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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 https://www.aamc.org/students/medstudents/eras/
   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 https://www.aamc.org/cim/
   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.

   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 https://www.aamc.org/cim/336592/search.html?p=1&q=career+planning
   Career Planning Resources – a collection of links to career advice, specialty boards, and practical tools for students and residents.
8. ACGME  [http://www.acgme.org/acgmeweb/]
From the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education – what every medical student needs to know about the ACGME.

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

10. Match Tips and Tutorial:
    [http://www.nrmp.org/applicant-match-tips/]
    [http://www.nrmp.org/new-e-learning-online-tutorial-couples-match/]

11. 2014 NRMP Program Director Survey
    **NRMP 2014 Main Residency Match**
The National Resident Matching Program (NRMP) conducted a survey of the directors of all programs participating in the 2012 Main Residency Match℠. The primary purpose of the survey was to shed light on the factors that program directors use in both (1) selecting applicants to interview and (2) ranking applicants for The Match.

    [http://womenshealth.gov/index.html]
The Directory was initially developed from a national survey of 1,355 hospitals conducted in September 1995. Information from the Association of American Medical Colleges, the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, and the American Hospital Association was used to identify institutions approved for Women’s Health residency and fellowship programs.

13. 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.

14. Medical Schools Directory:
    [http://www.aboutmedicalschools.com/medical/career/choosespecialty.asp]
Here you can find the most important medical schools, and also very important information about medical education, medical career, medicine, medical jobs and other resources related with Medical schools.
Specialty Specific Resources

ANESTHESIOLOGY
1. If you are a student interested in anesthesiology, find out what you need to know to get started on this exciting career path. If you already are committed to a career in anesthesiology, find out how being involved in ASA can benefit you and the profession.  
   http://www.asahq.org/For-Students/For-Medical-Students.aspx

EMERGENCY MEDICINE
   Includes links and pdf files relevant to students applying in Emergency Medicine
   SAEM Residency Directory:  http://www.saem.org/membership/services/residency-directory
2. American College of Emergency Medicine: 
   http://www.acep.org/ACEPmembership.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&id=34594&fid=796&mo=No
3. Emergency Medicine Residents’ Association:  www.emramatch.org

INTERNAL MEDICINE
1. American College of Physicians:  http://www.acponline.org/medical_students/
2. Specific threads:
   • http://forums.studentdoctor.net/showthread.php?t=199542
   • http://forums.studentdoctor.net/showthread.php?s=&threadid=63869

NEUROLOGY
1.) Neurology resource: American Academy of Neurology 

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. American Board of Pathology  http://www.abpath.org/
2. 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

PSYCHIATRY
1. American Psychiatric Association:  http://www.psychiatry.org/medical-students. In this section, you will find information about psychiatry as a career choice, educational opportunities and resources in pursuing this specialty.
**RADIOLOGY**

   AuntMinnie is an online radiology portal with cases as well as a discussion forum for medical students.

2. bubbasoft.org:  [http://www.bubbasoft.org/](http://www.bubbasoft.org/)
   Bubbasoft is a radiology website for medical students that contains information on applying to radiology residency with lists of the residency programs and tips for writing a personal statement.

**SURGERY**

   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/](http://www.facs.org/residencysearch/)
   A medical student’s online guide to findings and matching with the best possible Surgery Residency.

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

4. Volunteer Opportunities:  [http://www.operationgivingback.facs.org/content2272.html](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**

- Scutwork:  [http://www.scutwork.com/cgi-bin/links/page.cgi?d=1](http://www.scutwork.com/cgi-bin/links/page.cgi?d=1)
- American Academy of Family Practice:  [http://www.aafp.org/home.html](http://www.aafp.org/home.html)
- Iserson’s Getting Into a Residency
- Saunders, How to Choose a Medical Specialty