ASHP RESIDENCY MATCHING PROGRAM

Why should I sign up for the Match?
- A listing or participating programs can also be found at: http://www.natmatch.com/ashprmp/
- If a program is not seen at the above site, then the applicant should contact the program director to determine if they are involved in the matching program

When should I sign up for the Match?
- Sign up for the Match as soon as you know that you will be applying to participating residency programs. The sooner the better because some programs require your match number on the application.
- Applications are available at the Resident Matching Website starting in July
- Applications and fees are mailed to the National Matching Services, Inc., so make sure you allow time for the mail to be delivered.

How does the match work?
- The process starts with an attempt to place an applicant into the program that is most preferred on the applicant's list. If the applicant cannot be matched to this first choice program, an attempt is then made to place the applicant into the second choice program, and so on, until the applicant obtains a *tentative* match, or all the applicant's choices have been exhausted
- The Match does not involve an arbitrary or contrived assignment of applicants to programs. A program cannot be matched with an applicant who is not listed on the program's Rank Order List; similarly, an applicant cannot be matched with a program that is not listed on the applicant's Rank Order List.
- An example of the ranking process can be found on the match website

How do I rank the programs?
- Rank order lists are due by March (date varies each year, look on website)
- Log on to the rank order list webpage (go to Match website and the link is located on the left hand side of the page) and rank programs in the order of interest
- The rank list can be changed as much as you want prior to the deadline, but your last rank list at the time of closing will be your final submission. Try to not wait until the day of the deadline to enter your final list. The large volume of people on the system causes it to be slow.
- There is a possibility that you may match with any program that you rank. Do NOT rank programs if you do not want to participate in them. If you decide after the interview that you are no longer interested in that program, do not put them in your rank list.

Match results and Post-match scramble
- Match results are available mid-March after 12:00pm (varies by year, see website)
- If you have not matched with a program, you enter the post-match scramble. A listing of positions that remain available after the match are open for your evaluation. The programs that have available positions after the match, are also sent a list of applicants who did not match to a position. If you review the list and see a program site that you are interested in, contact the program director AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! In the email remember to include your CV.

RESOURCES:
ASHP website: http://www.ashp.org/Import/ACCREDITATION/ResidentInfo/ResidentMatching.aspx
Resident Matching Website: http://www.natmatch.com/ashprmp/

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