Dear Applicant,

The National Resident Matching Program® (NRMP®) is pleased to welcome you to the 2017 Main Residency Match®! Registration opens at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, September 15.

There are two distinct processes to securing residency training: applying to programs and ranking programs for the Match. Applications to programs are managed by the AAMC’s Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS®). Ranking programs and obtaining Match results are managed by the NRMP’s Registration, Ranking, and Results® (R3®) system. **NRMP and ERAS are separate organizations and you must register for each service.**

Below is information to get you started, including links to your checklist and other important resources. Good luck in the Match!

### Preparing for the Match

During registration, you will be asked to read and electronically sign the Match Participation Agreement (MPA) for Applicants and Programs, which contains the policies that govern participation in an NRMP Match. Every applicant should read the MPA thoroughly because the entire Agreement is legally binding. Below are links to the MPA, policy highlights, Main Residency Match eligibility requirements, and a detailed Match calendar so you can schedule your time for the Match season.

- Match Participation Agreement
- Policy Highlights
- Eligibility Requirements
- Calendar for Applicants
The NRMP’s online Registration, Ranking, and Results® (R3®) system is used by all Match participants to register for a Match, submit rank order lists of preferred programs or trainees, and access Match results and statistics. You can access the R3 system using the orange Register/Login button in the upper right side of the NRMP’s public website. You also can view registration instructions on our website. You will be able to register on your mobile device.

During registration you will be assigned an NRMP ID. You do NOT need an NRMP ID to complete and send the ERAS application, but you should log back in to ERAS and list it in your Personal Information section so programs can find you easily during the ranking process.

During registration you also will be asked to provide professional profile information. We encourage you to authorize NRMP to use your professional profile information for research purposes. The information will remain completely confidential, and the data will allow NRMP to continue publishing valuable reports such as Charting Outcomes in the Match that help inform future applicants and the graduate medical education community.

Once you’ve registered, get started on the registration portion of your checklist.

Applicant fees are collected at registration. When ranking opens on January 15, programs will not be able to rank you and you will not be able to create a rank order list until you have completed the registration process and all fees have been paid.

- $75 registration fee (up to 20 programs)
- $30 each additional program ranked
- $50 additional late registration fee (after November 30)
- $15 per partner for couples

Match fees are non-refundable, so be sure to register early and carefully consider a decision to participate in a Match as a couple or include extra ranks on your rank order list. Applicants with outstanding fees will not have their rank order lists used when the matching algorithm is processed and will not be able to participate in the Match Week Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program® (SOAP®).
The NRMP has created a Residency Applicant Toolkit outlining all the information needed to successfully navigate the Match season.

If you cannot find answers to your questions in the toolkit or in other resources provided on the public website, assistance is available through the NRMP Help Desk Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time by emailing support@nrmp.org or calling our toll-free number at 866-653-NRMP (6767).