

Specialties Matching Service

The National Resident Matching Program's® (NRMP®) Specialties Matching Service® (SMS®), manages Matches for almost 40 subspecialties. In addition to the **SMS**, the NRMP also conducts the annual **Main Residency Match**® in which nearly 40,000 applicants compete for more than 29,000 positions.

The NRMP is a private, not-for-profit corporation established in 1952 to provide a uniform date of appointment to positions in graduate medical education. It is governed by a Board of Directors that includes medical students, resident physicians, GME program directors, medical school deans and a public member.

Why Use an NRMP Match?

NRMP's Matches optimize the rank-ordered choices of applicants and fellowship program directors. In addition:

- **A Match allows applicants and programs to consider all their options and to select their most desired position(s) or individual(s) in a *safe, confidential setting*.** No one but NRMP staff has access to program and applicant ranking information. Participants are free to make selections without concern of their lists becoming publicly available.
- **The NRMP establishes a *uniform schedule for applicants and institutions to select without pressure*.** All Match participants must adhere to a Schedule of Dates published prior to every Match, and all learn the outcome of the Match on the same date.

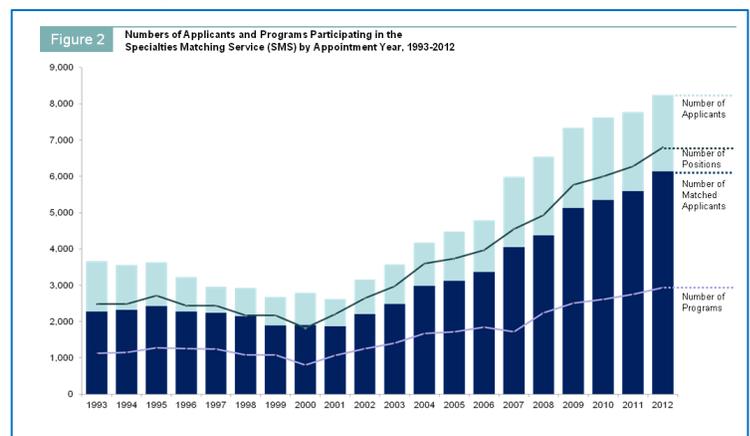
The NRMP fosters a *spirit of fairness* by ensuring all participants comply with the policies and procedures that govern the matching process. All participants must sign the [Match Participation Agreement](#), which outlines the policies and procedures for participating in an NRMP Match.

NRMP uses Specialty Match data to generate a wealth of descriptive statistics of aggregated applicants, programs, and their selections. Visit the NRMP [Data and Reports](#) web site.

The Role of the Match Sponsor

A sponsoring entity is responsible for coordinating and formalizing the creation of an NRMP Specialty Match. Typically, the sponsor represents a program director society. Each year the sponsor approves the Schedule of Dates and attests to the following:

1. Each program participating in the Match meets at least one of the criteria stated below:
 - a) accredited by the ACGME, or
 - b) affiliated with an ACGME-accredited program in the primary discipline, or
 - c) leads to certification or endorsement and oversight by a board recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties.
2. At least 75 percent of the programs must actively participate in the Match by submitting a certified rank order list of applicants to the NRMP; in addition, at least 75 percent of the available positions nationally for the appointment year must be registered for the Match.



The NRMP Match Process

The R3 System Advantage

The NRMP's Web-based **Registration, Ranking, and Results® (R3®)** system allows participants to register for a Match, create rank order lists, obtain Match results, and review Match statistics using any computer with Internet access. All information is in real time. Using the **R3** system, you can:

- register for a Match, update personal information, and modify existing program information, including the number of positions to be offered in the Match
- search for applicants to place them on your rank order list or to find out whether they have participated in previous NRMP Matches and/or been involved in NRMP violation investigations
- import rank order lists from ERAS or other software applications
- revert (donate) unfilled positions to another fellowship track at the same institution
- access Match outcome reports
- obtain information about NRMP policies that govern the matching process

At the conclusion of the Match, the NRMP offers a dynamic List of Unfilled Programs within the secure **R3** system. The directors of unfilled programs are able to update the number of remaining open positions, with updates posted to the Web site for continuous applicant review. Also available is a list of unmatched applicants with their contact information.

Policy and Fees

During registration, you will be asked to read and electronically sign the NRMP's Match Participation Agreement, a legally binding contract that outlines the conditions for participation in an NRMP Match.

The NRMP considers a Match between an applicant and a program to be a binding commitment. Match participants cannot complete the registration process without electronically signing the Match Agreement. You may review the [Match Participation Agreement](#) on our public Web site.

Although applicant fees are collected at the time of registration, the fees for institutions and programs are billed at the conclusion of the fellowship Match. A single invoice that includes these charges will be sent to your NRMP institutional official (IO).

The fees for Match participation are:

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| Institutions | \$200 per institution |
| Programs | \$35 per program/program track |
| Matched Applicant | \$35 per applicant <u>matched</u> to the program |
| Applicants | \$60 registration fee |

Support and Resources

The NRMP Web site is the primary source of information about the Main Residency Match and all Fellowship Matches. Of particular interest are the [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

For up-to-date reminders and information



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For personalized assistance, Help Desk specialists are available Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. EST, via email at support@nrmp.org, or by calling our toll-free number at 866-653-NRMP(6767).

Geriatrics Match Cycle Milestones

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| July | Welcome newsletter for program directors |
| August 28 | Match Opens (look for your system access token number via e-mail) |
| November 6 | Rank order list entry begins for applicants and programs |
| December 4 | Quota change deadline for programs to finalize the number of positions to be filled |
| December 18 | Rank order list certification deadline for applicants and programs at 9:00 pm eastern time |
| January 8 | Match Day! Match results for applicants and programs posted to Web site at noon eastern time |
| July 1, 2014 | Fellowship appointment start |

All Specialty Match events occur on Wednesdays.