

Rank Order Lists & The NRMP

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GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR CREATING A RANK ORDER LIST

- Review NRMP resources
- Begin creating list early
- Review list with Specialty Career Advisor
- Rank all programs unless you would prefer to go unmatched
- Rank programs in order of fit/interest

Complete list of NRMP Resources:

www.nrmp.org/residency-applicants/get-ready-for-the-match/

UWSOM Career Advising Guidance on Ranking:

education.uwmedicine.org/career-advising/applying-to-residency/ranking/

How to Approach Ranking Decisions

- **Reach back out to programs** and residents with specific questions that will help you compare programs by criteria
- **Talk with people in the UW network** to learn more about programs and locations:
 - ✓ Specialty career advisors, residents, mentors, faculty
 - ✓ [UWSOM Residents in Medicine database](#)
 - ✓ [UW Medicine Alumni HOST program](#)



Tools & Resources to Reflect on your Priorities

- [AAMC Careers in Medicine Residency Preference Exercise](#)
- [UWSOM Ranking Values Tool](#)
- [2021 NRMP Applicant Survey](#)
- [“4th Year Episode #1” TUMS Podcast](#)

AAMC CiM Residency Preference Exercise

Residency Preference Profile - Results

General Hospital



 [Edit profile name](#)  [Delete](#)

Here are your most important criteria for choosing a residency program:

Educational Factors <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Program philosophy■ Quality of educational curriculum■ Richness/diversity of training experience■ Amount of supervision■ Opportunities to teach medical students and/or residents■ Program's flexibility to pursue electives and interests	Clinical Duties/Patient Care <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Diversity of patient problems■ Work as member/leader of interdisciplinary team
Workplace Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Quality of hospital facility■ Future opportunities with institution■ Residency Program Setting (e.g. University Hospital, Community-Based Hospital, Military Facility)	Compensation/Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Salary■ Insurance (health, malpractice, etc.)■ Retirement plans■ Parental/sick leave■ Other Benefits
Staff Characteristics <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Program director qualities■ Staff/faculty quality■ Residents' satisfaction with the training program■ Quality/makeup/training of resident staff■ General impression at interview■ Quality of interaction with faculty■ Quality of interaction/compatibility with current residents	Quality of Life <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Geographic location■ Cost of living■ Social and recreational opportunities of the area■ Services and opportunities for family members (e.g., employment, child care)

www.aamc.org/cim/prepare-residency/residency-preference-exercise

UWSOM Ranking Values Tool

<p>1. Enter your residency programs in the rows below.</p> 	<p>Evaluation Criteria</p>																																				<p>2. Enter the evaluation criteria that you are using to judge residency programs in the columns to the left.</p> 
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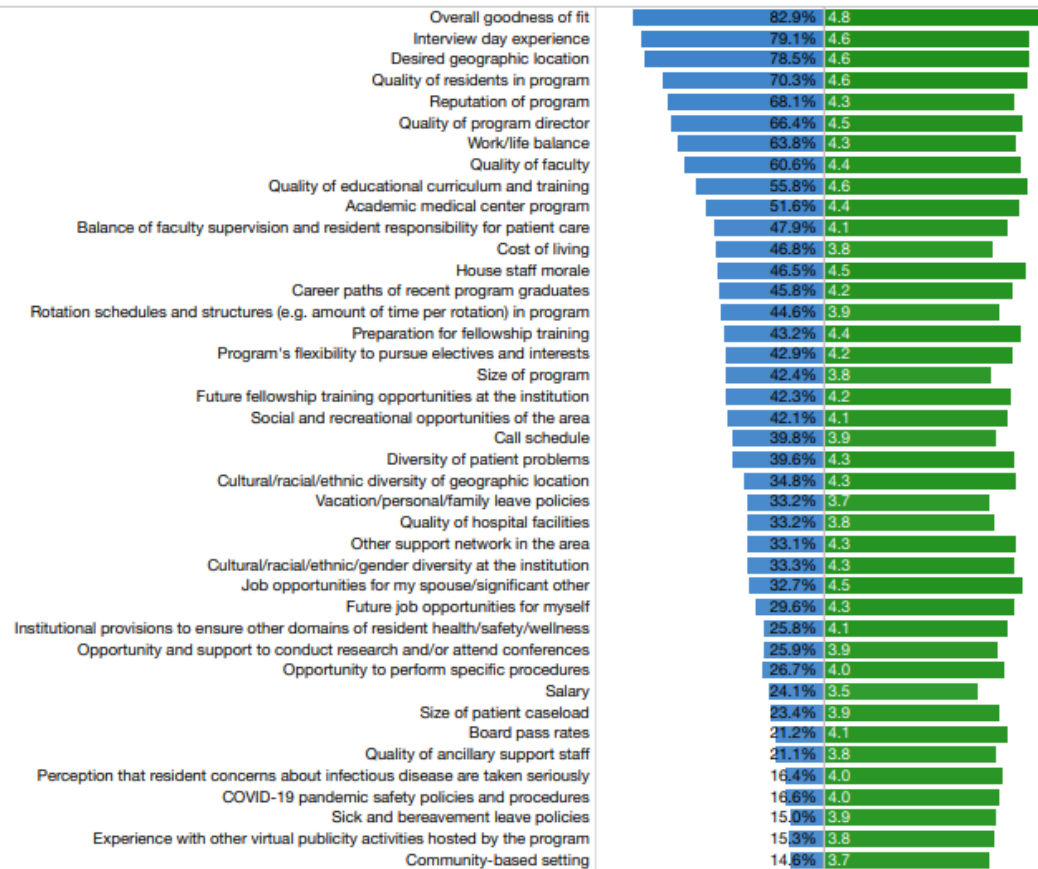
Downloadable from: education.uwmedicine.org/career-advising/applying-to-residency/ranking/

2021 NRMP Applicant Survey

Figure 4

All Specialties

Percent of *U.S. MD Seniors* Citing Each Factor and Mean Importance Rating* for Each Factor in Ranking Programs



Available at:

www.nrmp.org/match-data-analytics/residency-data-reports/

Certifying Your Rank List

- Review the [NRMP Certifying a Rank Order List](#) section, including the [Support Guide](#)
- The ranking system opens to you on **Feb. 1 at 9 am PT**
- Certify your list prior to the rank list certification deadline – **March 2, 6:00 pm PT**
- If (before the deadline) you change your list after you certify it, you must re-certify the list
- Do not make last minute changes
- Double check your program codes
- Save a copy of your rank list – the system will not save a copy for you

Frequently Asked Questions

- I know we can send an email to our #1 (top choice) program, but should we also reach out to our 2nd and 3rd choice to let them know that we are "ranking them highly"?
- Should I send a "#1 email" to my top program if I am having trouble deciding between my top 3 programs and would be happy at any of them?
- How can I be strategic about ranking programs with smaller number of residents vs larger programs?
- How does the likelihood of matching work when it is built off contiguous ranks and I am ranking more than one specialty?

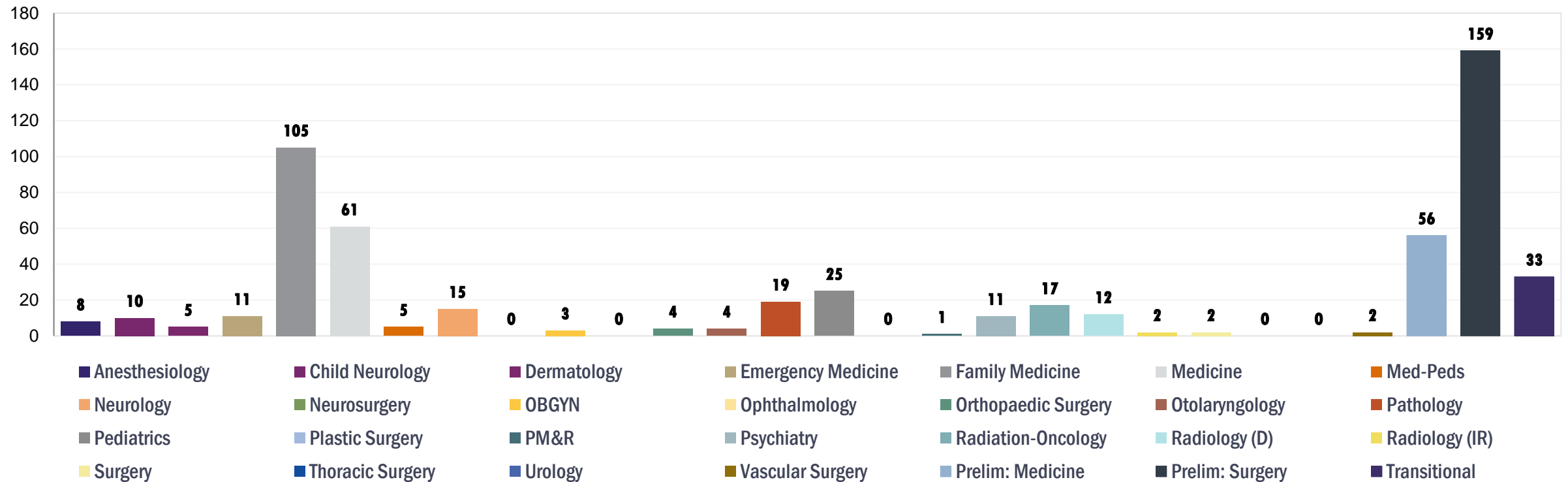
Frequently Asked Questions

- How should I conceptualize ranking several tracks/programs at the same institution? Is it Rank #s 2-5 or 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d?
- A residency program emailed me and said they are ranking me. Should I plan to not include my last 2-5 programs?
- What do I need to do if I don't have enough interviews?
- NRMP says that my graduation date is not verified. Will someone update that? And what do I need to do to certify my rank list?

SOAP IS NOT A
STRATEGY!

Average Number of Unfilled Programs Per Specialty

- Not all of programs listed elected to participate in SOAP
- Figures for specialties that offer both categorical and advanced program options may be misleading



• DATA PERIOD: 2018-2020

QUESTIONS?



Ranking for Prelim & Advanced Programs

- Review NRMP's [Creating Supplemental Rank Order Lists for Advanced Programs](#)
- Prepare a primary rank order list (ROL) and a supplemental ROL
 - Primary ROL = categorical, advanced, and preliminary* programs
 - Supplemental ROL = preliminary programs that are linked to advanced programs on the primary ROL
 - Multiple supplemental ROLs can be created
- Review ROLs with specialty advisors or career advisors
- Submit rank lists prior to deadline

*** Exercise caution!**

Couples Matching

- Register as a [couple](#) with NRMP
- Read the [UWSOM Couples Match website](#)
- NRMP's [Couples in the Match](#) videos
- Prepare rank lists early
 - Consider who would be willing to go unmatched in order for the other to match
- Review rank lists with a specialty advisor or career advisor
- Submit rank lists prior to deadline

Un-Coupling

- Follow the steps listed in the NRMP's [Applicant Coupling Support Guide](#)
- Revise rank lists
 - Remove duplicate program listings
 - Reorder programs based on your individual perception of residency programs
- Review rank lists with career advisors and college mentors
- Submit rank lists prior to deadline

Resource Links: General

- [UWSOM Career Advising Guidance on Ranking](#)
- [NRMP Guidelines for Applicants for Creating a Rank Order List](#)
- [NRMP Ranking Residency Programs: Creating Supplemental Rank Order Lists](#)
- [NRMP Certifying a Rank Order List](#), including the [Support Guide](#)
- [AAMC Careers in Medicine Rank Order List](#) guidance

Resource Links: Decision Making

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- [Applicant Coupling Guide](#)
- [Couples in the Match](#) videos
- [UWSOM Couples Matching](#) website