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# CORP Webinar: Expert Insights for New COM Residency Advisors: Valuable Advice and Tips

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# Objectives

- Provide a general overview of graduate medical education and the role of a residency advisor
- Review the roles of national organizations in residency advising
- Discuss the academic year timeline
- Share key resources for residency advisors
- Present mechanisms to engage in the AACOM Council on Residency Placement
- Highlight key pearls and pitfalls of residency advising
- Q&A

# Graduate Medical Education

Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education Definition:

"The period of didactic and clinical education in a medical specialty, subspecialty, or sub-subspecialty that follows completion of undergraduate medical education (i.e., medical school) and that prepares physicians for the independent practice of medicine in that specialty, subspecialty, or sub-subspecialty. Also referred to as residency or fellowship education"

Source: [https://www.acgme.org/globalassets/pdfs/ab\\_acgmeglossary.pdf](https://www.acgme.org/globalassets/pdfs/ab_acgmeglossary.pdf)

# Residency Advisor Key Responsibilities



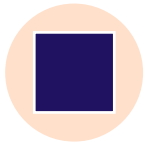
Residency Resources & Information



Career Counseling



Application Support



Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE)



Interview Preparation



Program Selection Advice:



Well-being Resources



Networking and Mentorship



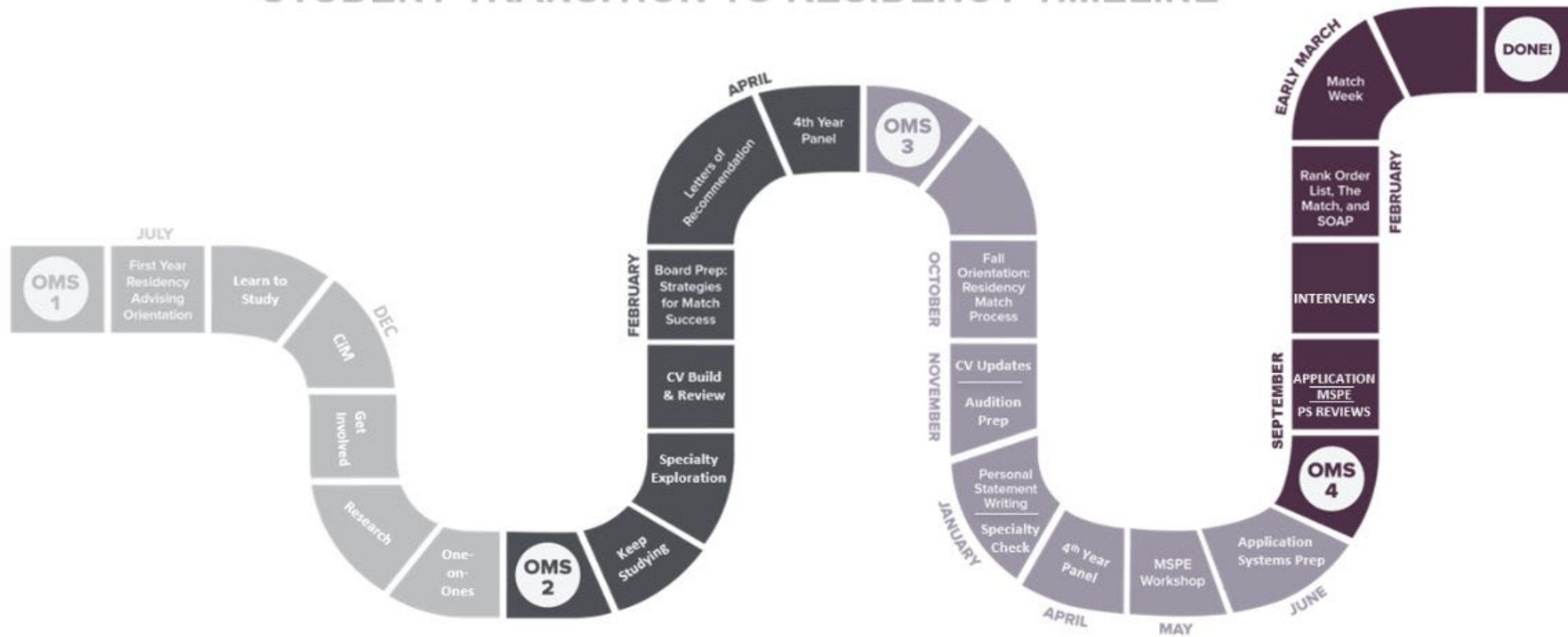
Assist struggling students

# Services You Can Provide to Your Students

## Year One, Two, Three, & Four

- Fall OMS-I: CiM Tool Overview Presentation
- Spring OMS-I: *Writing the CV* workshop
- Fall OMS-II: *Communication Skills to Successfully Market Yourself* - Writing the CV Part II, identifies abilities the student has developed in their specific experiences and orients them to stating these in an influential way- without exaggeration, but with empowerment
- OMS-III: Begin a series of presentations covering a variety of topics such as: ERAS Token Overview, Noteworthy Characteristics section in the MSPE, VSLO and planning the 4th Year, Parallel Plans, Writing the Personal Statement, Updates on the different Matches and Trends
- OMS-IV: Offer Mock Interviews apart from introducing Residency Interview Tools to practice
- OMS-IV, After The Match: *Transition to GME* Presentation on tips to start PGY-I on the Right Foot!

# STUDENT TRANSITION TO RESIDENCY TIMELINE





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# Key National Organizations

1. [American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine \(AACOM\)](#)
2. [Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education \(ACGME\)](#)
  - [Common Acronyms and Abbreviations in GME](#)
3. [Association of American Medical Colleges \(AAMC\)](#)
  - [Commonly Used Physician Acronyms](#)
4. [National Resident Matching Program \(NRMP\)](#)
5. [SF Match](#) (Ophthalmology; some Plastic Surgery programs)
6. [Urology Match](#)
7. [American Osteopathic Association \(AOA\)](#)
8. [National Board of Medical Examiners \(NBME\)](#)
9. [National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners \(NBOME\)](#)
10. [American Board of Medical Specialties \(ABMS\)](#)

# Data Resources for COM Advisors

## NRMP DATA AND REPORTS

- ★ [Charting Outcomes in the Match: Senior Students of U.S. DO Medical Schools](#)
- ★ [Program Director Survey](#)

## ERAS DATA

- ★ [ERAS Statistics](#)
- ★ [DWS Analytics](#)
- ★ [Participating Specialties & Programs](#)

## ACGME ACCREDITATION DATA (Public)

- ★ [List of Newly Accredited Programs](#)
- ★ [List of Programs by Specialty](#)

## SF MATCH

- ★ [Ophthalmology Statistics](#)
- ★ [Plastic Surgery Statistics](#)

## RESIDENCY EXPLORER TOOL

Explore and compare residency programs.

**Explore Programs**

Browse, search, and view details on programs within a specialty. Also, filter your program search by state, region, distance from zip code, and visa type.

GO!

**Compare Programs**

Select the characteristics on which you want to compare different programs. You will be able to access this feature once you select programs to compare through **Explore Programs**.

GO!

# Data Resources for COM Advisors cont.-

## SPECIALTY SPECIFIC DATA & RESOURCES

Anesthesiology: [American Society of Anesthesiologists](#)

Dermatology: [Association of Professors of Dermatology](#)

Emergency Medicine: [Council of Residency Directors in Emergency Medicine \(CORD\)](#)

Family Medicine: [American Academy of Family Physicians](#)

Internal Medicine: [Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine](#)

Neurology: [American Academy of Neurology](#)

Neurosurgery: [Society of Neurological Surgeons](#)

OB/GYN: [Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics](#)

Ophthalmology: [Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology](#)

Orthopedic Surgery: [Council of Orthopaedic Residency Directors](#); [American Orthopaedic Association](#)

Otolaryngology: [Otolaryngology Program Directors Organization](#)

Pediatrics: [Association of Pediatric Program Directors](#)

Plastic Surgery: [American Council of Academic Plastic Surgeons](#)

Psychiatry: [American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training](#)

Radiology: [Association of Program Directors in Radiology](#)

Surgery: [Association of Program Directors in Surgery](#)

Urology: [American Urological Association](#)

# AACOM Resources



[Residency Application Data Guide](#)



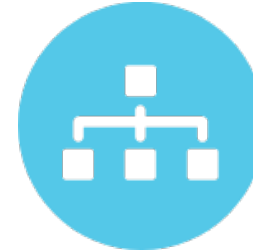
[Toolkit to Support Students Reentering the Residency Application & Match Process](#)



[CORP Letters of Recommendation Toolkit](#)



[AACOM Transition to Residency Resources](#)



[UME-GME Task Force Data](#)



[Residency Readiness Bootcamp Framework](#)

# AACOM Council on Residency Placement (CORP)

- Support and career development resources for COMs
  - Pre-conference workshop on student advising
- Career development resources for students to successfully navigate the transition to GME.
  - CORP educational program and webinars
  - Toolkits
- Advocate on behalf of member colleges and students to navigate challenges and address concerns that are associated with the transition from UME to GME.
  - Connections and dialogue with national organizations in the transition to residency
- Professional forum for shared learning and collaboration related to the successful transition to GME.
  - Listserv
  - Bi-weekly meetings with residency advisors across the nation, T2R experts

# April 16, CORP Pre-Conference Workshop: Educating Leaders 2024



## AACOM Annual Conference

### Sessions:

- The 2024 Match in Review: Data and Trends
- Data Driven Residency Choices: Strategies for Medical Students
- COM Panel: Career Counseling Resources Years I-IV
- Internal Medicine Preference Signaling
- Table Discussions and Case Vignettes:
  - Advising strategies: program signaling and geographic preferences
  - Advising strategies: limit of 10 experiences
  - MSPE transparency
  - Specialty selection & USMLE advice for at-risk students
- Case Discussion Wrap-Up & Group Report Out
- ERAS Update & Data/Research with Thalamus
- Interview Strategies: Program Director Perspectives
- An Introduction to New Residency Application Services
- A Discussion with CentralApp on Residency Application Services

### Speakers:

- Melva M. Landrum
- Dr. Martin Timoney
- George Haddad, Liaison International
- Katie Harden
- Dr. Kenneth Heiles
- Lisa Shelburne
- Dr. Carrie Champine
- PJ Kania, AAMC
- Dr. Jason Reminick, Thalamus
- Dr. Ross Newman
- Dr. Adam Kramer
- Dr. Kimberly Swan
- Dr. Melissa Middlemas
- Pam Barney
- Dr. Nauman Ashraf
- Dr. Maya Hammoud, APGO
- Dr. Kianna Jackson, CentralApp
- Dr. Thomas Mohr
- Dr. Karen Mitchell, AAFP



# Questions/Comments from Webinar Attendees

- I'm interested in connecting with other professionals in this field and learning from their experiences
- I would like to hear more about the experiences and any trends advisors are seeing
- What are some major differences in advising between preclinical and clinical years?
- What are the biggest pain points (related to technology) for Residency Advisors?
- Best advice for advisors sending their very first cohort out for residency interviews/applications this year?
- What are you telling students about new alternative registration platforms for residency placement such as Liaison?
- How to advise students with prior COMLEX failure and/or USMLE failure?
- How to best advise a student that is struggling with passing COMLEX and is fixed in a very competitive specialty?
- Are there any interactive tools that student advisors can use when counseling students?





SEEKING CONNECTION TO A RESIDENCY  
ADVISOR MENTOR?

Contact us at [GME-Initiatives@aacom.org](mailto:GME-Initiatives@aacom.org)



# Pearls of Wisdom: Avoiding Pitfalls in Advising

## Pearls & Pitfalls

- Getting involved with students early! (1st and 2nd year)
  - Enlist help from your alumni services and graduates
- Need to go through a full-year cycle to understand process
- When changes happen during the season
- Staying current with changes in the transition to residency, networking with others in the field
  - Don't be afraid to ask questions and tell students that you will find answers

## Helpful Links

- CORP: <https://www.aacom.org/medical-education/councils-committees/council-on-residency-placement>
- AOGME: [www.aacom.org/AOGME](http://www.aacom.org/AOGME)
- AACOM Transition to Residency Webpage: <https://www.aacom.org/gme/transition-to-residency>
- NRMP Data & Statistics: <https://www.nrmp.org/match-data-analytics/>
- AAMC ERAS: <https://www.aamc.org/services/eras-for-institutions>
- AOA acronym list: [https://osteopathic.org/index.php?aam-media=/wp-](https://osteopathic.org/index.php?aam-media=/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/acronym-list.pdf)

