High Yield notes from an AMA webinar:

#1 When in doubt, the residency program website is the resource to count on.

#2 Overall match rate for all active applicants: (an active applicant = registration with NRMP and turned in a rank order list) = 80.1%

US MD = 92.2
US DO = 91.3
US IMG = 61.4
Non-US IMG = 58.1

Students that did not match and have graduated – recycled applicants have a match rate lower than 58.1.

#3 Recent article in the New England Journal of Medicine demonstrated that over the past 20 years, applicants matching in their 1st choice have gone down and applicants matching in their 4th or lower rank have gone up.

#4 There are 0.85 residency spots for the total number of active applicants.

#5 The rank order list (# of programs that a student ranked) for MATCHED applicants has increased from 7.97 in 2000 to 14.31 in 2022

#6 If your specialty is participating in the SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION, the deadline for the ERAS SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION is Sept 16th and your ERAS APPLICATION can be downloaded by programs on Sept 28th.

#7 Standardized Interview offer dates: several specialties will be sending out "all or the majority of their interviews" on these dates (some individual programs may differ, this is a specialty recommendation)

Ophthalmology: Oct 17
Urology: Oct 21
Ob/Gyn: Oct 25
General Surgery: October 26 to Nov 1
Dermatology: Nov 7, Nov 21, Dec 5
Orthopedics: TBD

NOTE, if you don't get many interviews offers on these dates you may want to think about an alternative/parallel plan (you should think about a parallel plan, now – please consult with your assigned dean as November will be too late)

#8 Time to respond to interview offers: some individual programs may differ, this is the specialty recommendation (respond as soon as possible as some programs will fill up their spots quickly)

General Surgery and Ob/Gyn: 48 hours to respond
Emergency Medicine and Urology: 72 hours to respond

Programs may offer you an interview but it may not be available at a time when you are available. You have to be ready to change schedules and timing during the interview season. (some individual programs may differ, this is a specialty recommendation)

Dermatology, Emergency Medicine, General Surgery, Ob/Gyn, Urology

Interview Caps

Applicants for Ophthalmology will only be allowed 15 interviews

#9 Here is a QR code, AMA will try to keep it updated by specialty:



#10 Having your Step 2 scores will probably be advantageous.

#11 Supplemental Application applies to 16 specialties, it is optional but most programs will probably be using it. (we recommend completing the supplemental application)

Neurology
Anesthesiology
Dermatology
Radiology (Diagnostic and Interventional)
Emergency Medicine (signaling only)
General Surgery
Internal Medicine
Internal Medicine/Psychiatry
Neurosurgery
Ob/Gyn (signaling only)
Orthopedics
Pediatrics
PM&R
Preventative Medicine
Psychiatry

IF YOU ARE APPLYING TO MORE THAN ONE SPECIALTY, THE SAME SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION WILL GO TO ALL PROGRAMS YOU ARE APPLYING

#12 Altus is an assessment for social intelligence, professionalism, communication, and motivation

All Ophthalmology programs will be using Altus

Some: Ob/Gyn, Anesthesiology, Internal Medicine, and General Surgery programs will be using Altus– this is program specific, check individual program websites.

Make sure to check for the specific Altus testing dates.

There is no charge for this exam, this year.

#13 Standardized Letters of Evaluation (SLOE)

Participating specialties are Emergency Medicine, Internal Medicine, Ob/Gyn, Orthopedics, Otolaryngology

(make sure you know who is expected to fill out your standardized letter, each specialty is different, ask your department program directors.

#14 Interviews

The AAMC has recommended that all interviews be virtual, but not all specialties and/or programs will be following this recommendation. Make sure to check the individual program website, the source of all truth.

#15 Signaling:

The signaling deadline is September 16th as that is the deadline for the Supplemental Applications. Programs will get your signal when they download your ERAS Application. Programs can begin to download your ERAS Application on September 28th. These are 2 very important dates.

Signaling was started by Otolaryngology and thus the information source.

For Otolaryngology:

The interview rate was increased by signaling

Signals had a positive impact across all areas of competitiveness

Signals had a positive impact across demographics

Signal programs of interest and where you are a competitive applicant

Don't assume a program is going to give you an interview. If you are interested in a program send them a signal

A signal is not a guarantee for an interview