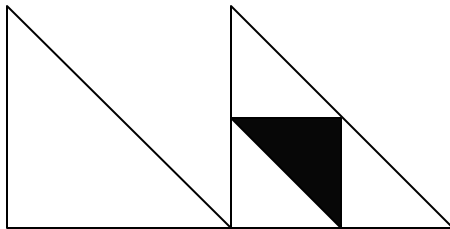


AOA Intern / Resident
Registration Program

The AOA Match

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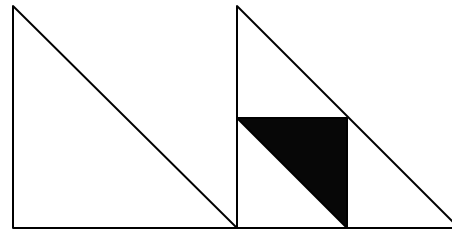
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- Develops/operates Matching Programs in a variety of major professions
- Has administered the AOA Match since 1994 (the 1995 Match)
- Long-time consultant to NRMP

Topics To Be Covered

- Overview of the AOA Match
- Common areas of confusion or misunderstanding
- Current integration with NRMP
- Questions ?

Schedule of Dates

- June Student registration begins
- July - Jan Students apply to programs
- Aug - Sept Institution and program registration
- Oct 14 / 05 Recommended date for return of student agreements
- Nov 1 / 05 Listing of participating programs available

Schedule of Dates

- Nov 30 / 05 Instructions for submitting rankings provided
- Jan 11 / 06 Begin submitting rankings
- Jan 27 / 06 Deadline for submitting rankings
- Feb 13 / 06 Match results distributed
- Feb 13 + Post Match activities

Student Registration

- AOA provides list of current seniors
 - Confirmed with schools
- Students obtain registration materials from Match web site
 - Can request a package from NMS
- Students submit Agreement and fee
 - Fee reduced to \$65 for 2006 Match

Student Match Participation

- Students can apply for osteopathic and/or allopathic programs
 - Register separately for NRMP
- Students with military commitments:
 - Can register in AOA Match
 - Must withdraw if receive a military position before the Match

Institution/Program Registration

- Information sent to institutions in July
 - Based on previously *active* programs
- DMEs update, sign and return information
- Can make subsequent changes
 - Notify NMS re: adds / deletes
 - Changes in positions made on-line prior to ROL deadline

Approved & Funded Positions

- Only AOA-approved positions in Match
- All funded OGME-1 positions must be offered in the Match, except for positions offered in NRMP (dually accredited)
- Total # funded positions in Match must not exceed # AOA-approved positions
- Institution can allocate funded OGME-1 positions to programs as they see fit

Programs Accredited by Both AOA and ACGME

- Can offer positions in both AOA and NRMP Matches
- Allocate positions between matches
- AOA Match occurs first
- Can increase positions offered in NRMP based on results of AOA Match

Program Types

- AOA internship types:
 - Traditional rotating
 - Special emphasis (AN, DR, EM, FP, GS, PS)
 - Specialty track (IM, IM/PD, OB, OOP, PD, UR)
- Match program types:
 - Internship-only
 - Combined internship / residency

AOA Internship	Linked	OGME Commitment	Match Program
Traditional Rotating	No	1 year only	Internship
	Yes	multiple year	Combined
Special Emphasis	No	1 year only	Internship
	Yes	multiple year	Combined
Specialty Track	Yes	multiple year	Combined

Example

	Positions
■ INT:TRADITIONAL ROTATING	5
■ CMB:T/GENERAL SURGERY	2
■ CMB:IM/INTERNAL MEDICINE	3
■ INT:FAMILY PRACTICE	2
■ CMB:AN/ANESTHESIOLOGY	1

Reverting Unfilled Positions

- During Match processing, move unfilled positions from one program (donor) to another (receiver)
- Common use:
 - combined internship/residency
→ internship-only program

Reversion Examples

1)

Donor	Positions	Receiver	Positions
CMB: T/GS	2	INT: TR	6 +

2)

Donor	Positions	Receiver	Positions
CMB: T/DR	1	INT: TR	0 +
CMB: T/GS	2	INT: TR	0 +

Reversion Rules

- Any program can donate or receive
- Donor can revert:
 - Some or all positions
 - To one or more programs: $A \rightarrow B$, $A \rightarrow C$
- Can be chained: $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C$
- Chains cannot loop: $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \not\rightarrow A$
- Results show reverted positions in receiver program, whether filled or not

Applications / Evaluations

- Independent of the Match
- For 2006, will use ERAS system
- During this time Match provides:
 - Lists of participating applicants and programs
 - Instructions for submitting rankings and obtaining results

Communication of Ranking Intentions

- Voluntary communications permitted
- Cannot request or pressure other party to reveal ranking intentions
- Cannot make commitments or contracts before the Match

Preparation of Rankings

- Rank according to *true preferences*
- Ranks submitted via the web-based ROLIC system
- Ranks are confidential
- Flexibility provided to meet specific requirements:
 - Students: Couples
 - Programs: Multiple lists

Couples

- Two students coordinate their rankings to form paired choices of programs
 - Pairings formed by rank number
- Couple member can rank same program multiple times, paired with different programs for partner
- Paired rankings can include option to leave one partner unmatched

Couples Example

Partner A	Partner B
1 - Chicago, Pgm A	1 - Chicago, Pgm A
2 - Chicago, Pgm A	2 - Chicago, Pgm B
3 - Chicago, Pgm B	3 - Chicago, Pgm A
4 - Chicago, Pgm B	4 - Chicago, Pgm B
5 - Detroit, Pgm C	5 - Detroit, Pgm D
6 - Chicago, Pgm A	6 - No Match
7 - No Match	7 - Chicago, Pgm A

Multiple Lists from A Single Program

- Control mix of applicants with different characteristics
 - School, language, interests
 - Rotation preferences
 - Funding, quality of applicants
- Program has specific preferences but applicants may not

Multiple Lists: Example

List A (1 position)	List B (2 positions)
1 - Lynn	1 - Mark
2 - Anwar	2 - Boris
3 - Frank	3 - Anwar
	4 - Greg
	5 - Ruth

Revert unfilled position from List A to List B

Multiple List Procedures

- How many lists are required?
- Allocate positions across lists
- Prepare lists
- Decide on reversions between lists
 - Relax requirements to avoid unfilled positions
- If same applicant on multiple lists, must decide on list priority

The Match

- “Optimal” for both applicants and programs
 - Each applicant is placed with the most preferred program available
 - Each program is matched with the most preferred applicant(s) available
- Student-proposing algorithm

Interactions With Other Matches

- Students with a prior commitment to a position are not permitted to then match to a concurrent position
 - Military: prior to AOA Match
 - NRMP: after AOA Match, depends on type of matched AOA program

Match Results

- Binding on students and programs
- Program cannot offer a position to an applicant matched elsewhere without a written release
- Release in writing, by mutual consent
- Violations may result in loss of approval of training

Results Distribution

Provided via web site (confidential) and e-mail (also phone and fax if necessary)

	Students	Programs	Schools
Personal result	v	v	v
Unfilled positions	v		v
Unmatched		v	
Non-participants		v	
All applicants		v	v

Post Match

- Programs and matched students sign standard AOA contracts
- Participants in NRMP update status and rankings before deadlines
- Unmatched students and programs connect and sign contracts
- Students in military or ACGME program can apply for AOA approval of training

Questions ?