

## Canadian osteopathic medical students (class of 2016) match statistics

### Methodology

#### 1. How was the data collected?

Over the last 4 years, COMSA has monitored the progression of the class of 2016 (started med school in 2012). For this report we were primarily interested in Canadian citizens/permanent residents, we did not include information on any dual citizens of Canada & US. The following data is based on self-reported information provided by such Canadian DOs.

#### 2. How accurate is the data and how should I use it?

COMSA does not officially get any information about Canadian DOs from AACOM or the medical schools. Values for match participation and match rate are based on internal COMSA data, the speciality matched into is self-reported by the students. We have made the best attempts to verify data where we could, but we cannot guarantee total accuracy. COMSA suggests that this document be used as a general guide to get an idea about matching trends.

The document will be updated as more information becomes available, if you are in the class of 2016 please let COMSA know what program you have matched into at [comsa.info@gmail.com](mailto:comsa.info@gmail.com)

#### 3. Will the names of hospitals and students who matched be released?

To ensure privacy, this information will not be released. However we will publish another document that will have tips and advice from students who matched this year. Matched students who wish to have their information released will be able to do so at that time.

### FAQ about the match

#### 1. What is the difference between the AOA and NRMP match?

Canadian DOs can take part in either the AOA or NRMP match. AOA match is for residencies that are Osteopathic (AOA) and Dual accredited (AOA/ACGME). As long as the program is ACGME or ACGME/AOA Dual accredited, Health Canada will offer a statement of need (SON) for it. ACGME or AOA/ACGME accreditation is required to practice medicine in Canada. The AOA match is not open to US MDs and Caribbean/IMG grads, in a way making it less competitive for DOs. NRMP match on the other hand is for ACGME/AOA dual accredited and ACGME programs, it is open to DOs and MDs. There are talks of a unified AOA/NRMP match, but that will not happen until at least 2018.

#### 2. What are the J1 and H1b visas?

Detailed information can be found on the COMSA website.

- The J1 Visa is given on the basis of a statement of need (SON) issued by health Canada, starting 2016 there is a limit on SON for all specialties, this visa requires the student to leave the US after residency for a period of 2 years, unless a waiver is obtained. Can be used for ACGME & AOA/ACGME dual residencies
- The H1b Visa is issued by the residency program, it allows the student to stay in the US after residency and pursue a green card/citizenship, it also allows for moonlighting opportunities during residency. This visa has nothing to do with health Canada or the limited SON. Can be used for AOA, ACGME & AOA/ACGME dual residencies.

#### 3. How did Canadian DOs do in comparison to US DOs, US MDs and Caribbean grads/IMGs?

In general Canadian DOs had a better match rate than all of the above, for more information refer to the AACOM "osteopathic GME report" and the NRMP "main match report"—google it.

## Canadian DOs in the class of 2016

	Approx. Numbers	Source
Matriculants in the class of 2016 (Canadian and Dual citizens)	37	AACOM
Participants in the match (Canadian citizens)	30	COMSA internal data

Of the 37 Canadian and Dual citizens that started medical school in 2012, approximately 5 were ineligible to take part in the 2016 match- Either due to being held back a year or voluntarily taking a year off. Additionally there were approximately 2 students that were dual citizens. Both these group of students were not included in this report, leading to a sample size of 30.

## US match

Specialty	Matches	J1 visa	OPT/H1b Visa	AOA match (AOA and AOA/ACGME dual accredited)	NRMP match
Family medicine	14	9	5	9	5
Internal medicine	6	3	3	2	4
ENT	2		2	2	
Radiation Oncology	1		1		1
Radiology	1	1			1
Psychiatry	1	1			1
Anesthesiology	2	1	1		2
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>

## Canadian match

Specialty	Matches
Family Medicine	1

## Summary

- The match rate for Canadian DOs so far is 100%.
- A majority of Canadian DOs, just like their American counterparts, chose to do primary care.
- Majority of students chose to pursue an ACGME or AOA/ACGME dual accredited residency, ensuring certification by the Royal college of physician and surgeons of Canada (RCPS) and the Canadian college of family physicians (CCFP)
- Family medicine was the most popular choice for Canadian DOs- This is the only specialty that does not require extra years of training after residency to get Canadian certification and ample statement of needs are offered by health Canada for this specialty.

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