


## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - APPLICANTS

### NRMP Match for Dermatopathology Fellowship

The selection process for prospective fellows in Dermatopathology has switched to the NRMP Pathology Fellowship Match **for positions that begin in 2028**. Dermatopathology will participate in a multi-specialty Pathology Fellowship Match with Molecular Pathology, Hematopathology, Forensic Pathology, and Cytology, the other subspecialties in surgical pathology that have also decided to implement the match for recruitment.

<p>Are all dermatopathology fellowship programs participating in the NRMP match?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• At least 75% of programs are required to participate in the match. Participating programs are listed on the <a href="#">ASDP fellowship program website</a>.</li><li>• Please see individual websites for requirements and policies for nonparticipating programs</li></ul>
<p>When should I apply for fellowship positions?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Applications should (and are encouraged to) be submitted to programs of your choice before January 15, 2027.</li><li>• Applicants should check on the <a href="#">ASDP fellowship program website</a> for application open and close deadlines for participating programs.</li><li>• You can start applying for positions before <a href="#">registering</a> for the NRMP Match (see below).</li></ul>
<p>How are applications for Dermatopathology fellowship positions handled?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The ASDP is partnering with FellowshipsCAS (insert hyperlink) to provide a centralized, low-cost application platform for participating programs. Please visit <a href="#">ASDP fellowship program website</a> or program pages for more information</li><li>• The FellowshipsCAS portal will open on October 1, 2026. Please note that programs may begin to review applications any time between October 2026 and January 2027-please see ASDP website for exact dates individual programs open and close applications.</li></ul>
<p>When can I make an NRMP account and register for the Dermatopathology fellowship match?</p>	<p>One can make an account starting February 3, 2027</p>

How do I make an account and register for the Dermatopathology fellowship match?	Follow this step-by-step guide: <a href="https://www.nrmp.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Registering_for_SMS_Match-App.pdf">https://www.nrmp.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Registering_for_SMS_Match-App.pdf</a>
What items/documents are required to register for the NRMP Match?	USMLE ID, NBOME, and/or AOA ID, USMLE or COMLEX Test Scores, and AAMC ID.
When can applicants enter a rank list of programs?	Ranking opens on March 10, 2027, at noon, ET.
When can one no longer add to a rank list?	Ranking certification must be completed by April 14, 2027, at noon, EST.
When is Match Day?	Match Day is April 28, 2027 at noon, ET.
Can one apply to non-Match programs?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An applicant may apply to and interview at non-Match programs. However, they must decide whether to accept a position at a non-Match program before certification within the Match (before April 14, 2027).</li> <li>• The Match is a binding commitment. If an applicant accepts a position at a non-Match program, they must withdraw from the NRMP Match. Failure to do so constitutes a Match violation that may be disclosed to their medical school, current program director, designated institutional official, and other relevant parties.</li> </ul>
May an applicant ask programs to disclose their interest in me in terms of ranking preference?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicants must not request the program’s ranking preference or intentions.</li> </ul> <p>Programs may voluntarily disclose their ranking preference or interest during the application process. Likewise, applicants may voluntarily disclose their ranking preference or interest to programs, but programs are not permitted to request ranking preference from an applicant.</p>
How should applicants rank programs?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicants should create rank order lists based on their true preferences, the characteristics of the programs interviewed, and the perceived alignment of the applicant’s capabilities and interests with program mission, aims, and eligibility.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicants must respect the binding nature of a match commitment and be prepared to honor the commitment if a match occurs with any program placed on a certified rank order list.</li> </ul>
What if I match at a program and don't want to go there?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You should only rank programs you would WANT to attend .</li> <li>If you match to a program, there is a binding commitment to attend that program.</li> <li>If you cannot or will not honor the commitment, a waiver or deferral must be requested from the NRMP. Waivers are only granted in cases of ineligibility, change of specialty, or unanticipated, serious, and extreme hardship.</li> </ul>
What happens if I commit a Match violation?	<p>Match violations are investigated by the NRMP and serious consequences can occur. These consequences can include being barred from future Matches, and programs (even if they are not in the Match) may be barred from giving you an offer. See also the NRMP Violations policy section 6 below:</p> <p><a href="https://www.nrmp.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Violations-%20Policy_Ver.Aug2023.pdf">https://www.nrmp.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Violations-%20Policy_Ver.Aug2023.pdf</a></p>
Where can I find more information on the Match Code of Conduct?	<p><a href="https://www.nrmp.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/NRMP-Match-Codes-of-Conduct_Applicants.pdf">https://www.nrmp.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/NRMP-Match-Codes-of-Conduct_Applicants.pdf</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.nrmp.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/NRMP-Match-Code-of-Conduct_Programs.pdf">https://www.nrmp.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/NRMP-Match-Code-of-Conduct_Programs.pdf</a></p>
What should I do if I feel a Match Code of Conduct violation has occurred?	<p>See the website below for reporting information:</p> <p><a href="https://www.nrmp.org/policy/reporting-and-investigation-of-violations/">https://www.nrmp.org/policy/reporting-and-investigation-of-violations/</a></p>
How does the Match work?	<p>View <a href="https://youtu.be/cnVe_NYIVAE">https://youtu.be/cnVe_NYIVAE</a> or scan this:</p> <p>You can also view how the algorithm works at <a href="https://www.nrmp.org/intro-to-the-%20match/how-matching-algorithm-works/">https://www.nrmp.org/intro-to-the-%20match/how-matching-algorithm-works/</a></p> 

<p>What if I do not Match?</p>	<p>After Match Day, all programs participating in the Match with unfilled positions receive a list of applicants who did not Match. Applicants also receive a list of programs that did not fill. At this point, you may reach out directly to these programs to apply for and interview for these unfilled positions outside of the NRMP Match.</p>
<p>What are the benefits of using the NRMP Match?</p>	<p>The NRMP Match ensures professional standards in conduct are used in the selection of fellows. The Match will help make the Dermatopathology Fellowship selection process more equitable.</p>
<p>How much does it cost to register with the NRMP Match?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The standard registration fee for applicants is \$70; this includes the listing of up to 20 unique program codes on the rank order list.</li> <li>• For additional information: <a href="#">Match Fees   NRMP</a></li> </ul>