



**Neurocritical Care Fellowship Match for US programs:
Match Date will be May 5, 2009: Lists are due April 28, 2009**

And now for something completely different: there will be a Neurocritical Care fellowship match May 5, 2009. In a reversal of prior decisions, the fellowship training subcommittee under the membership committee of the NCS, along with the NCS Board, reversed its prior decision to have an “offer date” in favor of a traditional match. This was based on overwhelming support for a match during the 2008 NCS annual meeting by program directors. The NCS membership directors, residents, and current and past fellows were recently surveyed to determine the best match date for this year and we decided on May 5, 2009. **Match lists will be due April 28, 2009.** This match will be for fellowship training beginning July 1, 2010.

The Match will be handled through SFMatch.org. We are in the process of registering all participating fellowship programs currently. The important messages for applicants and fellowship directors follows.

Applicants for July 2010 Neurocritical Care Fellowship:

Nearly all programs will participate in the match for positions starting July 1, 2010. Since match lists will be due by April 28, 2009 you must interview prior to the date to participate in the match. Programs will declare how many slots they have in the match this cycle. Become proactive about applying as this will be the first time this process has been used for Neurocritical Care Fellowships and likely there will be some problems. Visit the NCS website (<http://www.neurocriticalcare.org>) and follow the link under Education and Training to see a list of fellowship programs and who you should contact to apply. SF Match will not handle the application process- they will only broker the match list and give the match results. Information on how to apply to the match will be located there soon, or you may go directly to SFMatch.Org and follow the links to Fellowship> Neurocritical Care. There is a small, one-time application fee of \$50. Once the match occurs you will be notified via email on May 5, 2009 for fellowship starting July 1, 2010. This applies to programs within the US only.

Important Issues for Program Directors:

We have submitted the list of fellowship training programs listed on the NCS site to the match program for registration. (<http://www.neurocriticalcare.org> and follow the link under Education and Training). SF Match will contact the program director in that list to complete the application. There will be an annual fee of \$100 for program registration; this fee will likely decrease in the future. The application takes only a few minutes to complete and once done your program will be listed on their website. Program participation is voluntary but we expect all programs to join based on the unanimous support we received at the NCS meeting. You will need to specify the number of slots that you have and this number will be published on the website. Your participation in the match is tantamount to a contract between you and the trainee. It assumes that you have funding and commit to training the matched applicant(s) as is customary for any type of match. Any questions can be directed to us or the SF Match organization. For programs that may have already made commitments to fellows for July, 2010 please contact Wade Smith via email for how to advertise the number of available slots.

Any feedback about this policy is welcomed; please send to me at smithw@neurology.ucsf.edu.

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