NRMP Releases Progress Report: 5-Year Retrospective Highlighting Accomplishments

Release Aligned with Opening of the 2016 Main Residency Match


The Report highlights the NRMP’s strategic priorities and organization values, and details the efforts undertaken to build stronger Matching Programs. New resources, redesigned technology, and comprehensive communications initiatives have provided greater value for constituents.

“What the NRMP has achieved is meaningful because it directly supports and promotes the mission to provide unparalleled matching services to applicants and residency training programs,” says NRMP President and CEO Mona M. Signer. “We remain committed to a matching process built on fairness, efficiency, transparency, and reliability.”

Highlights

The Report provides new insight into NRMP operations. Between 2010 and 2014, the NRMP

- formed its own business and information technology infrastructure after decades of management by another organization;
- redesigned the Registration, Ranking, and Results® (R3®) system used to manage Matches and built a complementary mobile site;
- created the Match Week Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program® (SOAP®), replacing the Scramble with a less chaotic process for offering unfilled positions to unmatched applicants;
- completed ‘The Match’ branding initiative and redesigned its public website at www.nrmp.org
- introduced The Match PRISM®, a smartphone app for applicants to manage and rate programs during the interview process;
- created The Match Illuminator®, a monthly e-newsletter for program, institution, and medical school staff;
- launched Facebook and Twitter campaigns to engage and inform constituents in real time; and
- established National Resident Matching Program International®, a wholly-owned subsidiary of NRMP to provide matching services outside the United States and Canada.
The NRMP's efforts have paid off. Participation in the NRMP’s Main Residency Match and Specialties Matching Service® (SMS) for fellowships has grown markedly since 2010, with record numbers of applicants and positions offered in each. Between the 2010 and 2014 appointment years, the SMS added 20 new fellowship subspecialties and increased the number of positions offered by 37 percent. The 2016 Main Residency Match opening today is expected to attract more than 40,000 applicants.

Says Ms. Signer, “We are proud of what we have accomplished in a relatively short period of time and look forward to a continued partnership with our constituents.”

[Read the complete report](#)

**NRMP Matches**

NRMP Matches use a computerized mathematical algorithm to align the preferences of applicants with the preferences of program directors in order to fill training positions available at U.S. teaching hospitals. Research on the NRMP algorithm was a basis for awarding [The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel in 2012](#).

**About NRMP**

The National Resident Matching Program® (NRMP®) is a private, non-profit organization established in 1952 at the request of medical students to provide an orderly and fair mechanism for matching the preferences of applicants for U.S. residency positions with the preferences of residency program directors. In addition to the annual Main Residency Match® for more than 40,000 applicants, the NRMP conducts Fellowship Matches for more than 50 subspecialties through its Specialties Matching Service® (SMS®).

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