



Introduction to the 2027 Main Residency Match

National Resident Matching Program

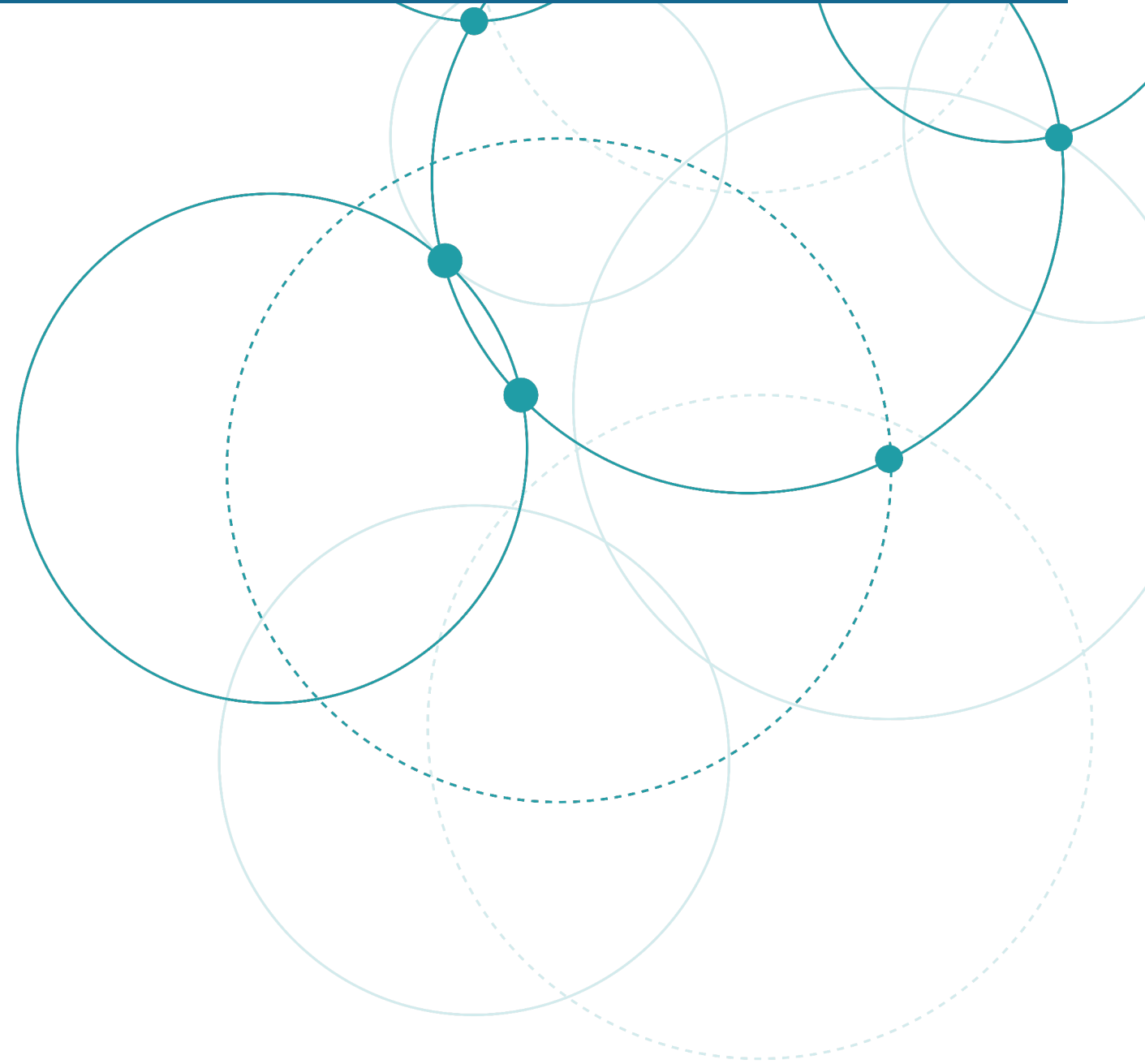
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Who We Are

The National Resident Matching Program® (NRMP®), also known as The Match®

- Independent, private not-for-profit organization
- First Match run in 1952
- Incorporated in 1953



The Match was developed at the request of medical students to eliminate problems that plagued the residency recruitment process.

- Research on the NRMP algorithm was a basis for awarding the 2012 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences

Governance

The NRMP is governed by a Board of Directors that includes medical school deans, program directors, students, residents, fellows, and a public member.

Why the Match?

Fair

Allows applicants and training programs to consider each other without pressure and to develop rank order lists that reflect their true preferences.

Efficient

Optimizes the choices of applicants and programs, ensuring each achieves the most preferred training choice possible.

Reliable

Eliminates common recruiting problems such as early or exploding offers, and applicants holding onto or reneging on offers in search of better options.

Transparent

Provides applicants, programs, and the medical education community with valuable data about Match outcomes and training preferences to address future recruitment and workforce needs.

NRMP Matching Programs

2026 Main Residency Match®

- 48,050 active applicants
- 6,809 program tracks
- 44,344 PGY-1 and PGY-2 positions
- 93.5% overall position fill rate
- 99.3% position fill rate including the Supplemental Offer & Acceptance Program® (SOAP®)

Programs must be ACGME-accredited
Includes all specialties except Ophthalmology & Urology



Specialties Matching Service® (SMS®)

23 Fellowship Matches for the 2026 appointment year

- 6,606 programs in 81 subspecialties
- 15,358 positions
- 12,963 positions (84.4%) were filled
- 15,846 applicants participated in at least one fellowship Match and 81.8% obtained a position

Applicant Eligibility



Applicants must be registered in the NRMP and verified by March 3 to participate in the Match and SOAP.

There is no separate SOAP registration.

To participate in the Match and SOAP, you must **register with NRMP**, and be **verified** as eligible to enter GME on July 1, 2027

- Applicants must fulfill all requirements in time to be verified.
- How an applicant is verified depends on applicant type:
 - ✓ The ECFMG® verifies credentials of International Medical Graduates (IMGs)
 - ✓ Medical Schools verify eligibility for US MD and DO Seniors and Graduates
- Either the school or the NRMP withdraws applicants whose credentials are not verified by the Rank Order List (ROL) Certification Deadline of **March 3**
- Each sponsoring institution (e.g., a teaching hospital) may have additional eligibility requirements

U.S. MD/DO Eligibility Verification

U.S. MD and DO Seniors:

- Eligibility to participate is based on the graduation requirements of the sponsoring medical school
- As sponsored applicants, U.S. seniors cannot withdraw themselves from the Match
- The sponsoring medical school is responsible for withdrawing sponsored applicants, if necessary

U.S. MD and DO Graduates:

- Medical schools verify the credentials of U.S. MD and DO graduates
- As Independent Applicants, U.S. MD and DO graduates can withdraw themselves from the Match

Verification begins when ranking opens on February 1, 2027.

Medical schools are notified of their verification responsibility.

IMG Eligibility Verification

IMGs MUST:

- ✓ Meet the medical science examination requirements and the clinical and communication skills requirements for certification by ECFMG®, a division of Intealth™
- ✓ Have passing results and satisfactory completion of these requirements by the NRMP Rank Order List (ROL) Certification Deadline of March 3, 2027

NRMP conducts weekly data exchanges with ECFMG.

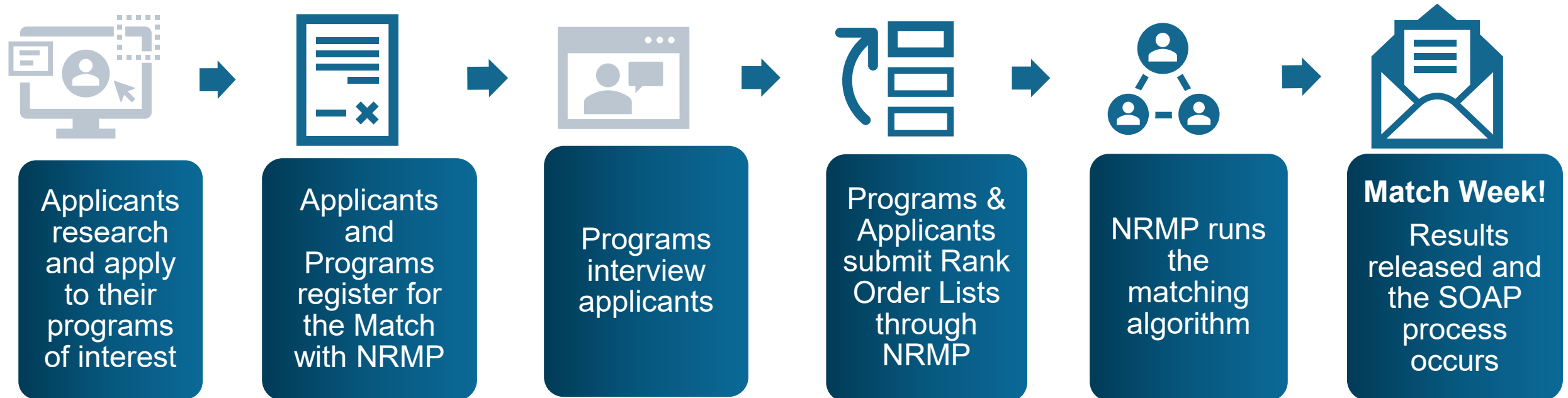
- NRMP provides a list of IMGs who have registered for the Match
- ECFMG verifies whether each IMG has met the Match participation requirements

Verification will display to applicants in the NRMP's R3 system beginning October 9, 2026



ECFMG Requirements

The Application and Matching Process



Applying to Programs

NRMP and the different application services are separate organizations with separate systems.

- The most widely-used application service is the AAMC's Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS®)
- ResidencyCAS is the application service being used by OB/Gyn and Emergency Medicine programs

Applicants apply and programs review applications and supporting materials in the application system used by the program, NOT in the NRMP system

- NRMP is the matching service where applicants will register, rank programs, and receive Match results
- NRMP partners with the application services to conduct SOAP

Programs and applicants register for both the application and the NRMP separately



2027 Main Residency Match Calendar

Tuesday, September 15
12:00 P.M. ET

NRMP Match Registration Opens for Applicants

Thursday, September 17

Application Deadline for ResidencyCAS – programs in Emergency Medicine & Obstetrics-Gynecology

Wednesday, September 23

Applications available to programs using either application service

Friday, January 29
11:59 P.M. ET

Standard Registration Deadline for Applicants

Monday, February 1
12:00 P.M. ET

Ranking Opens for applicants and programs

Wednesday, March 3
9:00 P.M. ET

Rank Order List (ROL) Certification Deadline for applicants & programs

- IMG applicant deadline to meet ECFMG verification requirements.
- Registration Deadline - Applicant late registration for the Match and SOAP and Match withdrawal deadline.

2027 Match Week & SOAP

Monday, March 15

10:00 A.M. ET

SOAP Begins

Program and Applicant Match Status Released

Tuesday, March 16

Programs can review SOAP applications in their preferred application service, interview, and begin creating Preference Lists in NRMP

Thursday, March 18

9:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M. ET

Four SOAP Offer Rounds

Friday, March 19

12:00 P.M. ET

Match Day!

≈ July 1

Training Begins



Registering for the Main Residency Match

The image displays two screenshots of the NRMP website, illustrating the registration process for the Main Residency Match.

Top Screenshot: Shows the main NRMP website. The top navigation bar includes links for About, Insights, Policies, FAQs, and a **LOG IN/REGISTER** button. A red arrow points to the **LOG IN/REGISTER** button.

Bottom Screenshot: Shows the login/register page. The top navigation bar includes links for Login, **Register for Residency**, and Register for Fellowship Match. A red arrow points to the **Register for Residency** button. Below the navigation bar, the page is titled "All Returning Users" and contains instructions for returning users. The instructions state: "Applicants and Staff from Institutions, Hospitals, Programs, or Schools. If you have already created a Username and Password for a current Match, enter them here. Applicants with login credentials from a previous Match must register for each new Match in which you plan to participate. Select the appropriate 'Register' option to proceed." Below the instructions, there are input fields for Username and Password, both marked as required. A link for "I forgot my Username or Password" is provided. A Login button is at the bottom.

Registration (cont.)

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2027 Main Residency Match

Please select your participant type.

* I am a Medical School

☒ Senior Student☐ Graduate

* Which type of medical school did you attend?:

Which type of medical school did you attend?

* Medical School Graduation Date

MonthYear

* Are you currently a U.S. Citizen?

☐ Yes☐ No

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Match: 2027 Main Residency Match
Participant Type: Senior in a U.S. MD Medical School

Registrant Details

Step 3: Academic and Demographic Information for Research Purposes

As part of the Match registration process, the NRMP asks you to provide academic, demographic, and, where applicable, additional citizenship and post-graduate training information. The information will be used to help the NRMP better understand the applicants that participate in the Match, develop projects and collaborations that disseminate important research findings about the Match experience, and generate reports that provide insight into physician distribution across the United States. It is our hope that the information, as used by the NRMP, will help medical schools, GME training programs, and applicants like yourself make informed decisions in the Match.

Allowing the NRMP to use the information you provide is voluntary. Your Match results will not be affected if you elect not to provide the NRMP with your information. Perhaps more importantly, your information will be used primarily for reporting and research purposes. The NRMP may share your information in an identifiable format only when it has entered into a binding, confidential data sharing agreement. Please note that the NRMP will

- Never incorporate your information in any way into the matching algorithm;
- Never provide your information in an identifiable format directly with an independent third party that is not subject to a binding, confidential data sharing agreement;
- Never provide your information in an identifiable format directly to programs;
- Never publish your information in an identifiable format without your explicit consent;
- Never make information sharing mandatory as part of Match registration (there will always be an opt-out provision).

The NRMP will receive USMLE and COMLEX-USA licensure exam data from the National Board of Medical Examiners and the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners by way of binding, confidential data sharing agreements. Licensure exam score data will be used for the purpose of research and analysis and will not be distributed in an identifiable format to any program or independent third party.

The voluntary data reporting being requested has been reviewed in accordance with the NRMP's data collection policies and procedures. To reinforce the voluntary nature of this data collection, each question includes a "prefer not to answer" option.

If you consent to allow the NRMP to use your information for research and reporting purposes, please click 'Next' at the bottom of the screen. If you do not consent, check the boxes below.

I do not consent to my academic information being used in NRMP's research and reporting: ☐

I do not consent to my demographic information being used in NRMP's research and reporting: ☐

Please contact the NRMP data and research team at datarequest@nrmp.org with any questions.

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Match: 2027 Main Residency Match
Participant Type: Senior in a U.S. MD Medical School

Registrant Details

Step 3: Demographic Information

What sex were you assigned at birth?

☐ Male
☐ Female
☐ I prefer not to answer

What is your current gender identity? Select all that apply: ?

☐ Man or male
☐ Woman or female
☐ Non-binary, genderqueer
☐ Two-Spirit ?
☐ I use a different term (Please specify)
☐ I prefer not to answer

Do you identify as transgender? ?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ I do not know
☐ I prefer not to answer

Which of the following best represents how you self-identify?

☐ Bisexual or pansexual
☐ Gay or lesbian

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1 SELECT MATCH 2 PARTICIPANT TYPE 3 REGISTRATION FORM 4 LOGIN INFORMATION 5 SIGN MATCH AGREEMENT 6 PAYMENT

Match: 2027 Main Residency Match
Participant Type: Senior in a U.S. MD Medical School

Registrant Details

Step 3: Academic Information

Number of Research Experiences ?

Number of Abstracts ?

Number of Presentations ?

Number of Publications ?

Number of Work Experiences ?

Number of Volunteer Experiences ?

AOA Honor Medical Society Member ☐ YES ☐ NO ?

Ph.D. ☐ YES ☐ NO

Other Graduate Degree ☐ YES ☐ NO

*Required

Include only the number of publications that were peer-reviewed works such as journal articles, book chapters, and online publications as well as scientific monographs and case reports.

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Match: 2027 Main Residency Match
Participant Type: Senior in a U.S. MD Medical School

Registrant Details

Step 3: Identification & Birth *Required

Application Service IDs (Recommended)

AAMC ID (#####) Enter your AAMC ID (recommended) ?
Needed to populate your NRMP ID in your ERAS application and assist programs in ranking you.

ResidencyCAS ID (#####) Enter your ResidencyCAS ID (recommended) ?
Needed to populate your NRMP ID in your ResidencyCAS application and assist programs in ranking you.

Professional Identification

* USMLE ID (#-###-###-#) ?
 CaRMS ID (XX###XX###) ?

Birth and Residence

* Date of Birth Month Day Year
 * Birth Country Please Select...
 Birth State
 * Birth City
 Country of Legal Residence Please Select... ?

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Match: 2026 Main Residency Match
Participant Type: U.S. Citizen Student/Graduate of International Medical School

Registrant Details

Step 3: Medical School & Training

*Required

*Medical School Name

+ Click to Find School

Current or Completed Residency Training SpecialtyPlease Select...

Completion DateMonthYear

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Creating Your Username & Password

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Match: 2026 Main Residency Match
Participant Type: U.S. Citizen Student/Graduate of International Medical School

Registrant Details

Step 3: Account Information

* Create Username

* Create Password

* Confirm Password

Security Question 1

* Response 1

Security Question 2

* Response 2

☐ I'm not a robot

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Privacy - Terms

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SELECT MATCH PARTICIPANT TYPE REGISTRATION FORM **LOGIN INFORMATION** SIGN MATCH AGREEMENT PAYMENT

✓ Congratulations, your user account has been created successfully in the system!

Please enter your password and click "Login". To complete registration, you will need to electronically sign the Match Participation Agreement and pay the registration fee. You may also click "Save & Exit" to complete your registration at a later time.

Match: Main Residency Match

Applicant: James Majersky

NRMP ID: N1117802

Username: jmajersky

Password:

[Cancel Registration](#) [Save and Exit](#) [Login](#)

Setting Up Multi-factor Authentication (MFA)

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SELECT MATCH PARTICIPANT TYPE REGISTRATION FORM **LOGIN INFORMATION** SIGN MATCH AGREEMENT PAYMENT

Applicant Registration

Match Type: Main Residency Match Match Year: 2027
Applicant Type: Senior in a U.S. MD Medical School Applicant Status: INITIAL
Username: testingapp Fee Status: **AMOUNT DUE**
NRMP ID: N1205216
USMLE ID: 5-555-555-5

Secure Your Account

For your security, you must set up multi-factor authentication to protect your account from unauthorized access.

Enter a U.S. mobile number to verify your account and click Send Code below to receive a 6-digit verification code.

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[Try Another Method](#)

☐ I consent to receive transactional service messages on my mobile device. These messages will be used solely to verify my identity and secure my account. Standard message and data rates may apply. For assistance, reply HELP to the number from which you receive the message, or contact us at support@nrmp.org. View NRMP's Privacy Policy.

[Cancel Registration](#) [Save and Exit](#) [Send Code](#)

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Enter Your Verification Code

Enter the 6-digit code we sent to +1(***)-2096 and click Login below.

Verification Code

You can resend a code in 26 second(s): [Resend Code](#)

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Match Participation Agreement

- Provides the rules governing the matching process
- Different versions for different users
- Important Notices provide highlights of the Match Participation Agreement (MPA)
- All Match participants must electronically sign the MPA as part of the registration process



Match Participation Agreement

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James Majersky

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Applicant Registration

Match Type: Main Residency Match

Applicant Type: U.S. Citizen Student/Graduate of International Medical School

Applicant Status: INITIAL

Username: jmajersky

NRMP ID: N1117802

ECFMG ID: 5-555-555-5

Fee Status: **AMOUNT DUE**

Match Participation Agreement

Match Participation Agreement for Applicants

Main Residency Match® and Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program® (SOAP®)

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If any provision of this Agreement is found in any arbitration proceeding or by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, that provision shall be modified to the minimum extent necessary to achieve the purpose originally intended, if possible, and the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions will not be affected or impaired and are to be enforced to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law. If any remedy set forth in this Agreement is determined to have failed of its essential purpose, then all other provisions of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

Failure of any party to act or exercise its rights under this Agreement upon the breach of any other terms hereof by any other party is not to be construed as a waiver of such a breach or prevent such party from later enforcing compliance with any or all of the terms hereof. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the Match and its results. Any representations, promises, or conditions not incorporated in this Agreement will not be binding upon any of the parties. No modification of this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing and executed by the party against whom it is to be enforced.

* Password:

Cancel Registration

I Accept

Match Participation Agreement

Why Policy Matters

NRMP policies exist to ensure the Match process is fair, equitable, and transparent for everyone

- Applicants can consider all their options before making any commitment
- Coercive questions and unwarranted pressure are prohibited — on both sides
- An impartial, uniform process matches applicant and program preferences
- Every participant is accountable for ethical and professionally responsible behavior

It's a contract

You sign the Match Participation Agreement electronically in the R3 system at registration

It's binding

A match creates a binding commitment

It's enforced

Suspected violations are investigated and can lead to sanctions

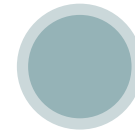
The Duty to Act Ethically and Professionally



Begins from the moment you register for the Match



Extends through applications, interviews, ranking, the Match, and SOAP



Ends the 45th day your training start day—or until any waiver, investigation or appeal concludes.

Interview conduct — what is expected of applicants:

- Accept only the interviews you intend to keep
- Give one to two weeks' notice when cancelling or rescheduling

Interview conduct — what is expected from programs:

- Interview offers that do not exceed available slots
- At least 48 hours to accept or decline an invitation, and the same notice courtesy

Complete, Timely, and Accurate Information

Applicants are responsible for the accuracy of communications — written, electronic, or verbal

- Academic Issues: Disclose any course failures, delayed graduation, academic interruptions
- USMLE/COMLEX: Disclose any Step failures, score delays, testing eligibility issues
- Visa Requirements
- Research: Accurately report counts, proper authorship
- Professionalism: Share disciplinary actions or academic investigations/probation
- Legal Issues: Share any arrests, charges, or ongoing legal proceedings
- Communicate any/all changes through the application portal, NRMP, and/or matched programs at any point during the application, interview, ranking, matching, or onboarding process

Note: Omitting anything relevant to a program's decision to rank — licensure, visa status, a delayed start, incomplete, misleading, false, or plagiarized information may be deemed a violation

Restrictions on Persuasion

Applicants can

- Apply to any participating program
- Keep private where you applied or interviewed
- Keep preference signals private
- Keep ranking preferences private
- Share your list voluntarily with your school advisor

Programs can not

- Ask where you have or may apply or interview
- Ask you to disclose program signals or your ranking
- Imply that ranking depends on statement of intent

Expressing interest to a program or to you as an applicant is allowed

Ranking information is confidential - you are not obligated to share it with anyone

Match Fees

Standard Registration Fee: \$85

- Includes the listing of up to 20 unique NRMP program codes on the primary rank order list and up to 20 unique NRMP codes on all supplemental rank order lists combined.

Extra Rank Fee: \$30

- For each NRMP program code ranked over 20, \$30 per unique program code up to the maximum of 300 ranks.

Late Registration Fee: \$50 (additional after January 29)

Couples' Fee: \$45 per partner.

Length of Rank Order List Fee:

For rank order lists with 100 or more ranks, the following additional charges apply:

100-150 ranks: \$50

151-200 ranks: \$100

201-250 ranks: \$150

251-300 ranks: \$200

Collecting Signals, Rotation, & Observership Info

Match Home Page

Applicant Type: Senior in a U.S. MD Medical School

Match Year: 2027

Username: testingapp

Applicant Status: ACTIVE

NRMP ID: N1205216

Fee Status: PAID

USMLE ID: 5-555-555-5

Feb 01

Rank order list entry begins a

Mar 03

Rank Order List Deadline
Rank order lists must be cert

Mar 19

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Signal, Rotation & Observership Information

The NRMP is collecting information about program signaling, rotations, and observerships to improve understanding of the residency selection process across graduate medical education. Your responses will help build a more complete understanding of applicant experiences. Participation is voluntary. **Your responses are not used in the matching algorithm and will not affect your Match outcome.**

Opt out

Enter Your Information

Collecting Signals, Rotation, & Observership Info

Applicant Details

* Required

Name

Academic & Demographic Information

Signal, Rotation & Observership Information

Using the **Find & Add ACGME Programs** button below, please add programs you signaled and/or U.S. programs where you participated in a home or away rotation or an observership. After completing registration, you may update this information at any time by visiting the My Profile section of your account. You will have the opportunity to provide or update this information until February 1, 2027. **Once you have added programs to your list, click "update" at the bottom of the screen to save your information.**

For each ACGME program entered, please select all that apply to indicate whether you:

- 1) Signaled the program (gold or silver, if applicable) ?
- 2) Participated in a home or away rotation with the program ?
- 3) Participated in an observership with the program ?

A home or away rotation (sometimes called an "audition rotation") is a clinical elective that a medical student completes either at their own institution or at another institution.

Note for ResidencyCAS applicants: Applicants who signaled programs through ResidencyCAS were able to signal at the NRMP code (track) level. However, the signaled program list below is limited to ACGME code-level selection. As a result, if you applied to and signaled multiple tracks within the same program, you will only be able to enter that program once.

Find & Add ACGME Programs

☐ I do not consent to my signaling, rotation, and observership information being used in NRMP's research and reporting. If you have entered information above and later decide to opt out, your information will be deleted.

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Find & Add ACGME Programs

State:

Specialty:

ACGME Program Name:

ACGME Program Code:

There were 3 programs found.

Add ☐	ACGME Program Name	Location	ACGME Program Code
☐	Creighton University School of Medicine-Phoenix Program	AZ	0400300001
☐	Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science (Phoenix) Program	AZ	0400331197
☐	University of Arizona College of Medicine-Tucson Program	AZ	0400321012

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Show 10 Results per Page

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Find & Add ACGME Programs

ACGME Program Code	ACGME Program Name	Specialty	Signal	Rotation	Observership	Remove
0400300001	Creighton University School of Medicine-Phoenix Program	Anesthesiology	Gold ☒ Silver ☐	☒	☐	X
0400331197	Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science (Phoenix) Program	Anesthesiology	Gold ☒ Silver ☐	☐	☐	X
0400321012	University of Arizona College of Medicine-Tucson Program	Anesthesiology	Gold ☒ Silver ☐	☐	☐	X

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Medical School

Participating as a Couple

Any two applicants can participate in a Match as a couple:

- Allows two applicants to link their rank order lists
- A couple will match to the most preferred *pair* of programs on their rank order lists
- Applicants must register individually for the same Match
- Once an applicant sends a couple request to the partner, the couple fee is due regardless of whether the request to couple is accepted



Couples in the
Match info

Types of Programs in the Match

Categorical	C	Training that is 3-7 years in length, begins in the PGY-1 year, and leads to specialty board certification.
Primary Care Categorical	M	Categorical programs in primary care offered by some <u>Internal Medicine</u> and <u>Pediatrics</u> programs.
Preliminary	P	Training that is one year in length in transitional, medicine, surgery, or other specialty programs and provides the prerequisite training for advanced programs.
Advanced	A	Training that is 3-4 years in length in specialty programs that begin after one or more years of preliminary training. Advanced positions in the 2027 Match are PGY-2 positions that begin in 2028.
Reserved-Physician	R	Training in specialty programs reserved for physicians with prior graduate medical education and who can enter advanced training in the year of the Match. Reserved-Physician positions in the 2027 Match are PGY-2 positions that begin in 2027.

Program Codes

Every program has a unique 9-11-character code:

- Characters 1-4: the institution code
- Characters 5-7: the ACGME specialty code
- Character 8: program type letter
- Character 9-11: track number

Ex: 1000400C0



Codes can be found in the R3 or public Program Directory. Programs also should provide the NRMP program code to assist you in ranking.

NRMP Program Directory

programdirectory.nrmp.org

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★ SPECIALTIES Enter any number of specialties

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Voluntary Locking Functionality for Program Rank Order Lists (ROL)

Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, and Vascular Surgery are participating in the 2nd year of the pilot



Programs announce their intention to participate in the pilot



Lock could be implemented voluntarily by a program anytime after ranking opens and either before the first post-interview or by Feb.8



Program's participation and lock status will be indicated to applicants and medical schools in the NRMP's R3 system



ROL must be certified before being locked and once locked, the ROL cannot be changed. Locking is irreversible.

Please check out the website or contact pilot@nrmp.org with additional questions.

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Voluntary Program Rank Order List Lock Pilot



The National Resident Matching Program® (NRMP®) is pleased to announce the Voluntary Program Rank Order List (ROL) Lock Pilot initiative with the partnership of the Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, and Vascular Surgery specialties. Programs in those three specialties will have the opportunity to participate beginning with the 2026 Main Residency Match cycle. This pilot will make it possible for the NRMP, and participating programs, to explore the merits and utility of voluntary functionality that would allow programs to “lock” their rank order lists in the NRMP’s Registration, Ranking, and Results® (R3®) system.



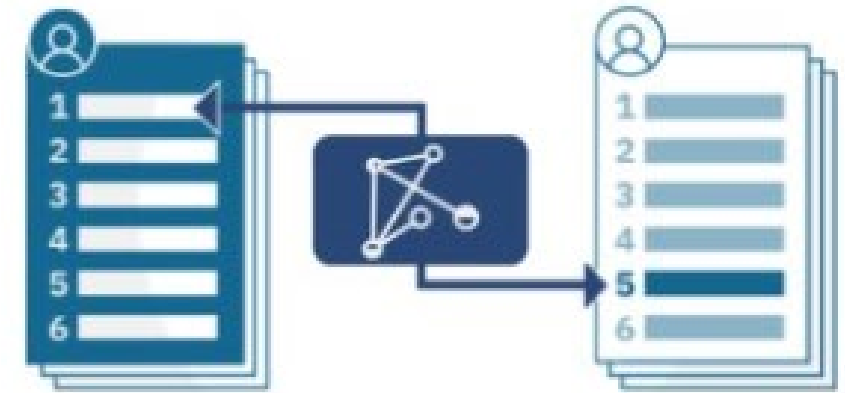
<https://www.nrmp.org/voluntary-program-rank-order-list-lock-pilot/>

Making the Match

The matching algorithm is applicant proposing - the process begins with an attempt to match an applicant to the program ranked #1 by that applicant

A tentative match occurs if the program also ranked the applicant and:

- the program has unfilled positions **or**
- the program is filled **but** the applicant is ranked higher than another applicant already matched tentatively to the program



Main Residency Match Week and SOAP

- Match Week is March 15 – 19, 2027
- Begins at 10:00 a.m. ET on Monday and ends at 12:00 p.m. ET on Friday when applicants and programs learn the results of the Match
- Positions unfilled after the matching algorithm has been processed are offered to eligible applicants through the Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program® (SOAP®)



What is SOAP?

SOAP is not another Match

Applicants apply to programs using the application designated by the program



Programs review applications, contact applicants of interest, and express preferences with lists of applicants created in the R3 system



Unfilled positions are offered to eligible applicants on the program's preference list in a series of four rounds



Positions offered and accepted constitute a binding commitment under the Match Participation Agreement

2026 Main Residency Match By The Numbers

Positions

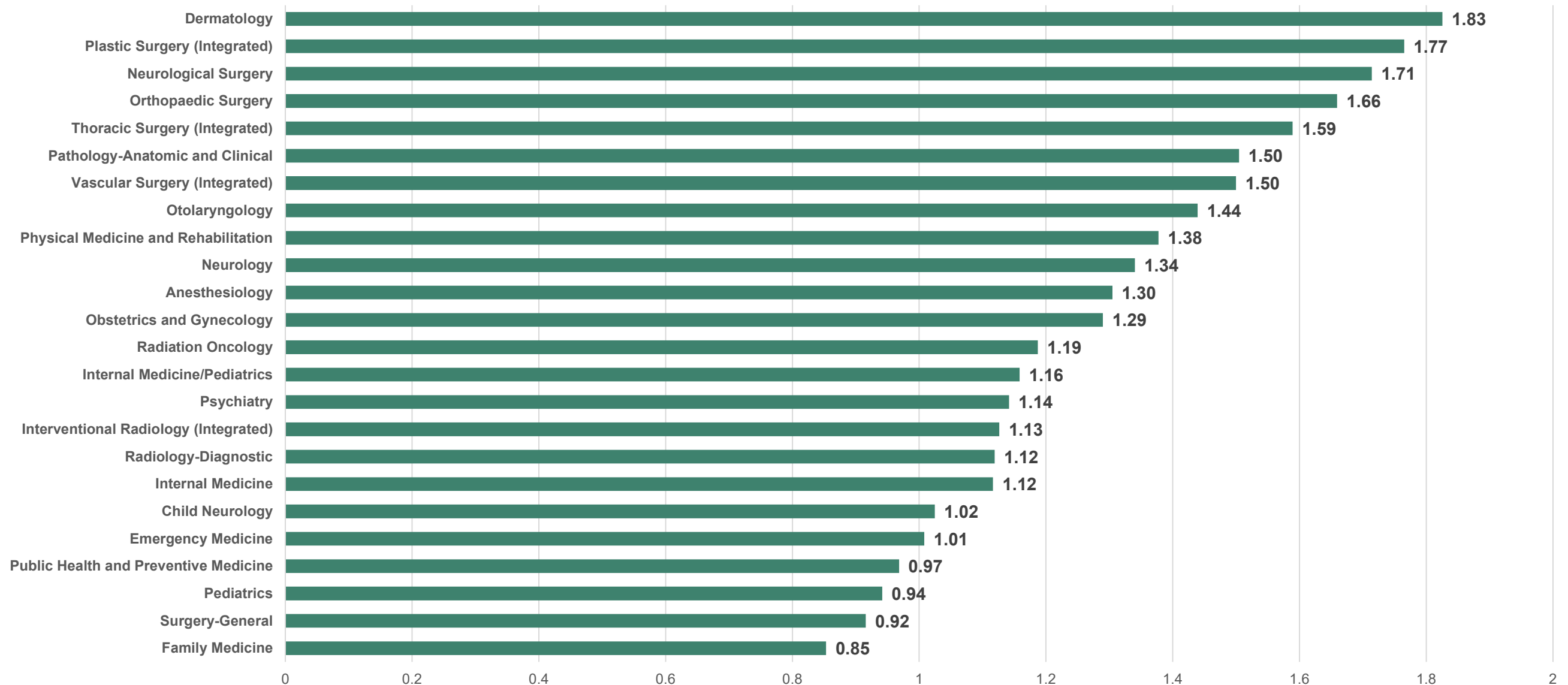
Total Positions:	44,344	↑ 1,107	2.6% from 2025
Positions Filled:	41,482	↑ 718	1.8% from 2025
Unfilled Positions:	2,862	↑ 389	15.7% from 2025

Applicants

Registered:	53,373	↑ 875	1.7% from 2025
Active:	48,050	↑ 842	1.8% from 2025
Matched PGY-1:	38,354	↑ 687	1.8% from 2025
% Matched to PGY-1:	79.8	0.0%	

Preferred Applicants Per Certified Position

Specialties with at least 50 positions



Specialties Filled with Highest Percentage of MD & DO Seniors: Specialties with 30+ positions

	Thoracic Surgery	94.6%
	Otolaryngology	94.0%
	Internal Medicine/Pediatrics	93.6%
	Plastic Surgery	93.0%
	Orthopedic Surgery	92.0%
	Vascular Surgery	90.9%
	Emergency Medicine/Internal Medicine	90.9%

Specialties Filled with Highest Percentage of All IMGs:

Specialties with 30+ positions

	Internal Medicine	38.5%
	Pathology – Anatomic and Clinical	34.7%
	Family Medicine	33.7%
	Pediatrics	30.8%

NRMP Main Residency Match – 2026 (2025)

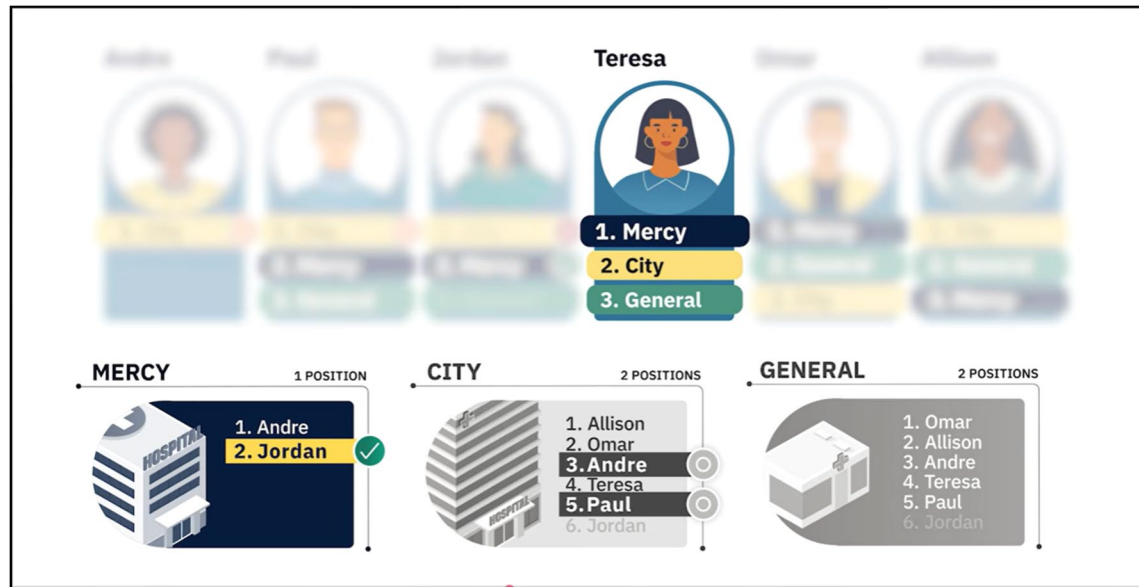
	U.S. Seniors (MD and DO)	U.S. Graduates (MD and DO)	U.S. and Foreign IMGs	All Applicants
Match Rate (algorithm)	93.4% (93.2%)	47.8% (45.3%)	59.9% (60.8%)	79.8% (79.8%)
Placement Rate – <u>All</u> Applicants	97.5% (97.3%)	52.7% (48.7%)	55.7% (55.7%)	80.1% (79.3%)
Placement Rate – <u>Active</u> Applicants	98.0% (98.0%)	56.7% (53.6%)	64.5% (64.1%)	84.7% (84.2%)

Data Resources

- **Charting Outcomes™: Characteristics of Applicants Who Match to Their Preferred Specialty** (PDF and interactive versions)
- **Results and Data: 2026 Main Residency Match®**
- **Charting Outcomes™: Applicant Survey Results, 2026 Main Residency Match®**
- **Charting Outcomes™: Program Survey Results, 2026 Main Residency Match®**



Support Guides & Video Resources



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Register for the Main Residency Match

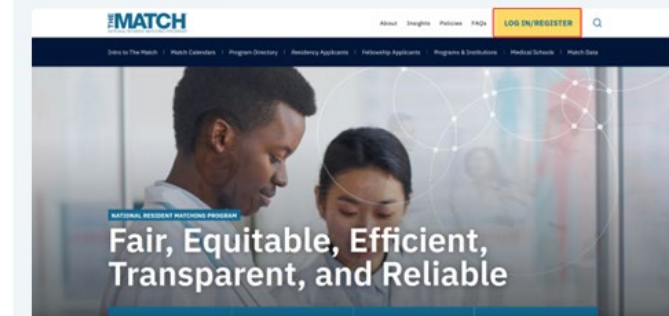
Main Residency Match
Users: Main Residency Match Applicants

i Please have the following available to assist in completing registration:

- USMLE, AOA, NBOME, ECFMG, or CaRMS ID, based on your user type
- USMLE or COMLEX test scores
- AAMC ID and/or ResidencyCAS ID

1 Go to NRMP's home page <https://www.nrmp.org/>

Click **Login/Register**



Calendars and Resources

- Match Calendars: general and detailed versions outlining Match milestones and deadlines
www.nrmp.org/match-calendars
- Match Checklists, Support Guides, and FAQs: important deadlines, reminders, frequently asked questions, and step-by-step instructions
www.nrmp.org/help
- Residency Applicants: information about registering, couples, ranking, results, and SOAP
www.nrmp.org/residency-applicants/
- Policies and Compliance: access to current Match Participation Agreements, Codes of Conduct, Waiver and Violations Policies
www.nrmp.org/policies

Thank You and Good Luck in the Match!

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