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# Residency Application Presentation for 2020 Match

Office of Student Professional Development  
(OSPD)

*June 2019*

# Office of Student and Professional Development (OSPD)

- Spring and Summer Checklists
- Residency Application Process, Timeline and Resources
- Supporting Documents including the Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE) Letter
- Match Strategy
- Target USMLE Scores
- Physician Match Advisor (PMA) program

# Spring Checklist for 2020 Match

## March - May

### March

- ✓ USMLE Step 2 CS Scheduled
- ✓ Personal Statement Draft
- ✓ Noteworthy Characteristics Draft

### April/May

- ✓ Physician Match Advisor

# Summer Checklist for 2020 Match

## June - August

### June

- ✓ Research Programs of Interest
- ✓ Obtain ERAS Token (June 25)
- ✓ Complete Noteworthy Characteristics

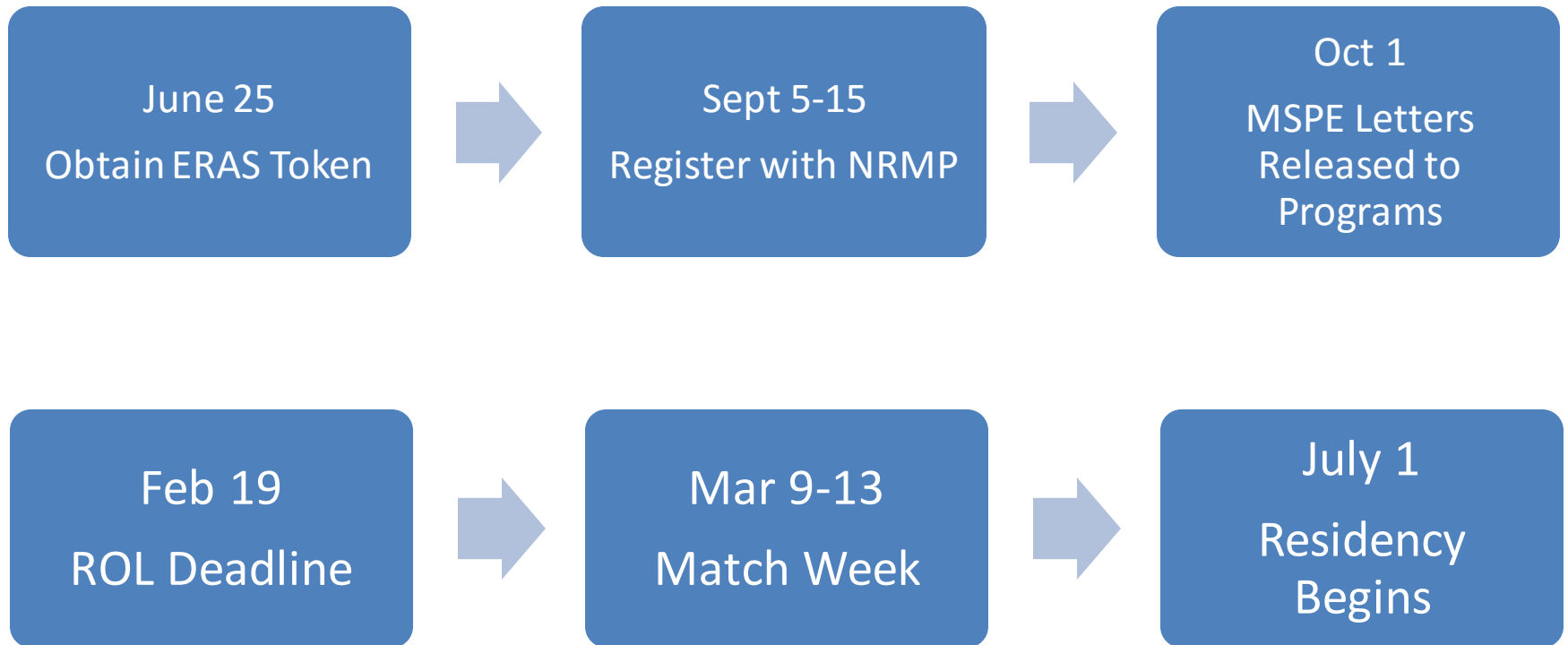
### July

- ✓ Request MSPE Letter (July 1 deadline)

### August

- ✓ USMLE Step 2 CS and CK Completed
- ✓ Completed Personal Statement

# Residency Application Process Overview



# Upcoming Important Dates

- May 1 Request [Physician Match Advisor](#)
- June 25 [ERAS Token available](#) for 2020 Match
- July 1 [Request MSPE Letter](#) (Must submit Noteworthy Characteristics)
- July 13 Take [Step 2 CS](#) in order to have results prior NRMP Registration
- July 16 EM Applicants complete [SVI](#)
- Aug 14 Deadline 1: Take [Step 2 CK](#) in order have results prior to NRMP Registration
- Aug 19-30 MSPE Letters sent to students to review for factual errors
- Aug 28 Deadline 2: Take [Step 2 CK](#) in order to have results prior to release of MSPE Letter
- Sept 5-15 [Register for NRMP/Apply](#) to Programs
- Oct 1 MSPE Letter Released to Programs
- Dec 31 Deadline to take [Step 2 CS](#) in order to participate in NRMP Main Match
- Jan 22 Deadline to take Step 2 CK in order to participate in NRMP Main Match

\* Dates based on [ECFMG's 2018 Residency Timeline](#)

# Residency Application Process

- Research Programs (June, July, August)
  - consider your personality and short- and long-term goals
  - List programs in which you're interested and narrow down by researching program website
  - Look for programs that have taken IMGs, match USMLE requirements if applicable
  - Use [AUC](#), [Ross](#), [SGU](#), [SABA](#), [UMHS](#), [AUA](#) Residency Lists, [FRIEDA Residency Database](#), [ACGME website](#) and [ERAS 2020 Participating Specialties and Programs](#)

# Residency Application Process

- Applying to Programs (Sept 5-15)
  - Review online presence to ensure it promotes image of professional, mature physician
  - Most students will apply to 100-200 programs
  - Use [Residency Fee Calculator](#) to estimate costs of applying (150 programs cost ~ \$3K)
  - Goal is at least 10 interviews
  - Budget \$8K for application and interview costs
    - AAMC lists range of \$1000 - \$7300
    - Review [Travel Tips](#) to save money



# Residency Application Process

- Interviewing at Programs (Sept, Oct Nov, Dec, Jan)
  - Try to avoid interviewing at your top choice program until you have completed at least one interview
    - Nervous and less confident early on so use programs in which you are not as interested into improve skills
  - No consensus if better to interview early or late in season
    - Early because programs are fresh and excited about meeting applicants
    - Late so you'll be more memorable
  - Remember: Program Coordinator organizes the interview schedule and is closest to the Program Director – be nice!

# Residency Application Supporting Documents

- [Letters of Recommendation \(LoRs\)](#) – provided by student/letter writer
- [USMLE Transcript](#) – provided by student
- [Personal Statement](#) – provided by student
- [Curriculum Vitae \(CV\)](#) – provided by student
- [Photograph](#) – provided by student
- [ECFMG Status Report](#)
- [Medical School Transcript](#) – provided by Registrar
- [MSPE Letter](#) – provided by OSPD (See [Sample](#)) (Submit request by July 1, 2019)

[ECFMG Supporting Documents Overview](#)

# Letter of Recommendation (LOR)

- Need at least one LOR in the specialty or specialties in which you apply
- No limit to number of LORs students can submit to ERAS, but can only assign four to each program
- Letter writers are the only individuals who can upload an LOR via AAMC's portal if the student has waived his or her right to view the LOR
- [Letter of Recommendation Portal \(LoRP\)](#)

# MSPE Letter – Rotation Comments

Clerkship: Psychiatry Core

Weeks: 6 -- From: 6/26/2017 to 8/4/2017

St. John's Episcopal Hospital- South Shore, Far Rockaway, NY

Overall Evaluation: Superior

Evaluator: Dr. David Alder

*"Outstanding student, enthusiastic learner. A pleasure to teach. Valuable team member."*

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Clerkship: Pediatrics Core

Weeks: 6 -- From: 9/26/2016 to 11/4/2016

Providence Hospital, Southfield, MI

Overall Evaluation: Superior

Evaluator: Dr. James Landers

*"Superb student, she will do very well in her chosen area of medicine (I'm hoping for Pediatrics!). She was always punctual, and was willing to help the office flow smoothly, often without prompting. She has an excellent interaction with patients, parent, and staff. She was well studied in Pediatrics, and very eager to investigate and learn the curriculum."*

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# MSPE Letter – Summary Statement

- At least two community services activities
- At least one activity in a leadership position

Ms. Doe has thrived at American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine. After adapting to student life in a foreign country, she pursued and excelled in clinical clerkship rotations at geographically diverse sites across the United States. Throughout her time at AUC, Ms. Doe has benefitted from dedicated faculty and a student-centered approach to medical education and training.

Ms. Doe received honors in multiple core clerkships and participated in multiple community service activities while serving in a leadership role.

I am pleased to recommend Jane Doe for post-graduate training.

# Match Strategy

- Competitive for specialty
- Backup plan/parallel specialty if not competitive for preferred specialty
- Strong LORs (at least one in desired specialty)
- Apply to sites where you rotated
- Apply to sites in your home state
  - Mention your from the area in personal statement
- Apply broadly
  - Different geographic regions
  - Different types of programs (university/community)



# USMLE® Step 1 Performance for 2015, 2016 and 2017 Classes\*

## \*For Matched Graduates

Specialty	# Residency Placements	% Matched into Specialty	Mean Score for Matched US IMGs*	AUC Mean
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Child Neurology	3	0.4%	223	222
Emergency Medicine	17	2.2%	235	235
Family Medicine	225	28.5%	212	214
General Surgery	26	3.3%	239	243
Internal Medicine	250	31.7%	228	229
Neurology	15	1.9%	224	223
OB/GYN	12	1.5%	231	230
Pathology - Anatomical and Clinical	11	1.4%	223	225
Pediatrics	58	7.4%	224	225
PM&R	6	0.8%	224	224
Psychiatry	48	6.1%	215	216
Radiology - Diagnostic	16	2.0%	238	240

\*Source: NRMP's 2016 Charting Outcomes in the Match for International Medical Graduates



## USMLE® Step 2 CK Performance for 2015, 2016 and 2017 Classes \*For Matched Graduates

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Anesthesiology	32	4.0%	239	243
Child Neurology	3	0.4%	236	235
Emergency Medicine	17	2.1%	242	243
Family Medicine	225	27.9%	224	226
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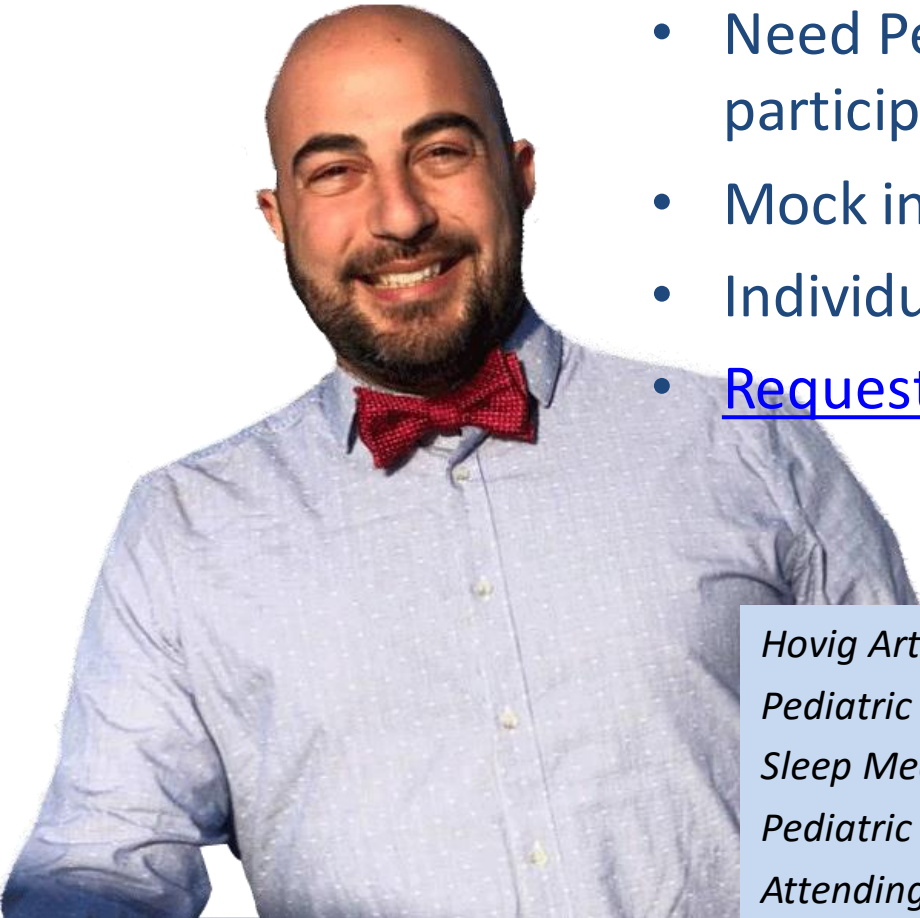
# Residency Interview Questions

Start practicing now

- Tell me about yourself
- Why are you interested in this program
- What challenges will our specialty face in the next 10 years
- Why did you choose your specialty
- What are your long-term goals
- Why do you want to be a physician
- How do you handle stress
- Common interview questions can be found in [AUC's Match Handbook](#)

# Physician Match Advisor Program

- 20 PMAs covering all major specialties
- Need Personal Statement and CV to participate
- Mock interview questions
- Individualized strategy for applying to Match
- [Request PMA](#) starting in Jan of 4th year



*Hovig Artinian, MD ('10)*

*Pediatric Residency, Children's Hospital of Central California*

*Sleep Medicine Fellowship, Case Western Reserve University*

*Pediatric Pulmonology, Children's Hospital of Los Angeles*

*Attending, Helen DeVos Children's Hospital – Grand Rapids, MI*

# Resources

- [ECFMG](#) (introduction to application process)
- [ECHO](#) (residency application support from ECFMG)
- [NRMP](#) (how the match works, rank order lists and residency data)
- [OSPD Web Page](#) (AUC and non-AUC resources, MSPE Letter, Personal Statement and CV samples)
  - [Schedule an Appointment](#)
  - [ospd@aucmed.edu](mailto:ospd@aucmed.edu)