

# 5 STEPS TO NAVIGATING MATCH DAY 2024

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## 1 PREPARE MENTALLY AND PLAN FINANCIALLY

Acknowledge the uncertainty, and embrace the excitement. Take control of things within your reach.



- Familiarize yourself with the timeline and details of Match Day announcements.
- While you may not yet know where you will be matched, you know where you have applied. Explore housing options near those programs, taking into account commuting distances and lifestyle preferences. This is a good time to define your priorities.
- Evaluate your financial situation, considering student loans, savings, and potential future income. Consult with a financial professional to create a budget that includes the possibility of home ownership based on your qualification for Physician Home Loans (PHL).

## 2 CREATE A PLAN, BUT BE FLEXIBLE

While you hope for your top choice, be prepared with a backup plan. Consider other programs or specialties that align with your career goals.

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- Reach out to mentors or advisors for guidance on potential backup options.
- Be mentally, financially, and geographically prepared to adapt your plans based on the Match results.
- Consult with a financial advisor to ensure your projected budget(s) aligns with your overall financial goals.



## 3 STAY POSITIVE, STAY INFORMED, AND STAY PREPARED

Reflect on your accomplishments and how much you've grown. Consider writing a letter to your future self, capturing your aspirations and goals.



- Keep an eye on the time, and make sure you're aware of when the results will be available. Stay updated on any announcements or changes to the process.
- Connect with peers who are going through the same experience, join professional organizations related to your chosen specialty to expand your network, and learn about the communities you hope to serve.
- If you haven't already, begin building your list of trusted financial advisors and real estate professionals so that you will be informed and supported when you're ready to move forward.

## 4 PREPARE FOR TRANSITIONS

If you match, start preparing for the next steps in your medical career and personal journey. Promptly engage with the onboarding process for your chosen residency program and consult with trusted real estate and relocation professionals to begin considering your housing options.

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- If not, focus on transitioning to your backup plan and take proactive steps toward your professional goals.
- Explore options such as the Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program (SOAP) or alternative career pathways and remember, there are various timelines leading to a successful medical career. By completing medical school, you've already made significant achievements.

## 5 AND FINALLY, CELEBRATE!

Whether you've matched or need to explore more options, celebrate all your hard work and accomplishments. Embrace the experience and the many opportunities it presents.



- Remember, Match Day is just one step in your medical career. There is so much more ahead!
- Integrate your personal goals, professional network, financial planning, and real estate strategies to embark on this next chapter of your medical career with confidence.
- Balancing the excitement of Match Day with strategic home buying considerations can set the stage for a successful and rewarding transition to residency.