

Soldiers, Sailors, & Airmen



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Message from the Editor

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As the new academic year begins for some and gets into full swing for others, graduate medical education training is often in the forefront of our minds. While the locations and residency directors (and even programs) are in a constant state of flux, we have compiled an updated list to aid in planning for the future. An important point to remember for military GME is that we match in mid-December – about 3 months earlier than the civilian match. This means that interviews should be completed by early November. Coinciding with this deadline is an event generally held in Alexandria, VA where all of the program directors meet for selections. Residency Night is organized for MS1-4 and brings together residency directors from all programs and all services and includes a service specific GME presentation. Check your email for an update on this year's program.

A special opportunity available only to military physicians is a post-GME-1 tour of duty. Though it is historically associated more closely with the Navy, the Army and Air Force support these programs as well. A future issue will address the specific programs in each service. Not only are they fun, but it is a great way to buy some time if, like many, you are not quite sure which specialty is right for you. For those in the

Navy, where GMO tours are far more prevalent, more information is disseminated toward the beginning of internship with applications due midway through internship.

Whether eagerly anticipating this opportunity, or aiming to continue residency uninterrupted, the GME-1 year is the first step. Deferment is also an option for HPSP, but has a reputation for being competitive. A wise strategy may be to interview for military programs as well as applying for deferment. While weighing the numbers, factor in the graduating USUHS students as well as each is guaranteed a military residency. I hope this list will aid in the upcoming interview season. Good luck with interviews and enjoy the upcoming academic year!

The New Website

The MMIG website has been updated and is accessible at the following link: www.amsa.org/military/. Please take a moment to explore the website. A wide range of pertinent information for the military medical student can be found there to include web links to HPSP/USUHS sites, military rank and pay charts, and officer basic courses.

In the Works

▪ *Send your questions!* What would you like to see in an upcoming issue? Send your ideas and questions to s7ncassler@usuhs.mil.

United States Army GME

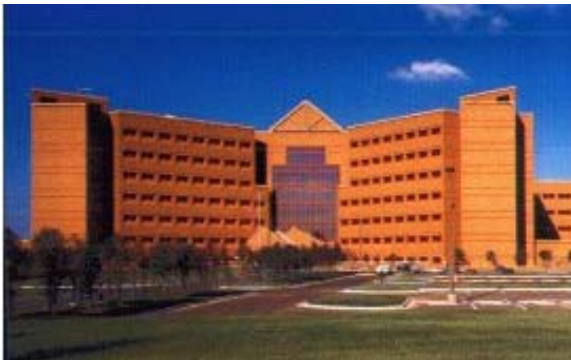
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TO DEFER OR NOT TO DEFER

The Army Medical Corps Specialty Delay Program (DELAY) consists of obligated USAR officers (HPSP and ROTC only) who have received permission to defer their entry on active duty until such time as they complete an accredited medical specialty program. Obligated individuals are considered for a specialty deferment only after the FYGME match has been completed and they are unmatched to an Army FYGME program. This determination is made at the JSGMESB. Upon completion or termination of training the officer enters active duty to fulfill their existing active duty service obligation. The specialty delay program also manages MC officers who have recently been released from active duty for selection to participate in the Non-funded GME Program (NGMEP). Selections for the NGMEP are determined by the JSGMESB. There are 350 students in the graduating class of 2007 with 312 projected FYGME positions, therefore a maximum of 89% of students will be matched to Army training programs.



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San Antonio, TX

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

All application materials (MyERAS, Preference Priority List, Deferment Information Form, Pre-accession Form) must be received by the Army GME office by 15 October 2006. Changes may be made to the documents up until this date but **none will be accepted after 15 October 2006.**

If you need to reprioritize your location preferences after 15 October 2006, you may submit an email request to the FYGME Program Manager detailing your new rank order list. This request can only change the rankings of the training locations that you have submitted and CANNOT change your



Walter Reed Army Medical Center
Washington, DC

specialty goal. These changes will be processed through **31 October 2006.**

WHAT IS AVAILABLE

The Army offers continuous training in the specialties of Anesthesiology, Child Neurology, Dermatology, Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Neurology, Neurosurgery, OB-GYN, Ophthalmology, Orthopaedics, Otolaryngology, Pathology, Pediatrics, Physical

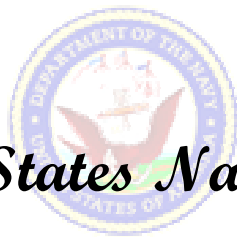
Medicine, Tripler Army Medical Center
Psychiatry, Honolulu, HI

Psychiatry/Family Medicine, Psychiatry/Internal Medicine, Radiology (Diagnostic) and Urology.

For up to date information about residency locations and contact information visit <http://www.mods.army.mil/medicaleducation/> and click on "FYGME" on the left side of the page then follow the link to the "FYGME Grid."



For more information or general questions, email GME@OTSG.AMEDD.ARMY.MIL



United States Navy GME

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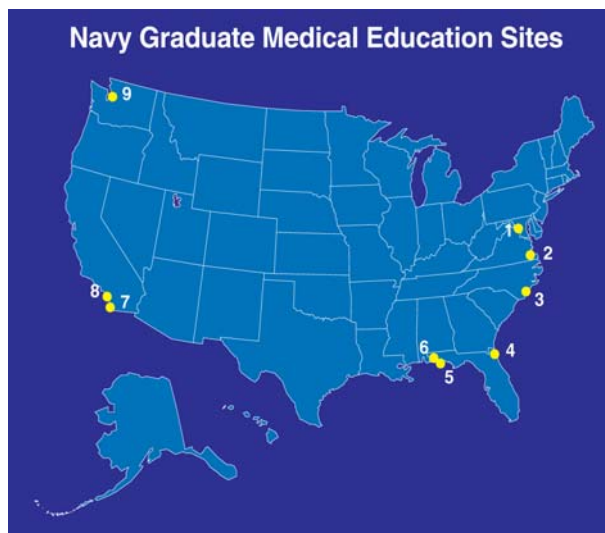
Each year a variable number of deferments are granted, though the Navy GME-1 positions are preferentially filled first. The majority of deferments are in the specialties in the greatest need in the Navy: general surgery, orthopedics, and anesthesia. Specifically, the numbers for the class of 2006 (343 graduates) break down to: Anesthesiology 15; Orthopedic Surgery 13; General Surgery 13; Emergency Medicine 9; Internal Medicine 5; Urology 4; Ob/Gyn 3; Pathology 3; Family Medicine 2; Neurology 2; Neurosurgery 2; Radiology 2. Navy students interested in deferment would be wise to apply for a military residency as well. If selected for a military residency in December, withdrawal from the civilian match is appropriate. If approved for deferment, continue with the civilian match.

The Navy GME training options include GME-1 followed immediately by residency, GME-1 followed by a tour of duty, and deferment. Those in deferred status will not become active duty until the completion of residency. Approximately 30-40% of HPSP graduates will complete residency without a GMO, either in a deferred status or straight through in a Navy program. The option of completing a residency straight through varies depending on the specialty. For 2002-2006 classes, the percent of interns selected for straight-through training was: Ob/Gyn 73%; Psychiatry 53%; Internal Medicine 57%; Pediatrics 56%; Family Medicine 51%; General Surgery 42%; Pathology 31%; Anesthesiology 21%; Orthopedics 7%; ENT 4%; Dermatology 0%; Radiology 0%; Emergency Medicine 0%; Ophthalmology 0%.

For more information about Navy GME in general, or the sites in specific, please see the following website: <http://nshs.med.navy.mil/gme/mcpep.htm>. For general questions about Navy GME:

CAPT Tom Miller at tmiller@nmetc.med.navy.mil or (301) 319-4774

CAPT Jerri Curtis at jcurtis@nmetc.med.navy.mil or (301) 319-4774



TERTIARY CARE CENTERS

1. National Naval Medical Center Bethesda
8901 Wisconsin Avenue
Bethesda, Md 20889-5600
2. Naval Medical Center Portsmouth
620 John Paul Jones Circle
Portsmouth, Va 23708-5000
7. Naval Medical Center San Diego
34800 Bob Wilson Drive
San Diego, Ca 92134-5000

FAMILY PRACTICE

3. Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune
100 Brewster Blvd
Camp Lejeune, Nc 28547
4. Naval Hospital Jacksonville
2080 Child Street
Jacksonville, Fl 32214-5227
5. Naval Hospital Pensacola
6000 West Highway 98
Pensacola, Fl 32512-5003
8. Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton
Box 555191
Camp Pendleton, Ca 92055-5191
9. Naval Hospital Bremerton
Hpo1 Boone Road
Bremerton, Wa 98312-1898
6. Naval Operational Medicine Institute
220 Hovey Rd.
Pensacola, FL 32508

Contact information is listed by department at <http://nshs.med.navy.mil/gme/GMEDIR.htm>.

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This is not an all-encompassing list. Each year, training offered by the Joint Services Graduate Medical Education Selection Board may vary based on the needs of the Air Force. Please continue to check the AFPC web page for updates. The Integrated Forecast Board (http://airforcemedicine.afms.mil/idc/groups/public/documents/webcontent/knowledgejunction.hcst?functionalarea=AF_PhysicianGME&doctype=subpage&docname=CTB_046956) results are usually available by July of each year to see what training requirements have been identified.

ANESTHESIOLOGY

SAUSHEC, TX*

DERMATOLOGY

SAUSHEC, TX*

DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGY

Travis AFB, CA
SAUSHEC, TX*

EMERGENCY MEDICINE

Wright Patterson AFB, OH
SAUSHEC, TX*

FAMILY MEDICINE

Eglin AFB, FL
Offutt AFB, NE
Scott AFB, IL
Andrews AFB, MD
Travis AFB, CA

GENERAL SURGERY

Keesler AFB, MS
Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
Travis AFB, CA
Wilford Hall AFB, TX

INTERNAL MEDICINE

Keesler AFB, MS
Wright Patterson AFB, OH
SAUSHEC, TX*

OB/GYN

Keesler AFB, MS
Wright Patterson AFB, OH
SAUSHEC, TX*

OPHTHALMOLOGY

SAUSHEC, TX*

ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY

SAUSHEC, TX*

OTOLARYNGOLOGY

SAUSHEC, TX*

PATHOLOGY

SAUSHEC, TX*

PEDIATRICS

Keesler AFB, MS
Wright Patterson AFB, OH
SAUSHEC, TX*

PSYCHIATRY

Wright Patterson AFB, OH
SAUSHEC, TX*

RESIDENCY OF AEROSPACE MEDICINE

USAFSAM

TRANSITIONAL MEDICINE

Travis AFB, CA
SAUSHEC, TX*

UROLOGY

SAUSHEC, TX*

LOCATIONS

Eglin AFB, FL

www.eglin.af.mil/96MDG/

Offutt AFB, NE

www.offutt.af.mil/55thWing/55MDG/Medical/default.asp

Scott AFB, IL

<http://tricare.osd.mil/MTF/facility.aspx?fid=52>

Andrews AFB, MD

[http://www.mgmc.af.mil/ Inter_New/mgmc.htm](http://www.mgmc.af.mil/Inter_New/mgmc.htm)

Keesler AFB, MS

<http://www.keesler.af.mil/81MDG/medical.asp?menu=info.mnu>

Travis AFB, CA

<http://fpnetwork.ucdavis.edu/travis/center.htm>

USAFSAM

<http://www.brooks.af.mil/web/ram/Default.htm#?>

Wright Patterson AFB, OH

<http://www.med.wright.edu/obgyn/res/index.html>

SAUSHEC, TX

<http://www.whmc.af.mil/saushec/index.html>

* San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium is an integrated program between Wilford Hall Medical Center, Brooke Army Medical Center, and the University of Texas