlines the NRMP's use of Match information.

Some highlights to consider:

- The NRMP requests, obtains, transmits, and receives identifying information about Match participants from other medical education organizations involved in the transition to residency primarily for research purposes or to ensure successful, accurate execution of a Match.
- Joint research conducted by the NRMP that may examine individual ranking and outcomes data is done sparingly and only under strict, binding terms of a confidential data sharing agreement. At no time does the NRMP allow identifiable ranking and/or Match outcomes information to be disclosed in publications, presentations, and reports.
- NRMP shares data with independent third-party researchers whose requests for said data comply with NRMP policy, but only in anonymized or aggregated form.
- Match information contained in the NRMP's Registration, Ranking, and Results (R3) system cannot be copied, distributed, posted or made publicly available. Unauthorized disclosure of information contained in the R3 system is prohibited under Match policy.

The NRMP is committed to handling your data with integrity, discretion, and care and to ensuring all parties to a Match recognize the confidentiality of information submitted to and stored in the R3 system.

Please visit NRMP's <u>Policies</u> page to review the Match Participation Agreements. If you have questions, please reach out to <u>policy@nrmp.org</u>. We look forward to supporting you through the 2026 matching process.