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The American Academy of Periodontology is the sponsoring organization of the Match for postdoctoral periodontal programs. The Academy strongly supports the Match and strongly encourages all postdoctoral periodontal programs to participate in the Match.

The Match provides opportunities to both periodontal residency candidates and the postdoctoral programs to obtain placements of their choice and has performed very well for periodontal programs.

Periodontics has the highest qualified number of candidates per position offered within the dental Match programs. Based on data from the 2023 Match, there were 1.6 acceptable, qualified, and ranked applicants per position for periodontics compared with an average of 1.2 for other program types in the Match.

Periodontal programs have consistently matched almost all available positions (average fill rate of 98.5% between 2019 and 2023). The ranking order of the candidates and programs has been very favorable. The programs are successfully matching candidates they have ranked highly, and the candidates match the programs they rank highly. On average, periodontal programs need to rank 2 applicants to fill each position. In 2023, 40% of participating periodontal programs filled all their positions with their first-choice applicants and 74% of applicants who obtained periodontal positions matched their first choice. On average, applicants who obtain periodontal positions match at rank number 1.6.

The Match provides a professional environment for recruitment without pressures on the candidates to make decisions before the completion of their evaluation process. Programs have a wide variety of selection criteria that can be incorporated in the rankings, creating an opportunity for program-specific recruitment requirements.

The continued performance of the Match in providing this recruitment environment for our programs is best assured if most postdoctoral periodontal programs are participating in the Match.

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