Overview of the Match

The National Resident Matching Program (NRMP)

www.nrmp.org

The NRMP is a method for matching applicants with available positions in residency training programs. This does not include programs that are run through the early match.

Registration begins August 15th and ends November 30th ($50 fee for late registration). The ranking function opens on January 15th and closes on February 27th. Applicant matched and unmatched information posted on Monday, March 17. Scramble is Tuesday, March 18. Match Day is Thursday, March 20th.

Fees: $40 for the first 20 programs. $30 for each additional program.

Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS)

www.aamc.org/eras

ERAS is a complement to the NRMP. It is the service that allows students to apply to residency training programs. All application materials (personal statement, transcripts, MSPE, photos, etc.) are all handled electronically through ERAS. This does not include programs that are run through the Early Match.

Registration for ERAS begins July 1st. When you have been emailed your token by the SAO, go to the above website, click on the “My ERAS” button and follow the prompts to register. Please do this as soon as you have received your token so we can upload your letters of recommendation and photos.

Fees: $60 for the first 10 programs applied to in each specialty. Programs 11-20 are $8 each. 21-30 are $15 each. Any additional programs are $25 each.

The Early Matches

The San Francisco Matching Program

www.sfmatch.org

The SF Match offers positions in specialties that do not participate in the NRMP: child neurology, neurosurgery, ophthalmology, plastic surgery, and neurotology.

This is a paper application (i.e. not ERAS) and students need to furnish the SAO with the bar code label and another label addressed to the Central Application Service (CAS) prior to the November 1st deadline so we can mail your MSPE and Transcript. You will be responsible for mailing the application, CV and personal statement. You will need to provide address labels for letter writers so that they may send your letters. Ensure that a copy of your Letter of Recommendation is sent to the SAO to keep in your files.

The period for submitting rank-order lists is December through mid-January and Match Day is at the end of January.

Fees: $100 registration fee for each specialty. There is an additional distribution fee of $60 for the first 10 programs applied to. $10 per program for the next 10 programs, $15 per program
for the next 10, $20 per program for the next 10 programs and $35 per program for any additional programs.

The Urology Match
www.auanet.org/residents/resmatch.cfm
The American Urological Association sponsors this match for residency positions in urology. The application is submitted online. The submission deadline is January 3rd and Match Day is January 21st.

Unless specified, all other program materials are handled through ERAS.

Fees: $75

The AMA’s Fellowship and Residency Electronic Interactive Database Access (FREIDA)
www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/2997.html
FREIDA is the quickest and easiest way to find contact and detailed information for all residency programs. This may include the number of applicants they typically receive, the number of interviews they will give, typical weekly work schedules, salaries, etc.

Academic Transcripts
All transcripts (including Drew Students) will be generated, uploaded onto ERAS, and mailed to SF Early Match Programs by the Student Affairs Office on September 17th unless otherwise specified by you.

USMLE Transcripts
For a fee of $50 ERAS will generate electronic USMLE transcripts and distribute them to all of the programs you apply to through ERAS. If there is a need for a paper copy, send a signed request to the NBME (PO Box 48014, Newark, NJ 07101-4814). The fee is $50 for the first five transcripts and $5 for each additional. You must include your name, social security number, USMLE ID number (if known), date of birth, current address, telephone number and email address.

Letters of Recommendation
Most programs require a minimum of three letters of recommendation and ERAS allows you to send up to four to each program. You can upload into ERAS as many letters as you’d like.

The letter writer must send a dated original on letterhead to Dean Neil Parker, along with an “ERAS Cover Sheet” where you are instructed to mark whether you have waived your right to see the letter and signed. This document can be found online in your class page under Residency/Post Graduate Training.

You must create a blank “shell” within your MyERAS account listing the letter writer’s name and department. This will allow the SAO upload the letter into ERAS. If one person is writing two different letters on your behalf, please name the shells in such a manner that makes it clear which letter is for which specialty.
For those programs accepting only paper applications it is the student's responsibility to provide the letter writer with labels appropriately addressed. The letter writer should still be instructed to mail a copy and “ERAS Cover Sheet” to the SAO for your MSPE file.

**Chair’s Letters**

Some programs request that one of the letters of recommendations be from the department chair in the respective specialty. When creating the ERAS shell for this letter, the student should note when a particular letter is from a department chair. Do not worry if you do not know the chair. This letter will be a composite letter, written by a chair after they have reviewed your file and perhaps met with you.

For Medicine and Preliminary Medicine Programs you can choose from the following:

- Dr. Jan Tillisch/CHS—look online for a “Blue Form” to complete and return to his office, 37-12 CHS.
- Dr. Mark S. Noah/CSMC, 310-423-4226
- Dr. Dennis Schaberg/Med/VA Greater, 310-268-3125
- Dr. Soma Wali/OVMC, 818-364-4659, 818-313-0498
- Dr. Stringer/ Harbor-UCLA, 310-222-4050

For Pediatrics, Orthopaedic Surgery and Ob/Gyn:

- Dr. Edward McCabe/Pediatrics, 310-825-5095
- Dr. Gerald Finerman/Ortho, 310-825-6019
- Dr. Gautam Chaudhuri/Ob/Gyn, 310-206-6575

For Drew/UCLA students:

- Dr. Nand Datta/Surgery, 323-668-4521
- Dr. Ogunyemi/Ob/Gyn, 323-668-4617
- Dr. Karlon Johnson/Family Medicine, 323-668-4965
Each early match will be celebrated with a “mini-match day” in the SAO the morning of the posting of the results. Regular Early match students will also be invited to Match Day in March as well.

Ophthalmology: January 17
Urology: January 21
Child Neurology: January 24
Neurosurgery: January 24

**Match Day & The Scramble**

**Timeline**

- **March 17, 2008**  Unmatched applicants notified by SAO
- **March 18, 2008**  Unmatched students report to SAO for Scramble instructions that evening
- **March 20, 2008**  Scramble Day in SAO
- **March 20, 2008**  Match Day! Match Results will be given out at The Faculty Center at 9 am PT. *Family & Friends are invited to attend.*

**Internship Year and Early Match Specialties**

Most specialties, with the exception of ophthalmology, offer “integrated” positions (internship year is included)

If you apply to programs that are not integrated, you must also apply for an internship through ERAS and the National Residency Matching Program (NRMP or regular match).

Even if you match into an integrated program you may have to register for the NRMP and submit a rank order list as a formality.

Requirements differ between programs, so it is your responsibility to find out if programs are integrated and whether they require you to register for the NRMP.

**Preliminary**: provides one or two years of prerequisite training for entry into advanced positions in specialty programs that require one or more years of graduate clinical training. Internal medicine, surgery, and Transitional Year programs commonly offer preliminary positions.

**Categorical**: expects applicants to enter in their first postgraduate year (PGY-1) and continue until completion of training required for certification in the specialty.

**Advanced or PGY2**: offered after completion of one or more years of preliminary training. Applicants without prior graduate medical education can apply for these positions while also applying for preliminary positions that are compatible with their future plans.
The match between the applicant and the program is a binding commitment for both parties. Failure to honor that commitment is a violation of the contract signed during the registration process.

Match Participation Agreement for Applicants and Programs: http://www.nrmp.org/res_match/policies/map_main.html

Specific advice on rank lists will be presented at a mandatory class meeting in January, with follow-up counseling sessions to go over your rank lists with Meredith & Nathalie.

Early match applicants will be advised on an individual basis.

**Scheduling Step 2**

*You are required (in order to graduate) to sit for your Step 2 CK & CS exams by December 31st. You will not be permitted to enter the Match until you have sat for both CK & CS by December 31st.*

Please note these dates as they could impact scheduling for the interview season.