MOVEMENT DISORDERS FELLOWSHIP MATCH NETWORK
Message to potential fellowship candidates from the MODIF Match Network
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MESSAGE TO CANDIDATES FOR MOVEMENT DISORDER FELLOWSHIPS
BEGINNING ACADEMIC YEAR STARTING JULY 2017

RE: Matching Program -- Deadline Date for Ranking is Thursday, September 8, 2016

Many Movement Disorders Fellowship programs have agreed to join forces and select fellows via a standardized matching program. At present there are 48 participating training programs; others may possibly join. This Movement Disorders Fellowship (MODIF) Match Network is a consortium of fellowship programs who have agreed to have a computerized match conducted by SFMatch, and is similar to the residency matching program.

The final date for submitting rank-order lists by both the candidates and the programs to SFMatch is Thursday, September 8, 2016, 12 noon PDT.

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
Case Western Reserve
Cleveland Clinic
Columbia University
Duke University
Emory University
Georgia Regents University
Johns Hopkins University
Loma Linda University
Massachusetts General/Brigham
Mayo Clinic Scottsdale
Medical University of S. Carolina
Mount Sinai Medical Center
NINDS/motor physiology
NINDS/autonomic
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/PA Hospital
University of Pennsylvania/VA Hospital
University of Rochester
University of Southern California (USC)
University of Texas, Houston
University of Texas Southwestern
University of Utah
University of Washington
Yale University

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 a centralized application process and 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 and the Centralized Application Process. Candidates register with SFMatch at [www.sfmatch.org](http://www.sfmatch.org) and pay a $50 registration fee. Then, you are allowed to 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, complete the Application Form and pay the $50 registration fee. To complete the centralized application process, you need to submit your CV and a Personal Statement to SFMatch when you have completed them. Also, you will need to inform SFMatch the names of the three people who will write letters of recommendation for you; these letters are to be uploaded by the letter-writers directly to SFMatch.

After completing the Application Form, you will see a table with the names and features of all the fellowship programs that are participating in the MODIF Fellowship Match Network. The programs are listed alphabetically by State. Currently there are 48 programs. You may select the programs you would like to apply to. However, only after the entire application package has been received by SFMatch (include the letters of recommendation) will the package be sent to your selected programs. It behooves you to finalize the application package as soon as possible so that the programs will learn of your interest and can arrange interviews with you.

The deadline for submitting the ranking list is 12 noon (PDT) on Thursday, Sept. 8, 2016, for all candidates. The sites submit their rank-order list with the same deadline. Notification of where you are matched will be posted on the SFMatch website on Monday, September 19, 2016, 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.