

2021-04-22: Choosing Where to Apply for Residency: How do Medical Students Learn about Programs?
Topic and Questions courtesy of the Association of Directors of Medical Student Education in Psychiatry

The following links were shared during the chat:

- [FREIDA™ AMA Residency & Fellowship Programs Database \(ama-assn.org\)](https://ama-assn.org)
- [Texas STAR: Medical School Student Affairs - UT Southwestern, Dallas, TX](#)
- [Factors in Residency Decision Making for Female Neurosurgery Applicants - PubMed \(nih.gov\)](#)
- [Factors Influencing Colon and Rectal Surgery Residency Program Selection - PubMed \(nih.gov\)](#)
- [Choosing family medicine residency programs: what factors influence residents' decisions? - PubMed \(nih.gov\)](#)



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TOPIC 1: How do medical students know WHERE to apply to residency? Where do they get that information? #MedEdChat #medstudenttwitter #meded



Abhay Dandekar @abhaydandekar8 hours ago

T1: learners follow their known anchors - personal and professional, known and aspirational. Info from mentors, social media/specialty, friends, recent grads that then align with these anchors. #MedEdChat #medstudenttwitter #MedEd #mededchat @COMSEPediatrics @APPDconnect



Gary Beck Dallaghan @GLBDallaghan8 hours ago

T1 Do students still use FREIDA? That was where I often suggested looking. <https://t.co/ms0FwC0ggY> #MedEdChat



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@GLBDallaghan PD's will update this info, but I believe students also follow word of mouth, student doctor network, likely other venues even (clubhouse) that have blossomed in the pandemic #MedEd #MedEdChat



Daniel E. Gih MD @DrDanielGih8 hours ago

@MedEdChat A1. I suspect they crowdsource info online as that is the common strategy of our current generation of learners. Sources include SDN and #MedTwitter. #MedEdChat <https://t.co/qnKAqjEJrL>



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@abhaydandekar T1 I agree. I'm just wondering for those students who may not have networks in the know how they get started. Many first generation students may not be as connected. Thoughts? #MedEdChat



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T2 There have been some retrospective survey studies identifying program characteristics that fit student needs: <https://t.co/5lXx5zV0c1> <https://t.co/q72BJTH74K> <https://t.co/IAAmFBOsSS> #MedEdChat



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RT Daniel E. Gih MD We've always encouraged our students to utilize recent alumni (the class ahead) & their faculty to tap into connections. There r drawbacks to FREIDA. There r fees for programs to put in more detailed data so some info will not always be comparable. [#MedEdChat](#)



Abhay Dandekar [@abhaydandekar](#) 8 hours ago

T2: chatting with trainees, ex-grads, doing a "SWOT" analysis of a program, synching w their own priorities. Students want to know if a program is [#entrustable](#) . PD's need to share the data that will speak to this. [#MedEd](#) [#MedStudentTwitter](#) [#MedEdChat](#) [@COMSEPediatrics](#) [@acgme](#)



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T2 In many ways I think the only way to really get a good sense if a program is a good fit is to do an elective there. Interviews are also a good way. Curious how it went virtually for people [#MedEdChat](#)



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[@MedEdChat](#) T2. They should assess their goals for training and RESEARCH their programs (website, social media, connect with current trainees, etc.) They should be empowered to ask. Residency is a big step in their [#MedEd](#) and a 3-7 year commitment. [#MedEdChat](#)



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[@MedEdChat](#) [#mededchat](#) T2 educational experience breadth of patient exposure, educational activities, research opportunities, geographical location, professional and personal development activities, incentives, benefits and vacation time I can think of [#medec](#)



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T3 I'm sure [#SoMe](#) plays a huge role for students learning more about programs....as do online blogs. Good way to get different intel on a program not published elsewhere [#MedEdChat](#)



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[@MedEdChat](#) [#mededchat](#) T1 FREDA NRMP website and there are many other commercial resources just to know different programs available and where to apply [#meded](#)



Abhay Dandekar [@abhaydandekar](#) 8 hours ago

T3: I would surmise that [#SoMe](#) has been the most readily accessible support for this gen of learners - the trick is being able to think and bounce these messages with the people (mentors,peers,personal support) [#MedStudentTwitter](#) [#MedStudents](#) [#MedEdChat](#)



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[@MedEdChat](#) [#mededchat](#) T3 this is important for this generation learners. Even though this generation is tech-savvy and find everything online, our mentors and counselors help them in finding information and guiding them on residency application process and interviews throughout the process



Terry Kind, MD MPH [@Kind4Kids8](#) 8 hours ago
[@MedEdChat](#) Provides access and voice... [#MedEdChat](#)



Gary Beck Dallaghan [@GLBDallaghan](#) 8 hours ago
T4 This is definitely my opinion, but I think program directors should absolutely detail their screening criteria. [#medstudents](#) won't waste time or \$\$\$ if they know the program's criteria [#MedEdChat](#)



Abhay Dandekar [@abhaydandekar](#) 7 hours ago
T4 - being awarded an interview should explicitly communicate mutual interest and sharing at least the process and holistic review criteria weighting is a great transparency step [#MedStudentTwitter](#) [#MedStudents](#) [@acgme](#) [@COMSEPediatrics](#) [#MedEdChat](#)



Allison Macerollo [@MacerolloMD](#) 7 hours ago
[@MedEdChat](#) T1: From me! I do academic advising for 4th years and meet with each student. FM also has a conference for students and residency programs in summer. I worry when I hear the advice given to other students at times. [#MedEdChat](#)



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We have about 5 more minutes left in our discussion. Please feel free to give some final thoughts [#meded](#) [#mededchat](#)



Sateesh Arja, M.B.B.S., MHPE, MSPH [@ArjaSateesh](#) 7 hours ago
[@MedEdChat](#) [#mededchat](#) T4 absolutely program directors should publish this criteria. I know some programs filter the candidates by certain scores of USMLE exams, graduation year etc...These should be known to the applicants [#meded](#)



Deb Simpson [@debsimpson37](#) 37 hours ago
T4 consider criteria for [#gme](#) that 1) be humble 2) ability to recognize what they don't know; 3) able to lead and be member of a team; 4) ability to apply book knowledge to actual patients; 5)ability to give shout outs to others aka [@GLBDallaghan](#) [@TheCgea](#) laureate [#MedEdChat](#)



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Join us again next week at 9 pm Thursday. Thanks again [@DanaRamiMD](#) & [@admsep](#) for tonight's topic & questions! Don't forget to suggest topics by DM or email [#meded](#) [#mededchat](#)



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That's a wrap...I will post the [#mededchat](#) transcript tomorrow morning on <https://t.co/mJivoK9NyX>. Thanks everyone for participating! [#meded](#)



Allison Macerollo [@MacerolloMD](#) 7 hours ago
[@MedEdChat](#) T3: it's HUGE. See students crowdsourcing and networking in ways impossible in my early career. [#MedEdChat](#)



Abhay Dandekar @abhaydandekar7 hours ago

@MedEdChat #learnersandleaders need to find a way to transparently share info about each other beyond making it a mutual sales pitch. The end result is finding an educational home where #PBLI can result in smooth continuity of progressive entrustment. #MedEd #MedStudentTwitter #MedEdChat



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@MedEdChat A2: meet as many residents as possible. Benefits and stuff are on line. What you want to know is how you will get along, does the program fit your educational goals, does it have a track record of flexibility and can they tailor education if your needs change. #MedEdChat



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Express Script @Bhagyashri0082 hours ago

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RT @Bhagyashri008: Ministry of Health and Welfare Government of India COVID -19 Proning for Self Care #CovidIndia #COVID19 #Medical #Medi...



@TheSpiritualAr2an hour ago

Question for doctors/clinical staff: What training do you think would make your non-clinical support/clerical staff more effective, if any? What could we add to our typical clerical skills that would help us be more helpful for you? #MedTwitter #MedEdChat <https://t.co/EyDiTyMpkI>

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322.471K Impressions

81 Tweets

27 Participants

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