

Sample Interviewer Responses to Applicant Questions about Program Ranking

Applicant Question	Sample Interviewer Responses
<p>“If I told you I was interested in [specialty/primary care/interviewer’s research interest], would that increase my chances of Matching here?”</p>	<p>“The rank list committee takes into account many facets of an application, including authenticity, so I cannot speak specifically to your question.”</p>
<p>“Whom do I need to let know that you are my number one choice program?”</p>	<p>“Our program follows the AAIM guidelines for interview and post-interview communication, so, while that type of communication may be discouraged, you are free to mention that to whomever you would like. However, do not expect a response.”</p>
<p>“Should I come here for a second look?”</p>	<p>“Second looks are available to those applicants that believe it will help them make a decision about their rank list, but we do not use them to assess candidates.”</p>
<p>“How would you rank your program compared to other local competitors?”</p>	<p>“All programs have their own character and strength. Comparing ourselves to others does not change who we are and we prefer to sell ourselves on our own merits.”</p>
<p>“Are there international medical graduates in this program? If so, why?”</p>	<p>“We fill our program with those that we think are the best fit for them and for us, regardless of where they are from”</p>
<p>“I’ve been offered a position outside of the Match, but I would prefer to be here. What advice can you give me?”</p>	<p>“I cannot speak to your chances of getting into our program, so I would advise you to do what you think is right for you.”</p>