MATCH 302: STROLLING THROUGH THE MATCH

The Beginning of the End

...or the end of the beginning

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STTM OVERVIEW

- The Trends-
- How did UT do in 2014 match
- Let’s hear it from the M4s themselves

- Medical Student Performance Evaluation
- Letters of Recommendation
- Applying for Residency
  - Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS)
  - Nat’l Resident Matching Program (NRMP)
MATCH TRENDS

~ Total positions vs. Total Applicants (including IMGs, previous grads, etc.)

Over the past several years, the competition for residency positions has heightened.
Nationally: 2014

- Additional positions (@500) - most FM, IM
- Higher match rate - 94.4% (increase - 0.7%)
- Higher match rate of D.O. students (increase - 3%)
- 975 U.S. students unmatched
- 1,181 open PGY1 positions (most prelimn surgery, IM, FM)
- Competition with FMG, off shore
# U.T. Match 2013

17 unmatched students of 154—11% of the class

And all over the place and some with good academic credentials

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*- board failures
SOAP- 2013

1 OB-Gyn- Family Medicine

2 General Surgery- prelimn. Surgery

1 Family medicine- prelimn Surgery

All Prelimn Medicine (Rad)- found prelimn. PGY1s---

All this--- Late in week
U.T. Match 2014

11 unmatched students of 161 – 6.8% of the class

And again, all over the place and some with good academic credentials

Ortho-0  Ob-gyn- 3 *  Gen. Surg.- 4*
Urology- 1  EM- 2  Prelim med-3
Radiology- 1  IM- 1*  Ophthal- 1

*- board failures
SOAP- 2014

2 OB-Gyn- Internal Medicine, Surgery Prelim

4 General Surgery- prelimn. Surgery
1 General Surgery- Internal Medicine

1 Radiology- probably research
2 E.M- Internal Medicine
1 Anesthesia- just has preliminary, will reapply

All Prelimn needs (3) - found prelimn. PGY1s---
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What happened?

- Preaching? Praying?
- More realistic
- Better strategies and were diligent
- Better advice from advisors and listened!

AAMC director: “Seniors and those that advise them should be commended for their preparation and planning for this year’s match”
Let’s hear from the Class 2014!
I am still concerned

- More U.S. medical students in the pipeline: new schools, more graduates
- Good U.S. medical students going unmatched
- More D.O. students in the pipeline (and soon NRMP will merge D.O. and M.D. processes)

- Some new spots: primary care

- Advice: Pay attention!
2014 Match

Applicants

34,270 active applicants (down 85 from 2013)
  • 17,374 U.S. MD Seniors (down 113 from 2013)
  • 2,738 Osteopathic (up 61 from 2013)
  • 5,133 US IMGs (up 38 from 2013)
  • 7,334 IMGs (down 234 from 2013)

Positions

29,671 total positions (up 500 from 2013)
  • 26,678 PGY1 (up 580 from 2013)
  • 2,719 PGY2 (down 60 from 2013)

Match Rates

25,687 (75%) applicants matched (74.1% in 2013)
  • 16,3990 (94.4%) of U.S. MD Seniors (93.7 in 2013)
  • 2,127 (77.7%) of Osteopaths (74.8% in 2013)
  • 2,722 (53.0%) of US IMGs (52.8% in 2013)
  • 3,633 (49.5%) of IMGs (47.0% in 2013)

Source: NRMP, Advanced Data Tables: 2014 Main Residency Match
The Match remains competitive

2014 Main Residency Match

Unmatched PGY1 Applicants

- Non-U.S. Citizen IMGs (3701)
- U.S. Citizen IMGs (2411)
- U.S. M.D. Seniors (975)
- Previous U.S. M.D. Graduates (864)
- Osteopathic Applicants (611)
- Other (23)

Unfilled PGY1 Positions

- 991

Source: NRMP, Advanced Data Tables: 2014 Main Residency Match
## Reminder of Timeline 2014-2015

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<td>ERAS Tokens distributed via UTHSC email accounts</td>
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<td>Register and begin entering ERAS application online</td>
<td>May 1*</td>
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<td>Begin scheduling appointment for MSPE with Debbey Hester</td>
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<td><strong>Actual appointments begin July 7th; end September 22nd</strong></td>
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<td>Begin registering online for the NRMP</td>
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<td>ERAS Post Office opens; begin transmitting apps (Target Sept 1)</td>
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<td>MSPE released to all programs</td>
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<td>SOAP eligibility confirmed by Student Affairs</td>
<td>March 9</td>
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<td>NRMP Online notification of “matched” or “unmatched”</td>
<td>March 16</td>
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*New for 2015

+ERAS Timeline visit: [https://www.aamc.org/services/eras/medical-schools/305130/timeline.html](https://www.aamc.org/services/eras/medical-schools/305130/timeline.html)
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<td>Honors in basic sciences</td>
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USMLE Step Scores of Matched Applicants by preferred Specialty and Applicant Type

NRMP: http://www.nrmp.org/data/index.html
Factors Rated by Program Directors as Important in Ranking Applicants

1. Applicant was flagged with NRMP Match violation - 4.8
2. Interpersonal skills exhibited during interview - 4.7
3. Evidence of professionalism and ethics - 4.6
4. Feedback from current residents - 4.5
5. Perceived commitment to specialty - 4.5
6. Letters of recommendation in the specialty - 4.5
7. Grades in clerkship in desired specialty - 4.5
8. USMLE/COMLEX Step 1 score - 4.4
9. Graduate of U.S. allopathic medical school - 4.3
10. Honors in clerkship in desired specialty - 4.3
11. Gaps in medical education - 4.3
12. USMLE/COMLEX Step 2 score - 4.2
13. Grades in required clerkships - 4.2
14. Class ranking/quartile - 4.2
15. Honors in clinical clerkships - 4.2
16. Leadership qualities exhibited during interview - 4.2
17. Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE) - 4.1
18. Personal prior knowledge of the applicant - 4.1
19. Consistency of grades - 4.1
20. Perceived interest in program - 4.1
21. Visa status - 3.9
22. Audition elective/rotation within your department - 3.9
23. Graduate of highly regarded U.S. medical school - 3.9
24. Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) membership - 3.8
25. Personal Statement - 3.8

Scale ranged from 1 (not at all important) to 5 (very important).
Specialty Preferences of 2010 Unmatched Seniors & Available Scramble Positions

- General Surgery: 154 (Preferred), 0 (Available)
- Orthopaedic Surgery: 133, 78
- Internal Medicine: 100, 73
- Obstetrics-Gynecology: 84, 71
- Emergency Medicine: 74, 62
- Otolaryngology: 47, 74
- Pediatrics: 43, 72
- Anesthesiology: 41, 65
- Plastic Surgery: 39, 58
- Family Medicine: 33, 43
- Psychiatry: 33, 31
- Radiology-Diagnostic: 31, 28
- Dermatology: 24, 24
- Physical Medicine & Rehab: 18, 17
- Pathology: 15, 16
- Radiation Oncology: 11, 11
- Internal Medicine-Preliminary: 11, 11
- Neurology: 9, 9
- Surgery-Preliminary: 8, 8

NRMP
National Resident Matching Program
Unfilled Positions: First Two Days

- Two-thirds filled by 5:00 p.m. on first day
- 93 positions available at 6:00 p.m. on second day
- 4 fewer unfilled positions in 2010

NRMP
National Resident Matching Program
The NRMP Board of Directors implemented changes to Match Week 2012 with a new *Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program* for unmatched applicants and unfilled programs.
S.O.A.P.

- Designed to help streamline, equalize, and automate the process for students who are not matched initially
- Under SOAP, the NRMP makes available the locations of unfilled positions so that unmatched students can submit applications for these positions through the AAMC’s Electronic Residency Application Service® (ERAS®).
- After receiving applications through ERAS, residency program directors create a list of candidates in order of preference and the NRMP offers positions in that order in a series of up to eight rounds.
- Applicants are able to receive multiple offers in a single round; if an offer is accepted, it is binding.
S.O.A.P. - Applicant Eligibility

**Eligible NRMP applicants:**

- Can apply **only** to Match-participating programs
  - Access to unfilled positions restricted by match status
  - Must use ERAS to apply to programs
  - Can select only unfilled Match-participating programs in ERAS
  - Cannot use phone, fax, email, or other services
  - Cannot have another individual/entity contact programs
  - Can accept positions only through SOAP during Match Week

- Can apply to non-Match participating programs **after** Match Week
S.O.A.P. - Program Participation

Unfilled NRMP Programs:

- Must accept applications only via ERAS
  - Cannot use phone, fax, email, or personal contacts until after an application has been received

- During Match Week
  - Cannot make offers outside SOAP
  - Cannot offer positions to ineligible applicants
  - Can opt out of SOAP, but will be unable to fill positions during Match Week

- Can add applicants to their preference lists during SOAP
## Match Week Schedule

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<td>11:30 a.m. Schools: Unmatched Seniors Report (R3 system)</td>
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<td>12:00 p.m. Programs Did I Fill? (by email and R3 system)</td>
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<td>1:00 p.m. Regional Match Statistics (R3)</td>
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<td>2:00 p.m. ERAS open in SOAP-mode for Applicants</td>
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<td>2:00 p.m. ERAS Programs begin receiving applications; SOAP-eligible applicants can send applications only to unifed Match-participating programs.</td>
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<td>Program-initiated communication between applicants and programs may begin, but no offers or commitments allowed.</td>
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<td><strong>Tuesday</strong></td>
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<td>11:30 a.m. Programs can begin preference lists in R3 system.</td>
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<td><strong>Wednesday</strong></td>
<td>11:55 a.m.</td>
<td>Program preference list certification deadline for first offer round</td>
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<td>12:00 p.m. Electronic offers extended using R3 system</td>
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<td>2:00 p.m. Deadline for applicants to accept/reject first-round offers</td>
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<td>2:55 p.m. Deadline for programs to add to and certify preference list for next round</td>
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<td>3:00 p.m. Electronic offers extended using R3 system</td>
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<td>5:00 p.m. Deadline for applicants to accept/reject second-round offers</td>
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<td>Preference lists must be in certified status 5 minutes before the start of each offer round.</td>
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<td>Offers extended every three hours beginning at 9:00 a.m. with last offers valid 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., using same update schedule noted on Wednesday.</td>
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<td>ERAS SOAP-mode ends.</td>
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<td>All Users: Match Outcome for All Programs (R3 system)</td>
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How important is EMAIL?

- **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!** Check daily!
- Programs accepting applications via Email communicate using Email, including announcements, questions about one’s application and interview offers
- Student Affairs uses Email to notify you of important developments and/or alerts as it relates to ERAS or other issues involving the application process or Student Affairs
  - Student Affairs uses UT accounts only!
  - **Avoid using HOTMAIL with ERAS** due to incompatibility issues with the ERAS software
Stay on top of your application and pay attention to your programs’ deadlines!
Avoid waiting until the last minute to ask for letters of support. Submit your application and other required materials on time.
Rumors cause problems…

Contact our office when you have questions or have concerns about your application!
The Heartburn: Will I match?

- Everyone should match
- You should take advice from us and from specialty advisors
- If you hear a rumor, confirm with us
- There are some realities to this process
Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE)

Strolling Through the Match

April 24, 2014
The MSPE is a comprehensive assessment regarding comparative performance.

- It should describe, in sequential manner, the student’s performance, as compared to peers, through 4 full years of school.
- It should be an assessment of both academic performance and professional attributes.
- It should be 2-3 pages in length and appropriately formatted with appendices.
THE MSPE...

Is neither a letter of recommendation nor a prediction of future performance in residency
THE MSPE...

Format

- **Identifying Information**
  - Identifies you as a fourth year medical student at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center
  - AOA distinction automatically included if applicable

- **Personal Comments / Noteworthy Achievements**
  - demonstrated leadership
  - research abilities
  - community service
  - significant challenges/hardships
THE MSPE...

Format

- Academic History
  - graduation and matriculation dates
  - breaks, gaps, LOA
  - transfer school and dual degreed program information, if applicable
  - explanation of remediated coursework
  - explanation of adverse actions
THE MSPE...

Format

- Academic Progress
  - basic sciences & introduction to clinical medicine (PCC/DRS)
  - required clinical core clerkships and electives reported thru mid-October
THE MSPE...

Format

- **Summary**
  - summative assessment of comparative performance relative to peers
  - reference to unique characteristics / accomplishments
  - overall performance in basic medical sciences & clinical clerkships with emphasis on professional attributes
**THE MSPE...**

Format

- **Overall Medical Student Performance Rating**
  - GPAs taken from GPA/Class Rank report *(available early September)*

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Indicates percentage of class in each category; not an indication of class rank.
THE MSPE...

Format

- Appendices
  - A – bar graph of performance relative to peers in each preclinical course
  - B – bar graph of performance relative to peers in each core clinical clerkship
  - C – assessment of professional attributes relative to peers **
  - D – bar graph showing overall performances relative to peers
  - E – medical school information page

** Not currently included in the MSPE
Letters of Recommendations

ERAS Coversheet generated in ERAS when LOR is created!
LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Generally 3 - 4 are required (get 4!)

- department chair of your chosen specialty
- senior faculty member usually in specialty of choice (i.e., faculty with whom you did JI)
- other faculty member(s), not necessarily in specialty, who knows you well
LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- schedule appointment EARLY to review your professional goals and answer questions;
- LOR appointments schedule through faculty member’s office, not Student Affairs;
- provide a CV, personal statement, transcript, and list of programs; attach your ERAS LOR Cover Sheet!
- don’t be shy about discussing your strengths or extenuating circumstances.
Chair’s letter

- **Call** to set up an appointment - **do not email**
- The chair is expecting you - even if you have never met
- The interview as well as your performance on the rotation will be enough for him to write you a letter
- Bring with you a list of programs you are applying to
- Ask about your competitiveness for programs and listen to the feedback
Questions for me?
The Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS)

~ an electronic application delivery service
ERAS

What is ERAS?

Electronic “application delivery service” used to transmit applications, letters of recommendation, MSPEs, transcripts, and other supporting credentials from applicants and medical schools to residency program directors using the Internet.

- Tokens will be distributed via UT email to applicants on April 30th
- Begin completing your MyERAS online May 1st
- ERAS Post Office opens September 15th; available for transmission of documents to programs
- Required for NRMP and some most early matching services
ERAS

• ERAS is comprised of four main components:
  1. **MyERAS** is the Web site where applicants complete their MyERAS Application
     • select programs to apply to, and assign documents to be received by programs
     • [https://www.aamc.org/students/medstudents/eras/](https://www.aamc.org/students/medstudents/eras/)

  2. **DWS** is the software used by the designated dean's office.
     • scan and attach support documents to the ERAS application (e.g., photos, medical school transcripts, MSPE, and LoRs*)
       *optional; LoRs also uploaded directly by LoR writer
3. **PDWS** is the ERAS software used by program staff to receive, sort, review, evaluate, and rank applications.

4. **ERAS Post Office** is the central bank of computers that transfer the application materials from applicants and their designated dean's office to residency programs.
• Students should NOT wait for a completed application before submitting application; ERAS application evolving process.
• No support documents can be transmitted through ERAS UNTIL THE STUDENT SUBMITS HIS/HER APPLICATION!
• Set target date to have as much of your application ready by September 1st; including photo! Begin transmitting applications September 15th!
How Does ERAS work?

- **Applicants** receive electronic token in **April 30th** to register with MyERAS; begin completing online ERAS application.
  - Worksheet from ERAS applicant resource page
  - Copy of AMCAS application from Registrar’s Office; allow 2 days
  - [https://www.aamc.org/students/medstudents/eras/](https://www.aamc.org/students/medstudents/eras/)

- **Applicants** can begin transmitting applications to programs beginning **September 15th**
  - USMLE receives requests to upload USMLE scores to ERAS Post Office
    - *Transcript includes scores posted at time applicant submits ERAS application*
How Does ERAS work?

• **School** begins uploading support documents May 1\(^{st}\) (or as soon as student registers token)

• **Programs** begin downloading applications September 15; make **interview offers** early September

• **Applicants** should track applications using ERAS **ADTS** throughout the process!!!
ERAS is **NOT** the same as NRMP...

- You **must** register for ERAS **separately** from NRMP
  - ERAS – July
  - NRMP – August

- ERAS is **required** for applicants enrolled in the NRMP and the Urology matches as well as for some branches within the military match.
How much does ERAS cost?

- ERAS processing fees are based on the number of programs to which you apply per specialty
- Check ERAS website for pricing

Is there a deadline for submitting ERAS applications to Student Affairs?

- No. However, SA recommends ERAS application be completed and ready to transmit by September 1st
- Programs set their own deadlines
Questions?
APPLYING FOR RESIDENCY
~ the mechanics of the application process

Strolling Through the Match

April 24, 2014
APPLYING FOR RESIDENCY

PATHS of Residency Application

• Advanced specialties with own Match
• US Armed Forces
• National Resident Matching Program (NRMP)
Advanced specialties with own Match

- *Early* Match | Results faxed to our office
  - San Francisco Matching Program
    - [http://www.sfmatch.org](http://www.sfmatch.org)
    - Neurology, ophthalmology, and plastic surgery
    - Must register for the NRMP for preliminary year
    - Uses ERAS for prelim year only
  - American Urological Association Residency Matching Program
    - [http://www.auanet.org](http://www.auanet.org)
    - May or may not require NRMP for prelim year
    - Uses ERAS
US Armed Forces (Military Match)

- Should also enroll in the NRMP
- Automatically withdrawn by NRMP if matched by military
- Results faxed to our office in January
**APPLYING FOR RESIDENCY**

National Resident Matching Program (NRMP)

- [http://www.nrmp.org](http://www.nrmp.org)
- The Match - service for matching applicants to programs
- Provides uniform date of MSPE
  - Absolutely NO MSPE will be released prior to 1 October
    - Registration for NRMP begins August 15th
Categories/Tracks of Internships

● Categorical (C)
  ▪ Offer positions for PGY1 with no preliminary training required
    ○ *Ex. Family Medicine, Surgery, Internal Medicine, Medicine-Pediatrics, Ob/Gyn, Pediatrics, Psychiatry*

● Advanced (A)
  ▪ Begins PGY 2 and requires 1-2 years of preliminary training
    ○ *Ex. Radiology (A), Anesthesiology (A), Dermatology (A)*

● Preliminary (P)
  ▪ Serves as **prerequisite** for additional post graduate medical education in other disciplines
    ○ *Ex. Prelim medicine, Prelim Surgery*

● Transitional Year (P)
  ▪ May/may not serve as preliminary year
  ▪ Undecided about specialty
THE NRMP - MATCHING AS A COUPLE

When two individuals are registered for the same specialties matching service (e.g., NRMP), they may participate in that Match as a couple.

- Couple’s match is not a separate match from the NRMP!
- Each partner of a couple enrolls individually in the match.
- The NRMP allows couples to form pairs of choices on their rank order lists, which then are considered in rank order in the Match.
- Partners can be matched into positions in the same institution or in different institutions.
- Couples are encouraged to talk to us for assistance with preparing their rank order lists for the Match.
MATCHING AS A COUPLE

IMPORTANT!

Partners listed as a couple are treated by the Match solely as a couple. If one partner does not match, neither partner will match.

If one partner wishes to withdraw, both partners must uncouple before either can withdraw.
Questions?

• If matching as a couple
• If unclear as the process is ongoing
• Come see us
### Reminder of Timeline 2014-2015

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* New for 2015

+ERAS Timeline visit: [https://www.aamc.org/services/eras/medical-schools/305130/timeline.html](https://www.aamc.org/services/eras/medical-schools/305130/timeline.html)