MESSAGE TO CANDIDATES FOR MOVEMENT DISORDER FELLOWSHIPS
BEGINNING ACADEMIC YEAR STARTING JULY 2015

RE: Matching Program -- Deadline Date of Thursday, September 4, 2014

Many Movement Disorders Fellowship programs have agreed to join forces and select fellows via a standardized matching program. At present there are 44 participating training programs; others may possibly join. This Movement Disorders Fellowship (MODIF) Match Network is a computerized match conducted by SFMatch, and is similar to the residency matching program.

The final date for submitting rank-order lists by candidates is Thursday, September 4, 2014, 12 noon PDT. The deadline for the sites is one week later.

Here is the alphabetical listing of the current members of the MODIF Match Network:

- Albany Medical College
- Barrow Neurological Institute
- Baylor College of Medicine
- Beth Israel Deaconess Boston
- Beth Israel New York
- Cleveland Clinic
- Columbia University
- Emory University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Loma Linda University
- Massachusetts General/Brigham
- Mayo Clinic Scottsdale
- Medical College of Georgia
- Medical University of S. Carolina
- Mount Sinai Medical Center
- NINDS
- New York University
- North Shore/Long Island Jewish
- Northwestern University
- Ochsner Health System
- Oregon Health Sciences University
- Rush University
- Stanford University
- University of Alabama at Birmingham
- University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)
- University of California, San Diego (UCSD)
- University of California, San Francisco (UCSF/SFVA)
- University of Colorado
- University of Florida
- University of Iowa
- University of Kentucky
- University of Maryland
- University of Miami
- University of Minnesota
- University of Nebraska
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Rochester
- University of Southern California (USC)
- University of Texas, Houston
- University of Texas Southwestern
- University of Toronto
- University of Utah
- University of Washington

REGISTERING FOR THE MATCH

Any candidate who wishes to become a fellow at one of our sites must do so through the match. The match system provides a standardized procedure with uniform deadline and notification dates. Most importantly, the match will remove pressure on candidates to select a site prior to the opportunity to be ranked by other sites. Participating sites are not allowed to offer a position outside the match, until after the match, and Fellowship positions are left unfilled. We hope the
MODIF Match Network will ultimately involve all North American movement disorder fellowship training programs, and have notified all known fellowship programs and invited them to participate.

**Registration of candidates for the Movement Disorders match.** Candidates register with SFMatch at [www.sfmatch.org](http://www.sfmatch.org) and pay a $50 registration fee. Then, run the cursor over “Fellowship Match” in the Left Panel. A list of fellowships appear. Click on Movement Disorders. The home page of MODIF Match opens. The left panel contains several bars. Click on “Getting Started” and read about the steps you take before ranking the programs you are interested in. The bottom bar is “Login/Register.” Click on this to register and pay the $50 registration fee. Only then will a table appear with the names and features of all the fellowship programs that are participating in the MODIF Fellowship Match Network. On the website, the programs are listed alphabetically by State (although the Canadian program in Toronto is listed last). Currently there are 44 programs.

You can register any time prior to the deadline for submitting your rank-order list to SFMatch. The deadline time and date is 12 noon (PDT) on Thursday, Sept. 4, 2014, for all candidates. The sites will submit their rank-order list to SFMatch by Sept. 11. Notification of where you are matched will be posted on the SFMatch website on Friday, September 19, 2014, at 12 noon (PDT). Only you will have access to your individual posting to learn your result. We recommend you register early, not only to see the programs and especially if any new programs join the match, but also to avoid any glitch in the registration process and to comprehend what you need to do to submit your rank-list prior to the deadline.

Rules on the match are presented on the SFMatch website. Among them are 1) no site is allowed to ask a candidate how the candidate will rank sites and 2) no candidate can ask the site how that candidate will be ranked. SFMatch does allow sites to voluntarily mention to a candidate that s/he will be ranked near the top. But most sites will likely not do so until all candidates have been interviewed.

This message has been approved by the MODIF Match Network Members.