

2016 Match Day is a Good Day for Family Medicine

All Kansas family medicine residency programs filled in the Match this year. Match Day is always exciting for fourth year medical students. Prior to Match Day, fourth year medical students interview with residency programs in Kansas and across the country in the specialty of their choice and rank the programs while the programs also ranked the students. Students learn on Match Day, the residency program with which they are matched. This year's Match Day was Friday, March 18. Results will be published in the spring issue of the *Kansas Family Physician*.

Key Takeaway by AAFP

The 2016 NRMP Match results continue in the right direction for family medicine. The number of U.S. Seniors matching into family medicine residencies is up 398 over the last seven years. However, neither the production of family medicine residents by U.S. medical schools nor the number of available family medicine residency positions are sufficient to address primary care workforce needs in the U.S. The AAFP is working to remove significant barriers in the educational and practice environments that are stifling growth in family medicine specialty choice among U.S. medical graduates, as well as increase the number of family medicine graduate medical education positions. Substantial increases in the family medicine and primary care workforce will improve the health of Americans and the sustainability of the health care system.

AAFP Brief Analysis of family medicine results of the annual National Resident Matching Program:

http://www.aafp.org/dam/AAFP/documents/medical_education_residency/the_match/2016-Match-Report.pdf

For more information about Match Day nationally, go to <http://www.aafp.org/news/education-professional-development/20160318match.html>