

San Francisco Match

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I have had no direct contact with
SF Match.

Most comments based on by
experience, not a consensus of PDs.

In the old days.....

- Began to receive inquiries in July – Aug
- Received applications Aug – Sept
- Interviewed in the fall
- Made offers late fall early winter
- Had things largely settled by the new year

Then things began to start earlier...

- Seemed to be accelerated by ACTA Fellowship accreditation in 2007
- 2 problems
 - Application process spread out over time, offers being made very early, applicants being forced to accept/reject offers before being able to finish interviews
 - Some residents were being left behind

Solution number one

- Informal agreement among ACTA PDs to let offers stand until a date (July 31) then (July 1)
- Largely honored
- Problem:
 - Candidates held offers until the last minute
 - Resulted in mad scramble for unfilled programs

Solution number two

- 2009-2010 (for 2012-13 class)
- Offers sent by email simultaneously (early June)
- Offers good for one week
- Applicants to inform programs if they accepted another offer, so another offer could be made

Problems with solution number two:

- Some applicants held on to offers until the last minute
- Some applicants didn't inform programs when they accepted another offer

Exceptions allowing an early agreement:

- Internal candidates
- Applicants for more than one year
 - Typically ACTA + CCM
- Couples situations
- International applicants
- Applicants in the military

Solution number three: Match

- Mark Stafford-Smith, Chair SCA ACTA PD Committee
- Looked at a number of companies in the match business
- San Francisco Match identified
- 2010-2011 season no agreement in time for match
- Contract finalized between SF Match & SCA, so proceeding with match this year

San Francisco Match

- Founded in 1977
- Processed over 50,000 applications
- Currently manages three residency and 18 fellowship matches
- Offered flexibility on dates and the ability to retain the five exceptions allowing an early agreement

ACTA Match Logistics

- \$125 annual fee for each program
- \$50 fee for each applicant
- Match restricted to ACGME accredited programs and positions
- List of participating programs just submitted
 - 54/58 (93%) programs
 - 165/176 (94%) positions

ACTA Match Logistics

- “Exception” positions will be in the match
- Exceptions will be managed and verified by the SCA ACTA PD Committee (MS-S), separate from SF Match.
- Programs to submit planned exceptions to SCA via website by May 17, 2013
- Match rank lists submitted by June 3, 2013
- Match results released June 17, 2013

