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THE MATCH  
NATIONAL RESIDENT MATCHING PROGRAM™

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# Why US residency training?

- vs. Europe, ... vs. Czech rep., ... vs. world
- think not only about work, but life, too

# Why not US?

- hard work
- administrative obstacles (USMLEs, visa, ...)
- far from home and friends



# How to become a doctor in US

US

- faculty
- fellow
- resident
- medical student (4 yrs)
- college (3yrs)

Czech rep.

- = medical student (6 yrs at MU) + **ECFMG certificate**

# US Match = application for a residency job

opens in July / Aug

- 3-4 Letters of Recommendation
- ECFMG certificate
- MSPE (formerly Dean's letter)
- Personal statement
- Photograph

# Letters of Recommendation

- preferably from US academic physicians, who witnessed your clinical or research performance
  - **clinical elective**
    - during final year of med school
    - even well-known places like Harvard (Tomas), Mayo, UCLA (Petr), Cleveland (Marek) are achievable
  - observership
  - research

# ECFMG certificate

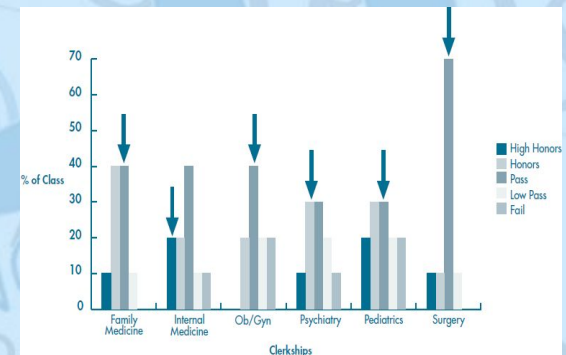
- USMLE Step 1
- USMLE Step 2 Clinical Knowledge
- USMLE Step 2 Clinical Skills
- diploma from Masaryk University



# Medical School Performance Evaluation (MSPE)

= narrative + obj., based on diploma supplement

- identifying information
- unique characteristics and noteworthy achievements
- academic history
- academic progress
- summary
- <https://www.aamc.org/linkableblob/64496-7/data/mspeguide-data.pdf>
- <http://www.ecfmg.org/eras/applicants-documents-mspe.html>



# Personal statement

**"tell a story how residency fits to your life path"**

*Why am I interested in the field I have chosen?*

*What are my professional goals in the field I have chosen?*

*Why should a residency program select me?*

*What are my accomplishments that are relevant to my career?  
(academic, scholarly, interpersonal, ...)*

*What contributions can I make to the specialty?*

<http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/about-ama/our-people/member-groups-sections/international-medical-graduates/practicing-medicine/residency-program-requirements.page>

[http://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/education/docs/current-students/Personal\\_Statement.pdf](http://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/education/docs/current-students/Personal_Statement.pdf)

<https://medschool.vanderbilt.edu/cim/personal-statement>

<http://www.accepted.com/medical/residencyessays>

<http://www.mcw.edu/Medical-School/Current-Students/Academic-Support-Services/Sample-Personal-Statements.htm>

# Send applications in September

- Search programs at FREIDA

<http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/education-careers/graduate-medical-education/freida-online.page>

- Send and pay at ERAS

<https://apps.aamc.org/myeras-web/>

<b>Total ERAS Processing Fee:</b>	<b>\$3,400.00</b>
<b>USMLE Transcript Fee:</b>	<b>\$80.00</b>
<b>Total Amount:</b>	<b>\$3,480.00</b>

# Wait and travel to interviews

- October - January



# Submit Rank list and get Matched

- March - April



# The costs

- time
- USMLE I+II: 3.000-4.000 usd + flight
- electives: 2.000 usd per month + flight
- ERAS application: 2.000-3.000 usd
- Interviews:
  - travel and accomodation: 3.000-6.000 usd
- total: 10.000 - 15.000 usd
- time!!!

# Useful links

- checklist
  - <http://www.nrmp.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Applicant-Checklist.pdf>
- calendar
  - <http://www.nrmp.org/residency/main-match-events/>
- experience
  - <http://usmle.eu>

