Osteopathic GME Placements 2017 and 2018

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Single GME accreditation and the match

Distinctive elements of the match process for osteopathic medical students.

With the AOA match, in recent years, DO grads have been very fortunate in the match process.

• First, the military match for those with military obligations. And the SF and other special matches.

• Then the AOA match for those choosing it.

• Then the NRMP match for those unsuccessful in the AOA match or choosing the NRMP match.

• Finally, back to any unfilled positions in the AOA match.

• For US MD grads, the process essentially ended with the NRMP match and SOAP.
Leading to a generally successful GME process for DO grads.

2016 – 99.61% of current DO grads seeking GME were matched/placed.

2017 – 99.34% of current DO grads seeking GME were matched/placed.
But – with single GME accreditation –

Fewer positions in the AOA match
2015 – 3118 AOA positions
2016 – 3229 AOA positions -- peak
2017 – 3109 AOA positions
2018 – 2473 AOA positions
Overall decline of nearly 25% from the peak.
AACOM began collecting match data about 5 years ago because what was out there wasn’t complete – the AOA/NMS data and the NRMP data (which consolidated current and prior year grads) left gaps.
Data collected through multiple electronic surveys to the COMs –

After the AOA/NMS match

After the NRMP match

Early April
What we know for 2018

COMs project 6350 graduates
6303 seeking GME
1995 matched/placed AOA (includes post match)
3878 matched NRMP/SOAP
313 matched/placed military and other
Overall placement rate of 98.11%
AOA and Military Match Outcomes 2017 -- 2018

Combined DO Match Outcomes 2017 -- 2018, as of 4/12/2018

2017 -- Includes all 5,937 expected graduates who sought GME
2018 -- Includes all 6,303 expected graduates who sought GME

- Did not match/place: 0.79% in 2017, 1.76% in 2018
- Other match/placement: 0.66% in 2017, 0.65% in 2018
- NRMP/SOAP match: 51.74% in 2017, 61.51% in 2018
- Military match: 4.28% in 2017, 4.31% in 2018
- AOA match/placement: 42.53% in 2017, 31.64% in 2018
So what’s next?