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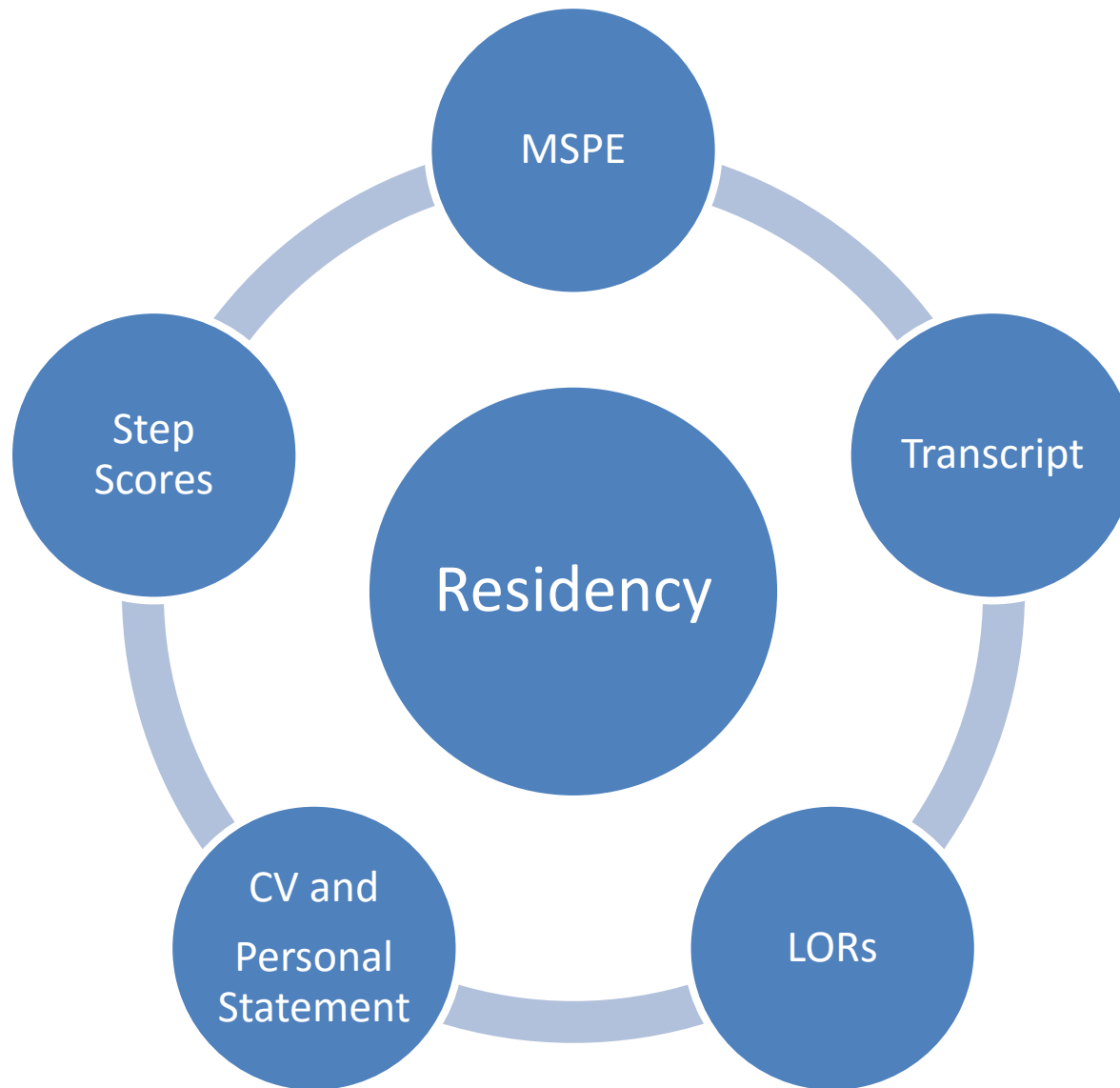
Transition to Clinical
Medicine Student
Presentation

July 2017

Overview

- Residency Application Supporting Documents
- Letters of Recommendation
- Step 2 scheduling strategy and resources
- Target USMLE Step Scores
- Number of positions per specialty

Residency Application Components



Residency Application Supporting Documents

- [Letters of Recommendation \(LoRs\)](#) - provided by student/letter writer
- [USMLE Transcript](#) - provided by student
- [Personal Statement](#) - provided by student
- [Curriculum Vitae \(CV\)](#) - provided by student
- [Photograph](#) - provided by student
- [Postgraduate Training Authorization Letter \(PTAL\)/Receipt](#) - provided by student (CA)
- [Medical School Transcript](#) - provided by OSPD
- [MSPE Letter](#) - provided by OSPD

[ERAS Residency Application and Supporting Document Submission At-a-Glance](#)

Letters of Recommendation (LoRS)

- All letters must be uploaded by the author or the author's designee using the [Letter of Recommendation Portal \(LoRP\)](#)
- Students will enter and finalize LoR Authors and print out a Letter Request Form along with instructions for the Author to upload the letter
- Students will submit these Request Forms and instructions to each Author by email, mail, or in person
- Authors complete their LoR, save it in PDF format and access the LoRP to upload their letter.
- [Asking for a Letter of Recommendation \(LoR\)](#) by ECFMG's ECHO Resources

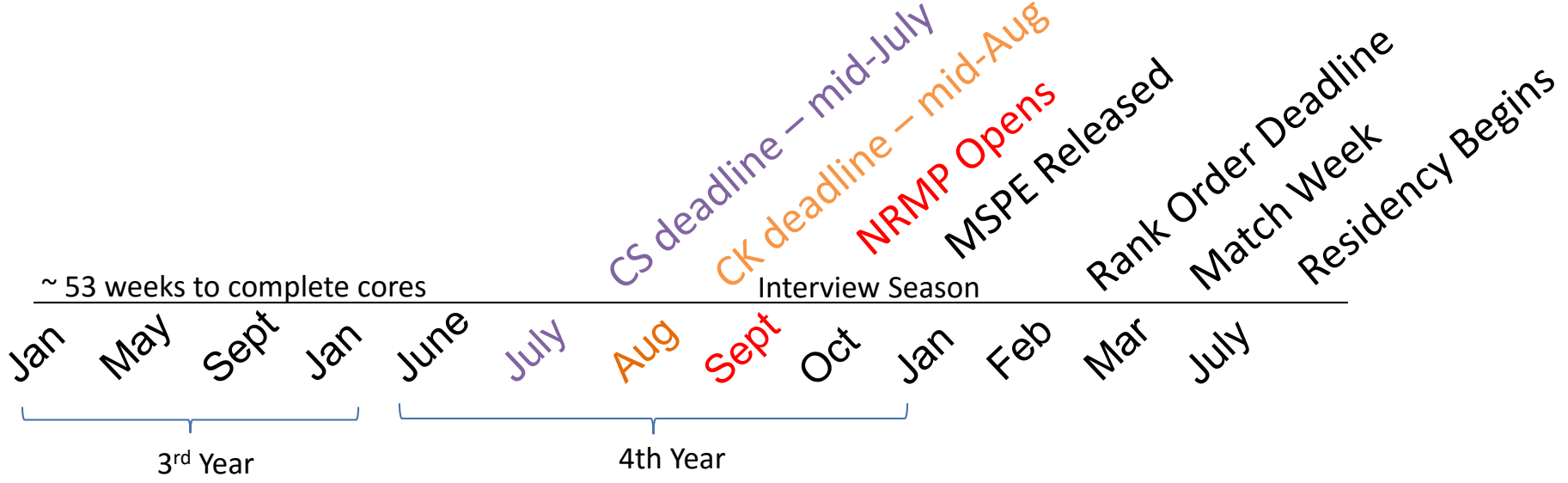
USMLE Step 2 CK Scheduling and Resources

- AUC's recommended deadline to take CK and have score reported prior to when NRMP Registration opens is the second Friday in August prior to the year entering the Match
- If possible, schedule a break after completing cores to study (8 weeks required per semester to be eligible for financial aid)
- Students will need to pass the Clinical Comprehensive (COMP) Exam prior to sitting for CK. Become familiar with [AUC's USMLE Step 2 CK Policy \(page 44\)](#)
- [Recommended resources](#) and [frequently asked questions](#) for CK

USMLE Step 2 CS Scheduling and Resources

- ECFMG recommends to schedule CS in February of year prior to entering the Match
- AUC's recommended deadline to take CS and have score reported prior to when NRMP Registration opens is typically mid-July
- If possible, schedule a break after completing cores to study (8 weeks required per semester to be eligible for financial aid)
- Take AUC's Clinical Skills Assessment (CSA) to help prepare for CS - it's free
- [Recommended resources](#) and [frequently asked questions](#) for CS

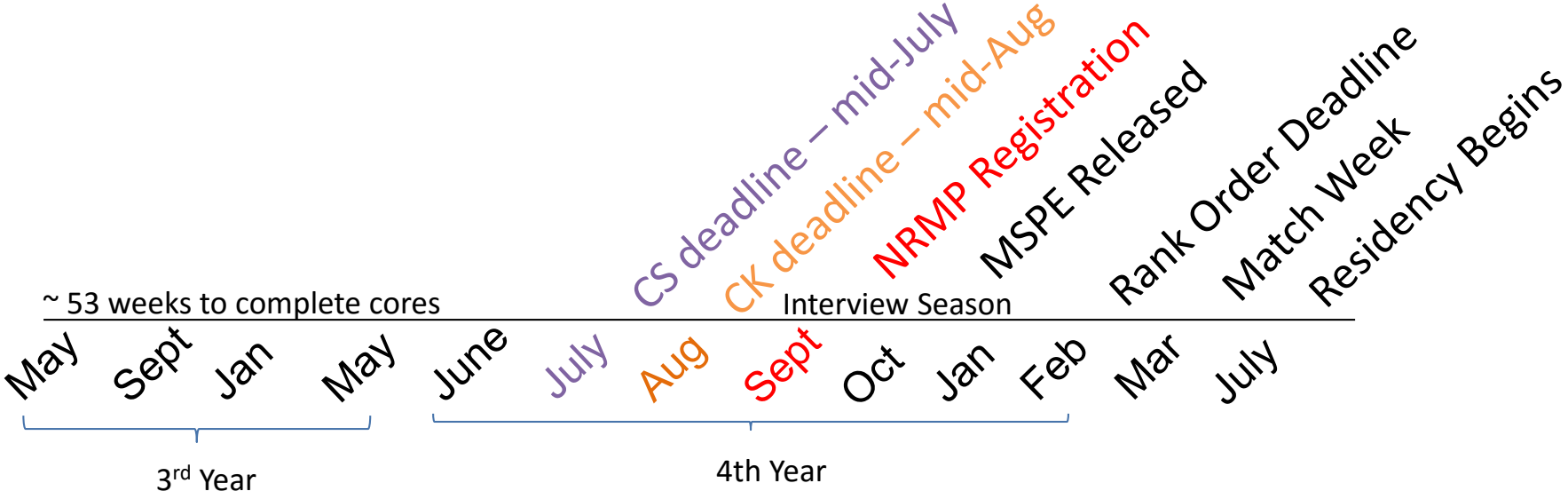
Timeline: Jan Class - NRMP®



8 weeks required for full-time status and financial aid

Complete electives in desired specialty by mid-August

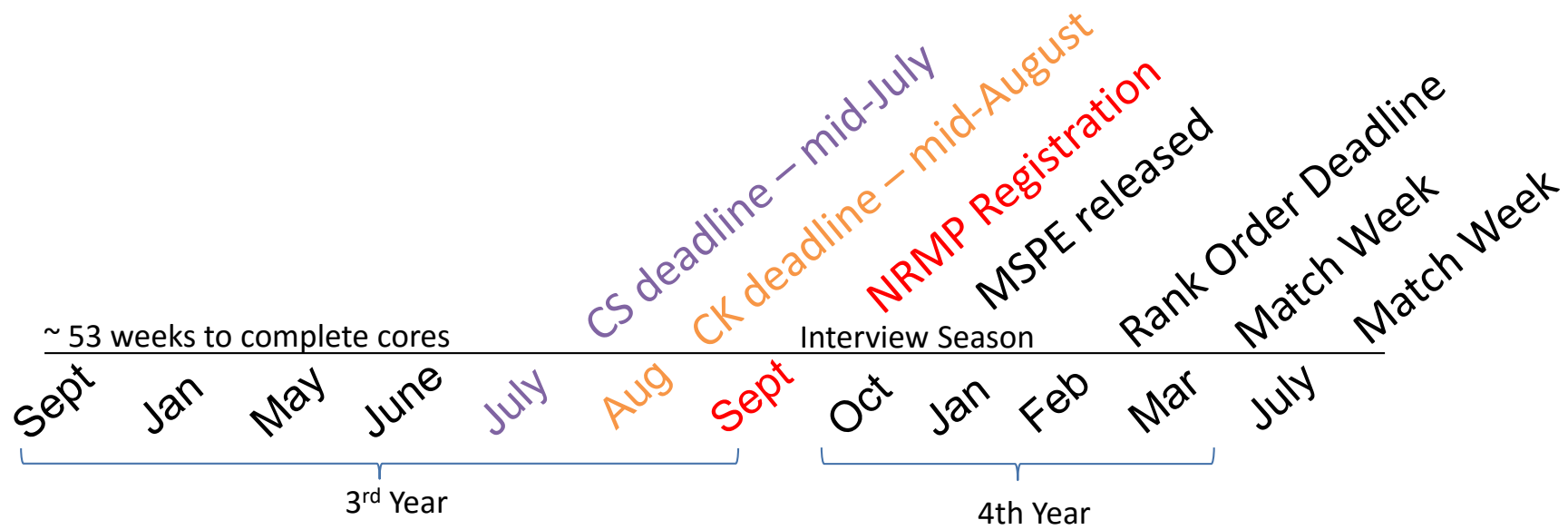
Timeline: May Class - NRMP®



8 weeks required for full-time status and fin aid

Complete elective(s) in desired specialty by mid-August

Timeline: Sept Class - NRMP®



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USMLE Step 1 Performance for 2014, 2015 and 2016 Classes

Specialty	# Residency Placements	% Matched into Specialty	NRMP Mean*	AUC Mean
Anesthesiology	35	4%	232	240
Emergency Medicine	15	2%	235	236
Family Medicine	233	30%	215	215
General Surgery	23	3%	227	243
Internal Medicine	236	30%	230	229
Neurology	14	2%	233	223
OB/GYN	16	2%	224	225
Pathology	9	1%	230	219
Pediatrics	60	8%	225	223
PM&R	9	1%	230	222
Psychiatry	51	6%	205	213
Radiology	15	2%	234	239

*Source: [2016 NRMP Program Director Survey's](#) section on "Scores Above Which Programs Almost Always Grant Interviews."

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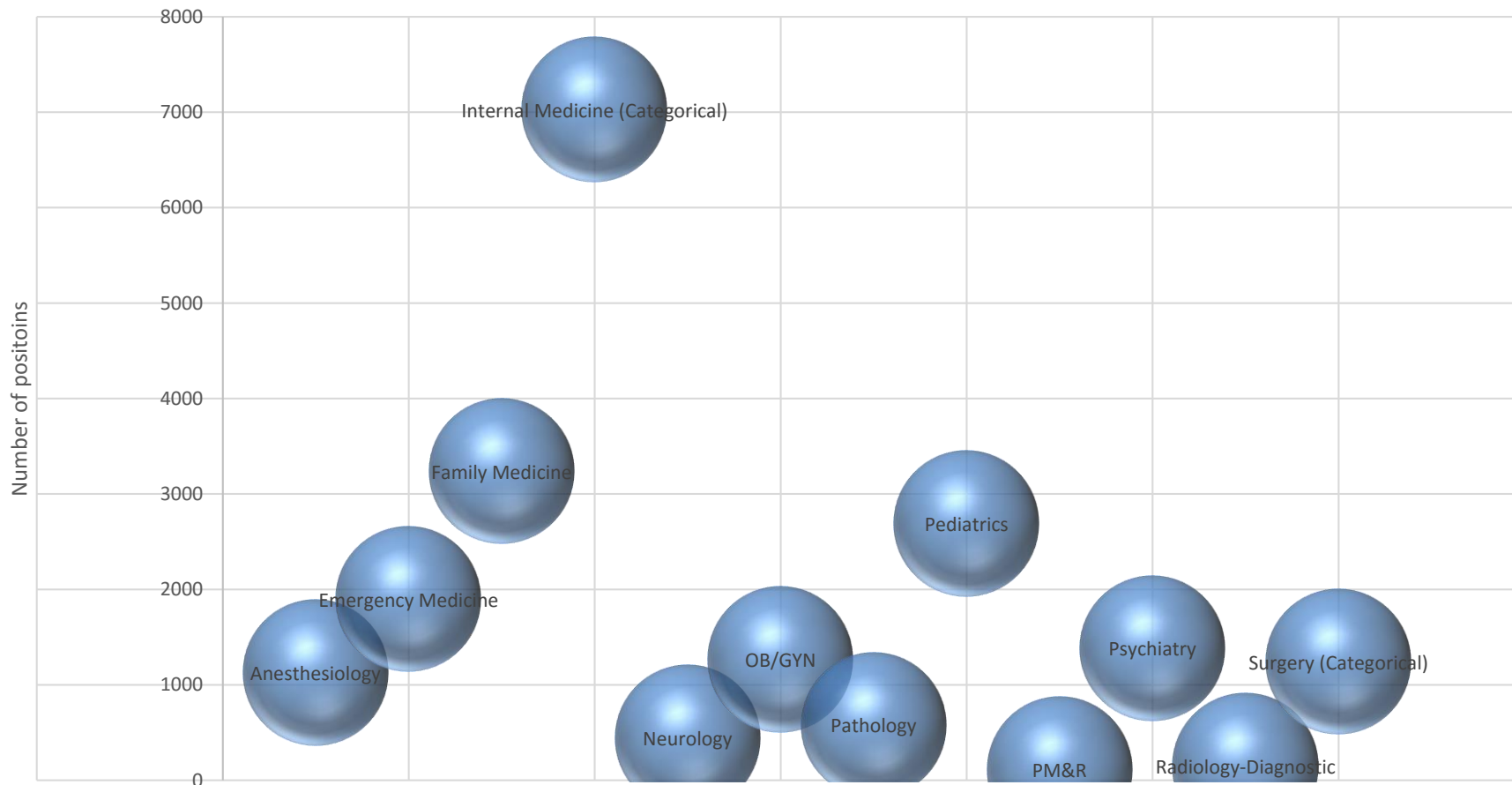
USMLE Step 2 CK Performance for 2014, 2015 and 2016 Classes

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Number of Positions Offered in the 2016 Match

Source: Results and Data: 2016 Main Residency Match by NRMP



Positions offered in the 2016 Match

Source: Results and Data: 2016 Main Residency Match

Specialty	# positions offered	% of all positions offered
Anesthesiology	1127	4.0%
Emergency Medicine	1895	6.8%
Family Medicine	3238	11.6%
Internal Medicine (Categorical)	7024	25.2%
Neurology	443	1.6%
OB/GYN	1265	4.5%
Pathology	579	2.1%
Pediatrics	2689	9.7%
PM&R	112	0.4%
Psychiatry	1384	5.0%
Radiology-Diagnostic	151	0.5%
Surgery (Categorical)	1241	4.5%

Scheduling Electives

- It is important to complete an elective rotation in a specialty of choice, if at all possible, **prior to, or as close to**, Electronic Residency Application Service® (ERAS) residency application time, so that you can have a letter of recommendation in your specialty of choice prior to residency interviews
- Consider completing this elective rotation at a hospital where you intend to apply to their residency program. This can effectively serve as a form of an ‘audition’ with that program.
- Students should generally avoid completing more than 8-10 weeks of elective rotations in the specialty of preference. It is preferable to demonstrate a broad knowledge base and clinical experience in related systems. For example, applicants for General Surgery may opt to take Cardiology, Radiology and Gastroenterology as they help broaden the general understanding of surgery.

Scheduling Electives

- The Office of Clinical Student Affairs has completed a list of suggested electives by specialty titled the '[Elective Clerkships Guide](#)'.
- Additional sources can be found by doing your personal research. This can include speaking with physicians who have matched into your area of interest and searching medical articles and forums online.
- AUC students may complete only 2 electives for a total of eight (8) weeks of elective clerkships per unaffiliated site.
- Unapproved States: Pennsylvania and New Jersey
- Texas rules: AUC students remain able to complete select elective rotations in Texas if they are a “visiting student” at a Texas medical school

Scheduling Electives

- Elective Scheduling and Policy Questions: Office of Clinical Student Affairs (OCSA Team), 305-446-0600, option 4, or send an email to Advisors@aucmed.edu or Coordinators@aucmed.edu.
- Residency Elective Questions: Office of Student and Professional Development (OSPD Team), 305-446-0600, option 6, or send an email to ospd@aucmed.edu.
- [AUC Student Services](#)

Resources

- [ECFMG](#) (introduction to application process)
- [NRMP](#) (how the match works, rank order lists and residency data)
- [OSPD Web Page](#) (AUC and non-AUC resources, MSPE Letter, Personal Statement and CV samples)
- [ECHO](#) (residency application support from ECFMG)

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