

Micrographic Surgery & Dermatologic Oncology (Mohs) Fellowship FAQs

Question	Answer
Fellowship Eligibility	
Who is eligible for a Micrographic Surgery & Dermatologic Oncology (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 Micrographic Surgery & Dermatologic Oncology (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 central Match application available?	<p>Yes, the Central Application System is developed and hosted by SF Match. Information regarding the CAS may be viewed at https://www.sfmatch.org > Specialties > Micrographic Surgery & Dermatologic Oncology (Mohs)</p>
Match Deadlines	
What are the SF Match deadlines?	<p>SF Match deadlines may be viewed at https://www.sfmatch.org/MatchCalendar.aspx</p>
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/fellowship-training/match-exemptions</p> <p>The ACMS Match policies may be viewed at http://www.mohscollege.org/fellowship-training/match-policy</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 June 15 and the official Match day?	<p>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.</p>

Fellowship Expectations

What are the expectations for training in approved programs?

The key components of a training program include:

- A minimum of 12 months of training in the office/facility of the Program Director where the majority of time is spent training.
- At least 1000 dermatologic surgical procedures per fellow must be available; at least 650 of that minimum total must be Mohs micrographic surgery procedures.
- Fellows must demonstrate competence in performing procedures and must perform at least 500 Mohs micrographic surgeries and 500 reconstructions as the primary surgeon.
- Of the 650 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 a basic life support (BLS) course, must have the ability to develop an emergency preparedness plan, and demonstrate the ability to manage emergencies.
- All fellows during their Fellowship year must, under the supervision and assistance of their Directors, pursue original research in the areas of Micrographic Surgery & Dermatologic Oncology (Mohs) or related disciplines.

Policies Procedures & Guidelines for *International* ACMS MSDO fellowship programs may be viewed [HERE](#).

Fellowship Expectations

What is the definition of 'Primary Surgeon'?

Primary Surgeon definition:

Mohs Case
 The fellow may list themselves as primary surgeon if they have

1. taken either the first stage or the largest and most difficult section

AND

2. read all the slides on all the stages with or without the attending surgeon.

Repair case
 The fellow may list themselves as primary surgeon if they have

1. incised as necessary for closure undermined if required

AND

At least one of the following:

2. a. placed deep sutures if required
2. b. planned repair (modification by attending is okay).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. c. accomplished most of the hemostasis. 2. d. placed epidermal sutures. 2. e. in room, gloved in, supervision of resident.
Fellowship Expectations	
What is the definition of a 'Complex Case'?	<p>Criteria for case complexity include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Histologically aggressive tumors. 2. Large tumors, covering at least an entire cosmetic unit, or scalp tumors of greater than 5 cm in diameter. 3. Tumors arising at a difficult anatomic site, e.g., external auditory canal, perianal, intranasal, nailbed, medial canthus. 4. Complex histopathologic interpretation. (Include cases other than BCC and SCC.) 5. Tumors involving bone. 6. Tumors requiring more than four stages. 7. Multiple recurrent tumors or tumor recurrence after prior radiation therapy. 8. Surgeries requiring expertise/involvement of surgical colleague in another discipline. 9. Patient with extremely complex medical problems requiring special intraoperative management.
Fellowship Expectations	
What is the definition of a 'Complex/Advanced Reconstruction'?	<p>Criteria for complicated reconstruction include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Random pattern flap repair. 2. Grafts, including full and split thickness grafts. 3. Repairs at difficult anatomic sites, e.g. eyelids, lips, intraoral. 4. Repair of defects greater than 10 sq. cm.
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 14 annually.
Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)	

Where can I find Program Requirements for the ACGME?	ACGME Program Requirements may be found HERE .
American Society for Dermatologic Surgery (ASDS)	
How do I access the 'DermSurg Fellowship Finder'?	The 'DermSurg Fellowship Finder' may be accessed at http://www.asds.net/fellowships/ (login required).