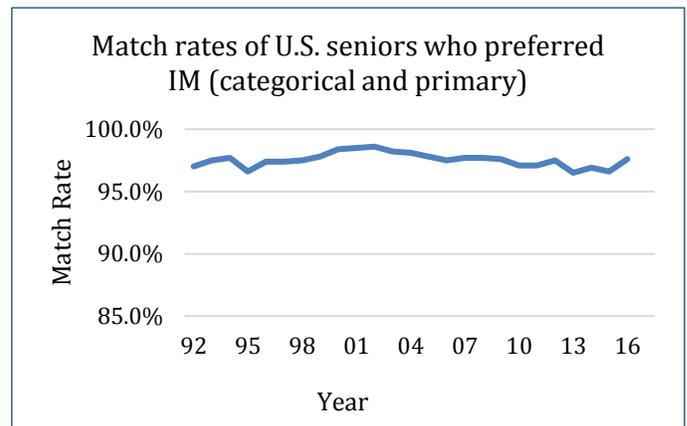


APPLICATION INFLATION IN INTERNAL MEDICINE



The Bottom Line

- Every year, medical students are applying to an increasing number of IM residency programs.
- The data do **NOT** support the belief that US senior medical students are less successful in the NRMP Main Residency Match or that the Match is becoming more competitive over time.
- In the 2016 Match, IM programs needed to rank more applicants per position available in the Match than ever before to fill their spots (6.7 ranked applicants per position).ⁱ
- The match rate for U.S. senior categorical and primary care applicants who prefer IM has approached 100% since at least 1992. IM preferred applicants are defined by ranking IM as the first specialty.ⁱⁱⁱ



Tips for Residency Program Directors

- Make minimum application requirements and information about characteristics of applicants who are typically offered an interview readily accessible and transparent on your website and national databases.
- Do not extend more interview invitations than the number of interview positions available.
- Clearly communicate the expectation that an applicant must respond to an interview offer within two to three business days or risk the interview spot being given away.
- Inform all applicants of their status (invited, on hold, rejected) once a decision is made.
- Do not require a supplemental application or charge any type of additional fee.

Tips for Medical Schools and Student Advisors

- Access and use application, interview, and match data on recent graduates from your medical school to facilitate comparisons of your competitiveness for specialties and specific residency programs based on graduates with similar characteristics (grades, test scores, research, leadership, AOA, etc.)

Find more resources at www.im.org/inflation

ⁱ NRMP data come from: <http://www.nrmp.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Main-Match-Results-and-Data-2016.pdf>

ⁱⁱ Data in these bullets come from 2016 ERAS data table (<https://www.aamc.org/services/eras/stats>) except AOA data, which references 2015 ERAS data table. ⁱⁱⁱ Based on NRMP data request. Per AAIM's agreement with the NRMP, this data will only be made public on this fact sheet.