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# MAIN RESIDENCY MATCH

## Introduction to the R3 System, the Matching Algorithm, and NRMP Policy

# BENEFITS OF THE MATCH



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**The Match<sup>®</sup> provides unparalleled medical matching services in the U.S.  
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- **Confidential and secure ranking**
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- **100% accurate and reliable results**
- **Comprehensive data reports**

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# General Match Information

# NRMP FEES

- **Registration** \$75
- **Late registration fee** \$50 additional (after Nov. 30)
- **Partnering as a couple** \$15 per partner
- **Primary ROL** No extra charge 1-20 programs  
\$30 per additional program
- **Supplemental ROL(s)** No extra charge 1-20 programs  
\$30 per additional program

**Extra rank fees are due when the ROL is certified and are NOT refundable.**

# MAJOR DEADLINES & DATES

November 30:	11:59 p.m. ET	Applicant standard registration deadline \$50 late fee after Nov. 30
January 15:	12:00 p.m. ET	Ranking opens
February 22:	9:00 p.m. ET	Rank Order List/Final Registration Deadline
March 13:	11:00 a.m. ET	Did I Match? List of Unfilled Programs SOAP begins
March 17:	12:00 p.m. ET	School Match Day ceremonies
	1:00 p.m. ET	<b>Match Day! Where did I Match?</b>

# Using the Registration, Ranking, and Results (R3) System

# R3 SYSTEM

After registering, use your username and password to log in to the NRMP's Registration, Ranking, and Results<sup>®</sup> (R3<sup>®</sup>) system

- Review Rank Order List (ROL) section of User Guide (*Under “Help” in the R3 system*)
- Your AAMC ID must be the same in the NRMP and ERAS systems
- NRMP ID should be added to the Personal Information section of your ERAS application



# DEFINITIONS

<b>Applicant Status:</b>	<b>ACTIVE RANKING CERTIFIED</b>	<b>Registered ROL started ROL finalized</b>
<b>Fee Status:</b>	<b>PAID</b>	<b>No fees due</b>
<b>Verification Status:</b>	<b>VERIFIED</b>	<b>Credentials have been verified for Match participation</b>
	<b>NOT VERIFIED</b>	<b>Credentials have not been verified for Match participation</b>

*U.S. & Canadian trained applicants: by medical school*

*Internationally trained & 5<sup>th</sup> Pathway applicants: by the ECFMG*

### Login for United States

#### ① All Returning Users

\* Required

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.

\* Username:

\* Password:  [I forgot my Username or Password](#)

Login ▶

#### ② Applicant Match Registration

If you are a new applicant, click here to register for a Match and create your Username and Password.

Register ▶

## ▶ Match Options

## ▼ Account Maintenance

[My Profile](#)[My Security Info](#)[Couple](#)[Account History](#)[Withdraw](#)

## Institution &amp; Program Violations

[My Rank Order List](#)[My Reports](#)

## ▶ SOAP

## Main Residency Match

## Match Home Page

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

Username: TomSawyer

NRMP ID: N0185532

AAMC ID: 54444444

USMLE ID: 5-555-555-5

Match Year: **current**Appointment Year: **current**

Applicant Status: ACTIVE

Fee Status: Paid

## 2015

Jan 15	Rank order list entry begins at 12:00 noon ET for all users
Feb 25	Rank Order List Deadline and deadline to withdraw from the Main Residency Match! Rank order lists must be certified no later than 9:00 p.m. ET.
Mar 20	Match Day! Match results released in R3® system at 1:00 p.m. ET.

[Click here](#) for the full Main Match Events listing

Match Options

- Account Maintenance
- My Profile**
- My security info
- Couple
- Account History
- Withdraw
- Institution & Program Violations
- My Rank Order List
- My Reports
- SOAP

### Main Residency Match

#### Update Profile

Applicant Type: Senior in a U.S. Allopathic Medical School      Match Year: **CURRENT**  
 Username: TomSawyer      Appointment Year: **CURRENT**  
 NRMP ID: N0105532      Applicant Status: **ACTIVE**  
 AAMC ID: 54444444      Fee Status: Paid  
 USMLE ID: 5-555-555-5

#### Applicant Details

**\* Required**

Name

\* First Name Tom  
 Middle Name  
 \* Last Name Sawyer  
 Previous Last Name  
 Suffix Please Select

#### Contact Information

\* Country United States

\* Street Address Line 1 305 E 31st Street  
 Street Address Line 2  
 Street Address Line 3

\* City / Town Atlanta  
 \* State / Province Georgia  
 \* Zip / Postal Code 55719-2144

\* Primary Phone Number 263-854-2682  
 Alternate Phone Number

\* Primary Email Address tom.sawyer@hotmail.com  
 \* Confirm Primary Email Address tom.sawyer@hotmail.com

Couple Partner None + Couple

Cancel Update

- Match Options
- Account Maintenance
- Institution & Program Violations**
- My Rank Order List
- My Reports
- SOAP

### Main Residency Match

#### Institution & Program Violations

This report displays information about graduate medical education institutions and programs that have violated the National Resident Matching Program's Match Participation Agreement. Institution and program information is displayed permanently on the institution and program violations report. Term limits of any sanction(s) are included to identify the length of time the sanction is in effect.

#### Institution Violations

Match Institution

MAIN 2013 Pride Univ

Statement: The Ophthalmology program at Pride University discussed and offered a July 2013 position to a 2013 Main Residency Match applicant who had a concurrent year Match commitment and had not been granted a waiver from the NRMP. Section 2.2.6 of the Match Agreement for Institutions prohibits any program sponsored by the institution from discussing, interviewing, or offering a position to an applicant who has matched to a concurrent year position through the NRMP.

Sanction: The institution has been marked as a violator for two years, in accordance with the NRMP's Violations Policy.

MAIN 2013 Trans Global Health Med

Statement: The Orthopaedic Surgery program at Trans Global Health Medical Center interviewed and offered a July 2013 position to a 2013 Main Residency Match applicant who had a concurrent year position and who had not been granted a waiver from the NRMP. Section 2.2.6 of the Match Agreement for Institutions states that none of the programs sponsored by the institution can discuss, interview for, or offer a position to an applicant with a concurrent year match through the Matching Program.

Sanction: The institution has been marked as a violator for one year, in accordance with the NRMP's Violations Policy.

# **USING THE R3 SYSTEM**

## **Creating a Primary and Supplemental ROL**

**THE MATCH**  
NATIONAL RESIDENT MATCHING PROGRAM®

Welcome, Tom Sawyer [Help](#) [Contact Us](#) [Logout](#)

United States Main Residency Match

[Match Home Page](#) [Program Directory](#) [My Profile](#) [My Rank Order List](#) [My Reports](#)

- Match Options
- Account Maintenance
- Match Violations
- My Rank Order List**
- My Reports
- SOAP

### Main Residency Match

#### Applicant Rank Order List

Applicant Type: Senior in a U.S. Allopathic Medical School  
 Username: TomSawyer  
 NRMP ID: N0185532  
 AAMC ID: 54444444  
 USMLE ID: 5-555-555-5

Match Year: **CURRENT**  
 Appointment Year: **CURRENT**  
 Applicant Status: **ACTIVE**  
 Fee Status: **Paid**

[Primary Rank Order List](#) [Find & Add Programs](#)

- You may add Programs to the list by entering their NRMP Program Code below, or by Searching for them on the "Find & Add Programs" tab.
- Click, drag and drop the icons in the "Drag & Drop" column to move a Program's rank.
- Select "Remove" on any Program record below to delete it from the list.

[✓ Clarify List](#)

[Cancel Changes](#) [Delete All Ranks](#) [Save](#) [Print List](#)

Drag & Drop	Prim ROL Rank	Institution & Program Description	Specialty	Status	NRMP Program Code	ACCOM Program Code	Remove
					<input type="text"/>		

Enter NRMP Program Code to add a Program:  Rank:  [Add & Save](#)

[Cancel Changes](#) [Delete All Ranks](#) [Save](#) [Print List](#)

Search for a Program on my Rank Order List  [Find](#)

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**Main Residency Match**

**Applicant Rank Order List**

Applicant Type: Senior in a U.S. Allopathic Medical School  
Match Year: **current**  
Appointment Year: **current**  
Applicant Status: **ACTIVE**  
Fee Status: **Paid**

Username: TomSawyer  
NRMP ID: N0185532  
AAMC ID: 54444444  
USMLE ID: 5-555-555-5

**Primary Rank Order List** **Find & Add Programs**

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- Click, drag and drop the icons in the "Drag & Drop" column to move a Program's rank.
- Select "Remove" on any Program record below to delete it from the list.

**Primary Rank Order List** **Find & Add Programs**

Drag & Drop Prim ROL Rank

Enter NRMP Program

Search for a Program

State / Province

Specialty

Program Type

Program Description

Institution Name

NRMP Program Code

ACGME Program Code



Primary Rank Order List

Find & Add Programs

State / Province

Specialty

Program Type

Program Description

Institution Name

NRMP Program Code

ACGME Program Code

+ Add Selected Programs to ROL & Save

Reset

Search

There were 94 programs found. Click any column header to sort by that column.

Add	Institution & Program Description	Location	Status	NRMP Program Code	ACGME Program Code
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>American Medical Center - Anesthesiology</u>	New Orleans, LA	ACTIVE	1691040A0	0401111111

Primary Rank Order List

Find & Add Programs

- You may add Programs to the list by entering their NRMP Program Code below, or by Searching for them on the "Find & Add Programs" tab.
- Click, drag and drop the icons in the "Drag & Drop" column to move a Program's rank.
- Select "Remove" on any Program record below to delete it from the list.

✓ Certify List

Cancel Changes Delete All Ranks Save Print List

Drag & Drop	Prim ROL Rank	Institution & Program Description	Suppl ROL	Status	NRMP Program Code	ACGME Program Code	Remove
	1	American Medical Center - Anesthesiology	(None)	ACTIVE	1691040A0	0401111111	X

Enter NRMP Program Code to add a Program: Rank: 2 Add & Save

Cancel Changes Delete All Ranks Save Print List

Search for a Program on my Rank Order List Find

Primary Rank Order List

Supplemental ROLs

Find & Add Programs

Select Rank Order List to add programs to:

State / Province

Specialty

Program Type

Program Description

Institution Name

NRMP Program Code

ACGME Program Code

+ Add Selected Programs to ROL & Save

Reset

Search ▶

Primary Rank Order List

Supplemental ROLs

Find & Add Programs

Rank Order List shown below: A-Supplemental ROL

- You may add Preliminary Programs to this list by entering their NRMP Program Code below, or by ensuring this Supplemental ROL is selected on the "Find & Add Programs" tab and searching for programs.
- Click, drag and drop the icons in the "Drag & Drop" column to move a Preliminary Program's rank.
- Select "Remove" on any Preliminary Program record below to delete it from this list.
- Please return to the "Primary Rank Order List" tab and click <Certify List> in order to Certify your ROL.

If desired, you may edit the suffix name of the Supplemental ROL name here.

A- Supplemental ROL

Update ▶

Cancel Changes

Delete All Ranks

Save ▶

Print List

Drag & Drop	Rank	Institution & Program Description	Status	NRMP Program Code	ACGME Program Code	Remove
	1	<u>American Medical Center - Transitional Year</u>	ACTIVE	1691999P0	9995555555	X
	2	<u>National Test Institute - Transitional Year</u>	ACTIVE	1690999P0	9993333333	X

Enter NRMP Program Code to add a Program:

Rank: 3

Add & Save

Cancel Changes

Delete All Ranks

Save ▶

Print List

Primary Rank Order List



Supplemental ROLs

Find & Add Programs

- You may add Programs to the list by entering their NRMP Program Code below, or by Searching for them on the "Find & Add Programs" tab.
- Click, drag and drop the icons in the "Drag & Drop" column to move a Program's rank.
- Select "Remove" on any Program record below to delete it from the list.

✓ Certify List

Cancel Changes Delete All Ranks Save Print List

Drag & Drop	Prim ROL Rank	Institution & Program Description	Suppl ROL	Status	NRMP Program Code	ACGME Program Code	Remove
	1	American Medical Center - Anesthesiology	A-Supple	ACTIVE	1691040A0	0401111111	X
	2	American Medical Center - Family Medicine		ACTIVE	1691120C0	1201111111	X

Enter NRMP Program Code to add a Program:  Rank: 3  Add & Save

Cancel Changes Delete All Ranks Save Print List

Search for a Program on my Rank Order List  Find

Match Options | Main Residency Match

Account Maintenance

Institution & Program Violation

**My Rank Order List**

My Reports

SOAP

**Please Enter Your Authentication Information** X

You have 2 program(s) ranked on your Primary Rank Order List. You also have 1 associated supplemental list(s) containing a total of 2 unique programs ranked.

The Match Participation Agreement to which you affixed your password during registration states that the listing of a program on your certified Rank Order List establishes a binding commitment to accept the position if a match results. Failure to honor the commitment may result in penalties as described in the NRMP's Violations Policy.

To have your Rank Order List included in the Match, you must complete the certification process by entering your password below and clicking the Submit button.

\* Password

Cancel Submit

Match Year: current  
 Placement Year: current  
 Applicant Status: **RANKING**  
 Fee Status: Paid

Cancel Changes Delete All Ranks Save Print List

Drag & Drop	Prim ROL Rank	Institution & Program Description	Suppl ROL	Status	NRMP Program Code	ACGME Program Code	Remove
	1	American Medical Center - Anesthesiology	A-Suppl	ACTIVE	1691040A0	0401111111	X
	2	American Medical Center - Family Medicine		ACTIVE	1691120C0	1201111111	X

Enter NRMP Program Code to add a Program:  Rank: 3

You have 32 program(s) ranked on your Primary Rank Order List (34 separate ranks). You also have 1 associated supplemental lists(s) containing a total of 33 unique programs ranked.

Note: Certifying this list will result in additional fees of \$750 for extra program choices. If you click Submit, extra rank fees must be paid and are not refundable. To avoid any additional fees the total number of programs ranked may not exceed 20 on your primary list and a total of 20 on all your supplemental lists. Click Cancel to return to your rank order list and delete the extra programs before you certify your list.

The Match Participation Agreement to which you affixed your password during registration states that the listing of a program on your certified Rank Order List establishes a binding commitment to accept the position if a match results. Failure to honor the commitment may result in penalties as described in the NRMP's Violations Policy.

To have your Rank Order List included in the Match, you must complete the certification process by entering your password below and clicking the Submit button.

\* Password

Cancel

Submit

✓ ROL certified successfully.

- ▶ Match Options
- ▶ Account Maintenance
- Institution & Program Violations
- My Rank Order List**
- My Reports
- ▶ SOAP

### Main Residency Match

#### Applicant Rank Order List

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

Username: TomSawyer

NRMP ID: N0185532

AAMC ID: 54444444

USMLE ID: 5-555-555-5

Match Year: current

Appointment Year: current

Applicant Status: **CERTIFIED**

Fee Status: Paid

#### My Rank Order List

Print List

Edit List

Prim ROL Rank	Institution & Program Description	Suppl ROL	Status	NRMP Program Code	ACGME Program Code
1	<a href="#">American Medical Center - Anesthesiology</a>	A-Supplemental ROL	ACTIVE	1691040A0	0401111111
2	<a href="#">American Medical Center - Family Medicine</a>		ACTIVE	1691120C0	1201111111

Print List

Edit List

#### Supplemental Rank Order List - A-Supplemental ROL

Rank	Institution & Program Description	Status	NRMP Program Code	ACGME Program Code
1	<a href="#">American Medical Center - Transitional Year</a>	ACTIVE	1691999P0	9995555555
2	<a href="#">National Test Institute - Transitional Year</a>	ACTIVE	1690999P0	9993333333



# **USING THE R3 SYSTEM**

## **Participating in the Match as a Couple**

# MATCHING AS A COUPLE

- Any two applicants can couple. Each must register separately for the Match and pay a non-refundable \$15 per partner couples fee.
- 20 unique programs can be ranked by each partner before extra rank fees apply (includes “No Match”).
- Each partner enters his/her own list. Lists MUST have same number of ranks.
- Applicants participating as a couple can rank the same program more than once paired with a different program on the partner’s ROL.
- Applicants decide what constitutes an acceptable pair of programs. NRMP does not verify that information.
- Use code (999999999) to indicate when one partner is willing to go unmatched if the other partner matches at that rank. Use at the bottom of ROLs when all other acceptable program pairs have been exhausted.
- Couples are limited to 700 ranks on each ROL, including unique programs and pairs of ranks using the “No Match” option.
- NRMP links ONLY the couple’s PRIMARY rank order lists; supplemental rank order lists are NOT linked.

# COUPLES VERIFICATION

The screenshot displays the Match website interface. On the left is a sidebar with navigation options: Match Options, Account Maintenance (expanded), My Profile, My Security Info, Couple (circled in red), Account History, Withdraw, Institution & Program Violations, My Rank Order List, My Reports, and SOAP. The main content area is titled 'Main Residency Match' and contains an 'Applicant Coupling' section with the following details:

Applicant Type: Senior in a U.S. Allopathic Medical School	Match Year: current
Username: TomSawyer	Appointment Year: current
NRMP ID: N0185532	Applicant Status: ACTIVE
AAMC ID: 54444444	Fee Status: Paid
USMLE ID: 5-555-555-5	

Below this is a text block explaining the couple application process: "You can participate in the match as a couple with your partner. Applicants who are members of a couple can link their program choices so that they can be matched into a combination of programs suited to their needs. In creating pairs of program choices on their rank order lists, couples can mix geographic locations and/or specialties. Applying as a couple should not influence the selection decisions made by program directors." A note below states: "There is a \$15.00 fee per partner to participate in the match. This fee is non-refundable, even if you decide to uncouple at a later date."

The 'Request Couple Partner' section features a form with the label 'Partner's NRMP ID:' and a text input field containing 'N0185526'. A 'Confirm' button with a right-pointing arrow is located to the right of the input field. Both the input field and the button are circled in red.

# COUPLES VERIFICATION

**Main Residency Match**

**Applicant Coupling**

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

Match Year: **current**

Appointment Year: **current**

Username: TomSawyer

Applicant Status: **RANKING**

NRMP ID: N0185532

Fee Status: Amount Due

AAMC ID: 54444444

~~USMLE ID: 5-555-555-5~~

**Couple Status: Pending**

You can participate in the match as a couple with your partner. Applicants who are members of a couple can link their program choices so that they can be matched into a combination of programs suited to their needs. In creating pairs of program choices on their rank order lists, couples can mix geographic locations and/or specialties. Applying as a couple should not influence the selection decisions made by program directors.

There is a \$15.00 fee per partner to participate in the match. This fee is non-refundable, even if you decide to uncouple at a later date.

**Couple Request Has Been Sent**

A couple request has been sent to your partner **Holly Golightly**, NRMP ID **N0185526**. To complete the process:

- You must pay the coupling fee
- Your partner must login to their account and accept your request
- Your partner must pay the coupling fee

**Pay Now** ▶

# **USING THE R3 SYSTEM**

## **The Matching Algorithm**

# HOW THE MATCHING ALGORITHM WORKS

- **Applicant proposing**
  - Starts with an attempt to place an applicant in the program ranked #1 by the applicant
- **A tentative match occurs:**
  - if the program also ranked the applicant and the program has unfilled positions
  - if the program is filled but the applicant is ranked higher than another applicant tentatively matched to that program

# HOW THE MATCHING ALGORITHM WORKS

- There is no match if:
  - the program did not rank the applicant
  - the program ranked the applicant but is filled with other applicants more preferred by the program
- Matches are final when the algorithm completes its cycles
- Couples match when:
  - the algorithm places a couple in their highest ranked pair of programs on the PRIMARY list where BOTH are offered positions

# NRMP Policy



Match Participation Agreement

Match Participation Agreement  
For  
Applicants and Programs

**Terms and Conditions of the Match Participation Agreement Among  
Applicants, the NRMP, and Participating Programs**

These are the terms and conditions of the Match Participation Agreement that each applicant and program desiring to participate in the **Main Residency Match** enters into by indicating acceptance of these terms and conditions through clicking on the I Accept button on the Registration screen of the **Registration, Ranking, and Results® (R3®)** system. Upon the NRMP's acceptance of such party's registration, these terms and conditions will be a binding agreement between such party and the NRMP, as well as between such party and any other party who executes this Match Participation Agreement and whose registration is accepted by the NRMP.

If the NRMP accepts the registration of the applicant or program in question, the NRMP will register the applicant or program, as the case may be, in the **Main Residency Match**. See [Section 1.0](#) below. In consideration of this registration, each party agrees to comply with all of the terms and conditions of this Match Participation Agreement and these terms and conditions as "this Agreement").

**17.0 General**

This Agreement is governed by the laws of the District of Columbia, excluding its choice of laws provisions.

The headings of the Sections of this Agreement have been inserted for convenience of reference only and shall in no way restrict or otherwise affect the construction of the terms or provisions of this Agreement. Unless indicated otherwise, references in this Agreement to Sections are to Sections of this Agreement.

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 **Main Residency 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.

Updated September 2013

By entering your password and clicking "I Accept", you agree that you have read, understand, and agree to the Terms and Conditions of the Match Participation Agreement.

\* Password:

# NRMP RULES

## For Institution/Program Participation

Sponsoring institutions that register any programs in the Main Residency Match agree to select senior students of U.S. allopathic medical schools for all of the institution's programs only through the Match or another national matching plan. In addition, programs participating in the Main Residency Match agree to register and attempt to fill all positions in the Match or another national matching plan.

# THE MATCH COMMITMENT

## Section 5.1:

*“The listing of an applicant by a program on its certified rank order list or of a program by an applicant on the applicant’s certified rank order list establishes a binding commitment to offer or to accept an appointment if a match results and to start training in good faith (i.e., with the intent to complete the program) on the date specified in the appointment contract. The same binding commitment is established during the Match Week Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program (SOAP) if a program offers a position by listing an applicant on its preference list and the applicant accepts that offer.*

***Failure to honor this commitment by either party participating in a Match will be a breach of this Agreement and may result in penalties to the breaching program or applicant.....”***

# MATCH WAIVERS

In limited circumstances, the NRMP may grant a waiver of the match commitment.

## Applicants:

- Unanticipated serious and extreme hardship
- Change of specialty: must be requested by December 15
- Delayed graduation or completion of residency postponed

**Waivers must be requested from, and can be granted only by, the NRMP.**

# MATCH WAIVERS

## If a waiver is approved:

- The applicant may seek another position or participate in a future Match and the program may recruit for the position.

## If a waiver is not approved:

- Both the applicant and program are expected to honor the match commitment.
- Failure of either party to honor the match commitment is grounds for a violation investigation and the levying of sanctions.

# MATCH WAIVERS

## Deferral of Match Commitment:

- Applicant and program must mutually agree
- NOT a waiver but rather a delay of training to accommodate an applicant's personal or professional circumstances

## Reconsideration of Waiver Decision:

- Must submit a new statement detailing why NRMP's initial decision should be reversed
- Decision is final and not subject to arbitration

# COMMUNICATION

## Between Applicants and Programs

### Section 6.0

*It is a breach of the Match Participation Agreement for:*

- a) a program to request applicants to reveal the names, specialties, geographic locations, or other identifying information about programs to which they have or may apply; or*
- b) A program to request applicants to reveal ranking preferences; or*
- c) An applicant to suggest or inform a program that placement on a rank order list is contingent upon submission of a verbal or written statement indicating the program's preference; or*
- d) A program to suggest or inform an applicant that placement on a rank order list is contingent upon submission of a verbal or written statement indicating the applicant's preference; or*
- e) A program and an applicant in the Main Residency Match to make any verbal or written contract for appointment to a concurrent year residency or fellowship position prior to the release of the List of Unfilled Programs.*

# EXAMPLES OF PROHIBITED COMMUNICATION

- In the Main Residency Match, Dr. Holly Golightly interviewed with the Radiation-Oncology program at American Hospital Center. She was encouraged at the end of her interview to send the program director a note indicating her level of interest in the program so that the director would know how or whether to rank her.
- In the Main Residency Match, Dr. Harry Potter interviewed with the General Surgery program at Hogwarts Medical Center. Dr. Potter was unsure how to respond when the program director asked where else he planned to interview and if he planned to rank the Hogwarts program as his first.



# MISLEADING COMMUNICATIONS

## Famous Eastern Medical School General Hospital

Dear Applicant:

We have thoroughly enjoyed your visit with us and it is clear that you will excel wherever you choose to go.

You represent the kind of candidate that has traditionally done well in our program and we hope to have the opportunity to work with you in the coming year.

Yours sincerely,  
Program Director

# Tips and Reminders

# STRATEGIES

<http://www.nrmp.org/match-data/main-residency-match-data/>

- Utilize Match data resources
- Assess competitiveness
  - Specialty
  - Program
  - Yourself
- Assess the program
- Make your ROL long enough
- Go for the “reach” program
- Include a “safety” program or specialty

# FINAL CONSIDERATIONS

- **Do not wait until the last minute to enter your rank order list. The servers may be overloaded and very slow.**
- **Do not make last minute changes to your rank order list. Most such changes are not well thought out and applicants frequently regret them.**
- **No changes can be made to ROLs after 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the Rank Order List Deadline, and only certified lists will be used in the Match.**
- **The NRMP will NOT enter a list; add, delete, or move programs; or in any way modify a rank order list.**

When you're done, there's nothing left to do except...



# RESOURCES

## Residency Applicant Toolkit

<http://www.nrmp.org/residency/applicant-toolkit/>

# CONNECT WITH US

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