

Procedural Dermatology (Mohs) Fellowship FAQs

Question	Answer
Fellowship Eligibility	
Who is eligible for a Procedural Dermatology (Mohs) fellowship?	<p>For ACMS-approved international programs, only dermatology-trained physicians are permitted to apply for a fellowship.</p> <p>For Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)-accredited programs, fellows must have successfully completed an ACGME-accredited residency program in dermatology.</p> <p>No exceptions are made for either type of program.</p>
Match Program	
Is there a fellowship match service for Procedural Dermatology (Mohs) fellowships?	<p>Fellowship Match services are facilitated through San Francisco Match and are sponsored by the ACMS solely for the benefit of applicants and directors of fellowship programs approved by the ACMS or the ACGME. For more information or to register with SF Match please visit https://www.sfmatch.org.</p>
Match Application	
Is a common Match application available?	Currently there is not common Match application available, but is slated to be developed in time for the 2014 Match process.
Match Deadlines	
What are the SF Match deadlines?	SF Match deadlines may be viewed at https://www.sfmatch.org/MatchCalendar.aspx
Match Exemptions	
What are the rules for programs and the use of the Match?	<p>All programs are strongly encouraged to go through the Match unless they receive an exemption prior to June 15. Programs that have received exemption from the Match may be viewed at http://www.mohscollege.org/sisrb/match-exemptions.php</p> <p>The ACMS Match policies may be viewed at http://www.mohscollege.org/sisrb/MatchPolicyRevisedFinal.pdf</p>
Match Violations	
What constitutes a Match violation?	<p>Match violations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A program without a formal exemption making commitment for its position or withdrawing prior to completion of the Match cycle. • A Program Director or applicant asking the other for a commitment prior to the completion of the Match cycle. • A Program Director revealing how he/she ranked any applicant <p>Violators may be subject to penalties.</p>
Match Communications	
What if a program offers me a spot outside of the Match between July 1 and the official Match day?	ACMS & ACGME Directors agreed that fellowship positions are not to be offered during this timeframe outside of the Match. You and/or the program director offering you the position may be subject to penalties.

Fellowship Expectations	
What are the expectations for training in approved programs?	<p>The key components of a training program include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum of 12 months of training in the office/facility of the Program Director where the majority of time is spent training. • Participation in 500 Mohs surgery cases under direct supervision of an approved Program Director, Associate Director or Surgical Faculty member. • Of the 500 Mohs surgery cases, at least 300 of these must be under direct supervision of the Director or Associate Director. • Of the 500 Mohs surgery cases, the fellow must complete 125 of these cases serving as primary surgeon under the direct supervision of the Director or Associate Director. • Of the 500 Mohs surgery cases, 50 must be complex Mohs surgery cases and 50 must entail advanced reconstructive techniques. • Didactic and clinical instruction in all areas of the Core Curriculum. • Formal training in anatomy such that each fellow is competent and comfortable in the most difficult anatomical sites. • The fellow must be intimately involved in reviewing all pathology from the surgical cases done in the Fellowship Training Program. • The fellow must participate in the medical and surgical evaluation and treatment planning in all Mohs surgery cases. • The fellow must learn to do horizontal frozen sections in the micrographic surgical laboratory and be able to stain the slides appropriately. • The fellow must be trained in the principles of fresh tissue micrographic surgical techniques. • Experience must be provided in wound healing, cutaneous oncology, and consultations with other surgical services. • All graduates from an approved training Program must have passed and received a certificate from an advanced cardiac life support course. • All fellows must, under the supervision and assistance of their Directors, pursue original research in the area of Cutaneous Oncology, Mohs Micrographic Surgery or related during their training. <p>ACMS Policies Procedures & Guidelines may be viewed at http://www.mohscollege.org/sisrb/FTPPoliciesProceduresGuidelines.pdf</p>
Fellowship Expectations	
What are the expectations for cosmetic experience in an approved program?	Cosmetic experience varies widely and you should look to match your interests with the activities of the practice.
Program Vacancies	
Are there any un-matched programs with vacant fellowship positions?	After the Match has occurred, Directors are able to post vacancies on the SF Match website under 'Immediate Vacancies'.
ACMS Membership	
Who is eligible for ACMS membership?	Physicians who successfully complete a 1 or 2-year fellowship accredited by the ACMS, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), or the Australasian College of Dermatologists.

ACMS Membership	
Upon completion of my fellowship training, how do I apply for ACMS Associate membership?	Associate membership application instructions and documents are located at http://www.mohscollege.org/acms/membership/join.php . Membership applications are due by August 1 annually.
Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)	
Where can I find Program Requirements for the ACGME?	ACGME Program Requirements may be found here .