# UF Health – Graduate Medical Education Policy and Procedure

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TITLE: National Resident Matching Program Participation

POLICY: The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education

(ACGME) Institutional Requirements require strongly suggests that institutions and all sponsored programs participate in an organized matching program such as the National Resident Matching

Program (www.NRMP.org).

Initial residency (core programs) applicants will <u>only</u> be accepted into U.F. GME Training Programs through the NRMP or other accepted matching programs (e.g. San Francisco match). All departments are REQUIRED to offer all their core residency positions through the matching process. Fellowships are encouraged to offer all their positions through a matching program available to them. There are no exceptions to this policy for initial (core) residency programs.

### **DESCRIPTION:**

## NRMP

The NRMP provides a uniform date of appointment to positions in GME (residencies and fellowships) and provides a system for the confidential selection and ranking of applicants to residency positions. The NRMP matches eliminate the pressure that might otherwise fall upon applicants and programs to make decisions before all of their options are known.

The NRMP is a matching service and provides the mechanism for matching applicants to programs according to the preferences expressed by both parties on their individualized rank order lists.

The NRMP is not an application processing service. It provides an impartial venue for matching applicants' and programs' preferences for each other consistently. Many programs use ERAS for centralized applications: <u>Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS)</u>.

# Eligible Applicants

All applicants must meet the requirements of the ACGME as found in the institutional Requirements (II.A.). Please note that effective July, 2015, applicants seeking entry into advanced level ACGME accredited programs (i.e. all fellowships and all core programs starting at the PGY-2 level) must have completed an ACGME accredited prerequisite program.

## **Participation**

All applicants and programs are required to comply with the "Match Participation Agreement" without exception.

Match Participation Agreements

Programs may withdraw positions or withdraw entirely (as required in the "Match Participation Agreement") but only with the permission of the Graduate Medical Education Committee and DIO. Programs withdrawing positions or entirely from the match may NOT subsequently offer positions outside of the matching program for that academic year. Programs may no longer offer ANY positions to independent (non-US senior medical school graduates) outside the matching program.

#### APPROVED:

**Graduate Medical Education Committee**