Applying for Residency
The Match (Phase I and II) and Post-Match Scramble

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Interviews

Match Phase I

Match Phase II

Ranking

Scramble
The Match

- ASHP Resident Matching Program
- Administered by National Matching Services Inc.
- Fees: $150 to register for the Match (non-refundable; covers Phase I and Phase II)
- Must register in order to submit applications through PhORCAS
  - [http://www.natmatch.com/ashprmp](http://www.natmatch.com/ashprmp)
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• Do not communicate, solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information pertaining to either Phase of the Match prior to the release of the results for Phase II of the Match
• Residency programs agree not to solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any residency applicant or other program – ever
• Results of the Match Phase I and Phase II constitute **binding agreements** between applicants and residency programs that may not be reversed unilaterally by either party
Participate as a Couple
• Partners must register individually

• Indicate your desire to participate as a couple
  • Log in → Edit (Couple Status) → enter partner’s applicant Code Number
  • Partner does the same

• You will be ranked as an individual if your partner withdraws or does not rank or does not identify you correctly

• Different couple choices

• May want to use Paired Choices Generator tool
Rank Order List

✓ Top choice
✓ 2\textsuperscript{nd} choice
✓ 3\textsuperscript{rd} choice
✓ 4\textsuperscript{th} choice
✓ 5\textsuperscript{th} choice
✓ 6\textsuperscript{th} choice
✓ 7\textsuperscript{th} choice
Ranking Ø Programs
Withdrawing from the Match

Login —>

Select **Edit** from the *Status section* of the *Dashboard*

Choose Phase I only or both, Phase I and Phase II

Deadline to withdraw:
Rank Order List deadline for each Phase

Upon withdrawal, previously entered ROL will not be considered
Reinstating in the Match

Login —>

Select **Edit** from the *Status* section of the *Dashboard*

Deadline to Reinstate:
Prior to Rank Order List deadline for each Phase
EEK – The Algorithm

Match Day: That one day in March when the lives of a bunch of OCD personalities are decided at the mercy of a computerized algorithm.

https://natmatch.com/ashprmp/aboutalg.html
What to do after submitting ROL but **Before** Match Day Phase I

**Be Prepared**

- Consider asking for Match day off
- Decide if you will commit to Phase II and the Scramble
- Contact references
- Take some time to self-reflect
- Consider broadening your program search
  - Essential qualities of a residency program
  - Areas of interest too narrow?
  - Location?
  - Program particulars too narrow?
- Know who you will contact
  - References: remind them of possible deadline, 3/23
  - Preceptors: possible time off for interviews
  - Faculty, administrators, Dr. Daniels: networking
- **Update application materials, especially CV**
  - Newly completed rotations
  - Presentations, JC, projects
  - Advancement in research
Match Day Phase I, 3/18

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Congratulations! You have been matched to:

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Match Day Phase I, 3/18

You matched!

5:00 – 6:00:

• Email references
  ▪ Thank you
  ▪ No Phase II letters needed
• Email preceptors
  ▪ Thank you
  ▪ Decide if you will go to rotation
• Email advisors, other supporters
  ▪ Thank you
• Go back to bed?
Match Day Phase I, 3/18

- 5:00 – 6:00: Match results released
Plan A
Plan B
You are eligible for Phase II of the Match if…

- You withdrew from Phase I but not Phase II
- You withdrew from Phase I and II but reinstate
- You did not rank any programs in Phase I
- You did not match in Phase I
- You did not register for Phase I by the Rank Order List deadline
3/18 – Phase I ends, Phase II Starts

- 6:00 – 9:00: Contact
  - Preceptor: may need time for interviews
  - References: new ref by 3/23, if needed
  - Advisors/Mentors
  - School/Dr. Daniels
  - Any contact that could help

- 9:00: Unmatched positions posted
  - Start making list
    - Review program websites
      - Application requirements
      - Phase II Deadlines (other than PhORCAS deadline 3/23-28)
    - Check if known alumni
    - Contact School, professors, contacts at other programs
    - Complete in 2-3 hours if possible

- Email programs – the earlier the better
  - Include UPDATED CV
  - Include why you are interested
  - Ask if they would like your letter of intent in advance of PhORCAS
Finalize list of programs

• Send list to your 3 references
• Include program-specific info
  • Director
  • Contact info
  • Reasons why applying/fit
• Start to write letters of intent (LOI)
• Ask advisors, preceptors to review LOI
• Check for program requirements
• Start uploading new documents into PhORCAS
• Start practicing for phone/Skype interviews, even prior to 3/23
Interviews: What to expect

- Where
  - Phone
  - Skype or other web-based
  - Onsite
  - Combination
- Content
  - Abbreviated
  - Same as Phase I
- Practice
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What do these Dates Mean?
A Lot of Gray Areas

• 3/18 (Phase I results) – 3/23 (start to submit applications; 5 days): decide where to apply ASAP
  ▪ Continue to research program particulars/requirements
  ▪ Communicate with references and preceptors as needed
  ▪ Be prepared for possible phone/Skype pre-interviews/actual interviews
  ▪ Continually check emails, voice messages for replies
• 3/23 – 3/31: interviews (9 days)
  ▪ Have questions ready to ask programs
  ▪ Follow up with a Thank You (written or email)
  ▪ Ask additional questions
• 4/1: rank order due
You and your partner must update your Couple Status prior to submitting ROL for Phase II.
What to do after submitting ROL but **Before** Match Day Phase II

Be Prepared

- Consider asking for Match day off, 4/8
- Decide if you will commit to the Scramble
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Plan B
Plan C
Why?
• Same reasons you applied in the first place: you understand the value of completing a residency
• You chose not to rank any programs during either Phase
• Did not match in Phase I and/or Phase II

To do anything truly worth doing, I must not stand back shivering and thinking of the cold and danger, but jump in with gusto and scramble through as well as I can.

Og Mandino, 12/12/23 – 9/3/96
4/8 - Phase II ends, Scramble Begins

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Scramble
SUPER

4/8: Phase II results; unmatched positions posted →
4/11: Start applying using PhORCAS (3 days) →
4/11-15: Interviews (4 days) →
4/15: Programs start to make offers
Rules: $$

- For Phase II and Scramble: If already paid, no additional Match (NMS) fee
- QS to 4 applications from original PhORCAS payment, if any
- $40/program thereafter
• 5/31: PhORCAS portals close at 11:59 PM ET
Outliers

• New applicants
  • Did not register with NMS before the Match Phase I
  • Use PhORCAS to participate in Phase II process
  • Use PhORCAS to participate in Scramble
  • Register and pay the $$
• Residency programs previously in PhORCAS
  • New positions post-match
  • Reopen application deadline in their selection portal in the post match process if they are able to add new positions after the match
Ask Yourself…BEFORE Phase I Match day…

- Do I want to go through Phase II and the Scramble if I don’t match in Phase I?
- Am I dedicated to obtaining a residency?
- Will I make the time for Phase II and the Scramble?
- Am I willing to go out of state? Across the country?
- What are the essential qualities in programs I am willing to consider?
Things to do before each Match day

- Contact current preceptor
  - Inform them that you are applying for residency and will participate in Phase II and the Scramble if not matched
  - Phase II and Scrambling may require time off from rotation
    - Preparing application materials
    - Interviews
  - Contact references
Update your CV at each step

- Rotations
- Presentations, publications
- Progress on research
- Community service/volunteering
- Leadership advancements
- Teaching
Practice interviews

- Programs may offer phone, Skype or face-to-face interviews
Match Mentions

✓ Don’t play mind games with yourself
✓ The Match looks to the applicant first
✓ Rank everywhere you are willing to go
✓ Do not rank anywhere you are not willing to go
Choosing Where to Apply/How to Rank

✓ Good fit
  ✓ Number of residents
  ✓ PGY2 opportunities
  ✓ Patient care/Teaching/Research
  ✓ Electives available
✓ Preceptors
✓ Flexible
✓ Staffing
✓ Location → Explore the possibilities
Summary Results of the Match – Class of 2015 – 16 (Class of 2014 – 15)

Applicant Perspective

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<td>5373 (5140)</td>
<td>904 (838)</td>
<td>6277 (5978)</td>
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<td>Withdrew*</td>
<td>1015 (998)</td>
<td>199 (181)</td>
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<td>4358 (4142)</td>
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<td>28%</td>
<td>18%</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>13%</td>
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<td>1229</td>
<td>507</td>
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<td>3081</td>
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Average Number of Rankings Submitted per Position

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