



# RANK LISTS

- The National Resident Matching Program (NRMP) publishes an annual “Charting Outcomes in the Match” handbook with statistics on who matches. For family medicine in 2018, the mean number of contiguous ranks for matched seniors was 11.4.

- There are many types of Family Medicine Programs and many ways to decide how to put together your rank list. Is location your most important consideration? Is it a strong OB experience? How much inpatient medicine do you like? Consider doing several rank lists based off of each of these factors and see which you like the most.

- Complete your rank list early.

- Don't forget to certify your rank list. You can still edit if your preferences change, but you don't want to forget to certify.

- Trust your gut. If you did not get a good feeling at a program, do not rank it.

- Ultimately, you have more possibilities than you think. Family Medicine is a specialty in high demand right now and most applicants get one of their top choices.



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# Residency Auditions, Interviews & Rank List

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# AUDITION ROTATIONS

## How many audition rotations should I do?

We would recommend doing at least 1-2 auditions; you can feel free to do 3 or more depending on how competitive the programs are. One committee member did over seven 2-week to 1-month auditions during her 4th year.

## How do I determine which audition rotations to apply to?

Try to do audition rotations where you are interested in doing residency. If you are solely applying to residency in one area (ex. Los Angeles, California), it may be reasonable to do more audition rotations, depending on how competitive you and the programs to which you are applying are. Consider factors such as fellowship affiliation, research, inpatient versus outpatient, community programs versus medical-school based programs. In addition, make sure to apply to a good range of “safety” versus “reach” programs.

Understand that rescinding an acceptance to an audition rotation without legitimate cause might not necessarily disqualify you from applying to that residency program in the future, but it ultimately does not reflect positively on your application - so don't over-apply to audition rotations!

## How can I make sure I crush my audition?

Remember that an audition is basically a 2-week to 1-month long interview! Try your best, come early, and be proactive. Be kind to everyone you meet! Most importantly, just be yourself! Try to see if the program is a good fit for you. Ultimately, would you be happy spending 3-4 years here?

## When should I be doing my audition rotations?

Every COM's schedule varies, so look to see when other students at your COM generally do their audition rotations. But be wary - everyone is looking to do audition rotations during “peak season” (July-December), so apply early and be flexible! Some students feel July is too early to “really shine” as the new interns are just starting out and the program may be focused on their transition period, so keep this in mind as well. January of fourth year is another time for possible auditions if it is a program you are especially interested in and were not able to secure a spot during the “peak season”.

## How can I, as a first, second, or third year medical student, stay ahead of the game?

- Perform extensive residency program research prior to starting your audition rotation research. Use websites like Freida, Doximity, or AAFP.
- Make a habit of constantly checking VSLO (Visiting Student Learning Opportunities)/VSAS (Visiting Student Application Service) on the AAMC's website for when audition rotation applications open and close.
- Peruse the AAMC's VSLO/VSAS website to research program contact information, deadlines, dates, requirements, etc. Use this time to also check the accreditation status of residency programs.
- Generally, family medicine audition rotation applications open as early as January or as late as April of your third year.

# RESIDENCY INTERVIEW

## DO'S

- Review your residency application and CV before your interview and be prepared to discuss any aspect of it in detail.
- Have questions ready to ask the residents and faculty about the program - try to have some specific questions that can't be answered by perusing the program website carefully.
- Ask about the city/region the program is in as well - you may be living there, and programs like to see you are interested in their community as well as their program.
- Remember that at most programs the residents get a vote on applicants. This means you should try to connect with as many residents during the day as possible.
- Get contact information for residents and faculty you interacted with during your interview to thank them later and to have in case you have further questions.

## DON'TS

- Do not talk about other interviews during your current interview day.
- Do not be too nervous! While you will understandably have some nerves, the interviews are as much an opportunity for you to decide if this is a program you would like to train at as they are a chance for the program to get to know you.
- Do not try to answer questions the way you think the interviewers want you to answer - just be yourself!