

Advising Senior Students

References and Resources

General Resources

1. FREIDA. <http://www.ama-assn.org/go/freida>

FREIDA Online is a database with over 8,600 graduate medical education programs accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, as well as over 200 combined specialty programs.

2. One frequently used piece of FREIDA is the Residency/Fellowship Training Program Search: <https://freida.ama-assn.org/Freida/user/viewProgramSearch.do>

View information about residency and fellowship programs, provided by program directors and updated continuously, as well as information about affiliated teaching institutions.

3. NRMP <http://www.aamc.org/nrmp>

The National Resident Matching Program (NRMP) is a private, not-for-profit corporation established in 1952 to provide a uniform date of appointment to positions in graduate medical education (GME) in the United States. Five organizations sponsor the NRMP:

- American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS)
- American Medical Association (AMA)
- Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC)
- American Hospital Association (AHA)
- Council of Medical Specialty Societies (CMSS)

4. ERAS <http://www.aamc.org/eras/start.htm>

ERAS® — the Electronic Residency Application Service is a service of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) and was created in 1995 to enhance medical students' transition to residency by reducing the amount of time spent on the application process. Using the Internet, ERAS transmits a standardized application, letters of recommendation (LoRs), the Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE), transcripts, and other supporting credentials from applicants and designated dean's offices to program directors. ERAS also provides national statistics on applicant behavior by specialty.

5. Careers in Medicine www.aamc.org/students/cim/start.htm

Careers in Medicine (CiM) is a career planning program designed to help students choose a medical specialty and select and apply to a residency program. This four-phase process guides the student through the elements of career planning, including self-understanding, exploring a variety of medical careers, and finally choosing a specialty to meet your career objectives.

6. Career MD <http://www.careermd.com>

CareerMD is a comprehensive and centralized source of information on physician training and employment opportunities. Updated daily by program directors and employers, CareerMD's searchable databases make it easy to locate, research and compare opportunities in every state and every specialty.

7. AAMC Career Planning Resources www.aamc.org/students/cim/careerplanning.htm

Career Planning Resources – a collection of links to career advice, specialty boards, and practical tools for students and residents.

8. ACME http://www.acgme.org/acWebsite/medStudent/medSt_FAQ.asp

From the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education – what every medical student needs to know about the ACGME.

9. Accreditation Status of Residency Programs <http://www.acgme.org/adspublic/>

The link in the right column under search “accredited program history” allows the student to search the accreditation status of specific programs.

10. Charting Outcomes in the Match <http://www.aamc.org/programs/cim/chartingoutcomes.pdf>

Published periodically, this is a very large summary of data regarding the characteristics of applicants who matched to their preferred specialties in the 2009 Main Residency Match. It would be helpful for students to review this with someone who is very familiar with this database to avoid over interpretation of results.

11. Roadmap to Residency:

https://services.aamc.org/publications/index.cfm?fuseaction=Product.displayForm&prd_id=183&prv_id=222

This is the second edition (2007) of the AAMC “Roadmap to Residency: From application to the Match and Beyond”. Provides comprehensive information about the process of applying to residency programs in the US. This provided to SIU Students by the Office of Student Affairs.

12. 2008 NRMP Program Director’s Survey <http://www.nrmp.org/data/programresultsbyspecialty.pdf>

This report presents the results of selected items from the 2009 NRMP Applicant Survey. Data are reported for 19 specialties and include: factors that applicants weigh in selecting programs (1) at which to interview and (2) to rank for the Match.

Specialty Specific Resources

EMERGENCY MEDICINE

1. **Society of Academic Emergency Medicine.**

<http://www.saem.org/saemdnn/Home/Communities/MedicalStudents/EMApplicants/tabid/219/Default.aspx>

Includes links and pdf files relevant to students applying in Emergency Medicine

2. **American College of Emergency Medicine.**

<http://www.acep.org/ACEPmembership.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&id=34594&fid=796&mo=No>

INTERNAL MEDICINE

1. American College of Physicians: http://www.acponline.org/medical_students/
2. The Student Doctor network. <http://forums.studentdoctor.net/index.php>

An educational community of tens of thousands of students and doctors. We work together to ensure each others' success in admissions, academics, training and beyond. With millions of posts and millions of pageviews a month, SDN is internationally recognized as the most active academic health community in world. SDN is operated by a 501(c)3 charitable organization.

- **Specific threads:**

<http://forums.studentdoctor.net/showthread.php?t=199542>

<http://forums.studentdoctor.net/showthread.php?s=&threadid=63869>

OBSTETRICS/GYNECOLOGY

1. The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists: <http://www.acog.org/>
2. The Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics: <http://www.apgo.org/home/>

(Some information is password dependent and all students are given passwords)

PATHOLOGY

1. Intersociety Council for Pathology Information (ICPI): <http://www.pathologytraining.org>

The Intersociety Council for Pathology Information (ICPI) is a nonprofit educational organization sponsored by national pathology societies to serve as a central source of information about pathology in the practice of medicine and in medical research and education. Each year, ICPI publishes the Directory of Pathology Training Programs listing pathology residency and fellowship programs in the United States and Canada. ICPI also publishes the brochure Pathology as a Career in Medicine.

PEDIATRICS

1. American Board of Pediatrics. <http://www.abp.org/>

By linking to number 6 on this webpage, you can see the Pediatrics Board Pass rate for the last 3 years:

<https://www.abp.org/ABPWebStatic/#murl%3D%2FABPSearch%2FSearchResults%3FsearchTerm%3Dpass%20rates%20by%20residency>

2. American Academy of Pediatric: <http://www.aap.org/profed/Peds101book.pdf>

A resource guide for students going into Pediatrics.

PSYCHIATRY

1. American Psychiatric Association:
<http://www.psych.org/MainMenu/EducationCareerDevelopment/MedicalStudents.aspx>

In this section, you will find information about psychiatry as a career choice, educational opportunities and resources in pursuing this specialty.

SURGERY

1. **American College of Surgeons.** <http://www.facs.org/>

Consider attending the American College of surgeons Annual Clinical congress in October (There is a special program for medical students at this meeting which is attended by all the surgery program directors).

2. **So You Want To Be A Surgeon.** <http://www.facs.org/residencysearch/>

A medical student's online guide to findings and matching with the best possible Surgery Residency.

3. **Association of Women Surgeons.** <http://www.womensurgeons.org/Home/index.asp>

There is a download titled "Pocket Mentor" with information about surgery.

4. **Volunteer Opportunities.** <http://www.operationgivingback.facs.org/content2272.html>

This website provides information relevant to medical students interested in participation in both domestic and international surgical volunteerism opportunities.

UROLOGY

1. **"Knock Them Dead" Interview Book by Martin Yates**
2. **Meet with the Chair of the Department**

Resources Suggested in Student Surveys

- www.Scutwork.com
- www.auntminnie.com
- www.AAFP.com
- **Iseron's Getting Into a Residency**
- **Saunders, How to Choose a Medical Specialty**

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