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- 24/7 strategies selling your program
 - Website showcase your program and hospitals – promoting strong points

http://www.med.umn.edu/surgery/Divisions/C

and R/home.html

http://www.colonrectal.org/



Online tools:

- ASCRS Website http://www.fascrs.org/physicians/education/resid ency_training/
- FREIDA GME Track
 http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/education-careers/graduate-medical-education/freida-online.page

Follow-up promptly with applicant inquiries



- Considerations when looking at residency programs:
 - Location region, cost of living, size of city, climate.

http://www1.umn.edu/wishyouwere here/



- Considerations when looking at residency programs (Cont.):
 - Program National rank, specialists in the field of interest, success of fellowship match, research.

http://www.nrmp.org/



Considerations when looking at residency programs (Cont.):

Program Director – Atmosphere of program,
 name recognition, accountability, protected





- Considerations when looking at residency programs (Cont.)
- Size of program
 - Faculty
 - Rotations
 - Facilities
- Know program related facts, not just opinions
 - Excellent teaching and follow-up with student program critical to success



- Personnel communication between program and applicants
 - Call applicant to personally invite for interview.
 - Answer e-mails and phone calls promptly.
 - Chief Resident Communication with applicants – review language skills and overall interest in colon and rectal surgery.



- Interview Packet
 - Interviewing Faculty/Resident Bios
 - Contact info, i.e. e-mails, phone #'s, etc. (Thank you notes & personal phone calls)
 - Schedule/Maps
 - Tour
 - Copy of contract
 - Medical benefits information
 - Orientation Manual



Applicant Reception/Dinner

- Venue dinner with program director and/or current residents.
- Interaction with residents IMPORTANT!



- Follow-up
 - Thank you notes/e-mail to each applicant.
 - Post-match
 - Letters to matched applicants.
 - Personal calls from interviewing faculty.



- Feedback/evaluation from all sources.
 - Resident interaction, program coordinator.
- Try to discover personal, professional traits and goals that best fit your program.



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	N/A	OUTSTANDING	GOOD AVERAGE FAIR POO			
	N/A	5	4	3	2	1
Overall Impression						
Personality						
Scholastic Achievement						
Research Background						
Stated Goals						
References						
Conversationa 1 Skills						
Academic Responses						
Dexterity in OR						
Seminar Participation						
Leadership Potential						
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POST-MATCH SURVEY RESULTS

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Factors Influencing Ranking of U of MN

(Please Check)

Positive Negative Not a Factor

- 1. Reputation of Program
- 2. Program Structure:
 - a. On-Call
 - b. Conferences
 - c. Graduated responsibility
 - d. Opportunity to teach
 - e. Case numbers
 - f. Number of sites
- 3. Interview/meetings with:
 - a. Staff/faculty
 - b. Fellows
- 4. Stipend & Benefits
- Opportunities for spouse/significant other:
 - a. Employment
 - b. Education
- 6. Location/Community
- 7. Proximity to family
- 8. Lifestyle issues
- 9. Technology support
- 10. Research support



- Resident Perspective
 - Program introduction
 - Education experience
 - Interview process
 - Socialization
 - Communication

