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Updates on Pain Medicine 2019

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Pain Medicine Programs

- Total for 2020 appointments: 107, 3 withdrawn programs
- Participating (certified) in match: 104, 97% participation
- Filled: 101 (97%), Unfilled: 3 (3%)



Year	Number of Programs	Programs Filled	Programs Unfilled
2015	84	84	0
2016	90	88	2
2017	93	90	3
2018	98	95	3
2019	103	95	8

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Pain Medicine Positions

- Total for 2020 appointments: 367 positions
- Filled: 361 (98%), unfilled 6 (2%)



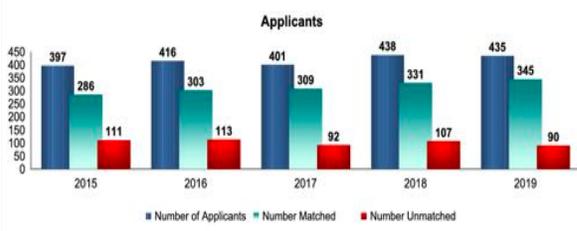
Year	Positions Offered	Positions Filled	Positions Unfilled
2015	286	286	0
2016	305	303	2
2017	316	309	7
2018	335	331	4
2019	359	345	14

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Applicants

- Applicants for 2020 appointment: 426
- Matched: 361 (85%)
- Not matched: 65 (15%)



Year	Number of Applicants	Number Matched	Number Unmatched
2015	397	286	111
2016	416	303	113
2017	401	309	92
2018	438	331	107
2019	435	345	90

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Positions and applicants

- Stable from 2018:
 - 1.3 applicants per position



Year	Number of Applicants Per Position	Percent of Applicants Matched
2015	1.4	72.0
2016	1.4	72.6
2017	1.3	77.1
2018	1.3	78.6
2019	1.2	79.3

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The applicants

Year	Program	Positions	Filled	% not matched	%US Grad	% FMG	Osteopaths	US International
2014	82	261	256	36	73	8	9	10
2015	84	286	286	27	69	9	14	7
2016	90	305	303	37	71	10	14	5
2017	93	316	309	23	70	9	15	6
2018	98	335	331	24	61	8	14	7
2019	103	359	345	21	65	11	16	8
2020	104	367	361	15	69	4	17	10

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What's new in the Pain World



Future of our fellows

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Pain Medicine Fellowship-2007 Program Requirements

- Multidisciplinary fellowship
- Base specialties
 - Anesthesiology
 - Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
 - Neurology
 - Psychiatry
- Other specialties can apply: ED, pediatrics, radiology, etc
- ONLY 1 Fellowship Program per institution

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Pain Medicine Fellowship-2019 Program Requirements

- Several minor issues (qualitative vs quantitative)
- One major issue: **Eliminate the one fellowship per institution requirement.**
- Letters from ASA, ASRA, AAPM, AAASPD, APPD emphasizing
 - The multidisciplinary aspects of the pain medicine fellowship
 - Collaboration between specialties
 - Use all institutional resources based on common planning and not competition

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June 2019

- Open commentaries session at ACGME
- 6 PD, 5 presenting testimony
 - 1 Neuro
 - 1 Psychiatry
 - 2 PMR
 - 3 Anesthesia
- **Decision was to eliminate the requirement.-LOST**
- Next steps- institutions



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CONCLUSIONS

- Consistent, high competitive fellowship 20% applicants not matching
- Steady state of the match, now the 7th year.
- Advantages/Disadvantages

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Apply/interview widely, costly – Time away from work – Extracurricular activities to serve the application best possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program directors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Many applications/Time consuming – No objective data – Short Time of the interview 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Potential more – Quality of Education – Institutional resources
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Building a community of pain PD with similar aspirations for their incoming trainees

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