Program Directors Association Guide for Residency Applicants

Urology

The *Program Directors Association Guide for Residency Applicants* is a collaborative effort between the Organization of Program Directors Association (OPDA), Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), and American Medical Association (AMA). Its purpose is to provide specialty-specific guidance, application information, and resources. This guide outlines specialty-level guidance and policies for applicants to Urology programs.

Specialty responses in this guide were provided through a standardized web form. The corresponding questions from that form are referenced in the footnotes. If a specialty indicated "No specialty recommendation to programs," it means the specialty does not provide guidance on how programs should approach that aspect of the selection process.

Please note that not all aspects of the residency application process are standardized at the specialty level. Applicants should review individual program requirements in Residency Explorer™ tool, FREIDA™, or on program websites.

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Specialty Guidance for the 2025–2026 Cycle

Urology has published a statement: https://sauweb.org/match-program/match-detailed-timeline.aspx

Application Process

Application Process Details	Specialty Recommendation
Main Residency Match Season	AAMC Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS)
Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program (SOAP)	AAMC Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS)
Application deadline to be considered for interview[1]	Date applications are released to programs
Application materials accepted after the deadline[2]	No specialty recommendation to programs

Additional Deadline Guidance: None noted.

Match Platform

Urology participates in the Urology Match.

Additional Guidance: None noted.

Program Signals

Program Signals Details	Specialty Recommendation
Number of signals	30
Signal home institution or away rotation sites?	Yes

Additional Guidance: Please see the Society of Academic Urology website for yearly guidance (https://sauweb.org/home.aspx).

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[1] By when should applicants submit applications to programs to be considered for interview?: Date applications are released to programs; Universal interview offer date for the specialty; Other
[2] Is it acceptable for applicants to submit some application materials after the initial application?: Yes; No

Use of USMLE and/or COMLEX-USA Scores

License Exam Details	Specialty Recommendation
Deadline to submit license exam transcripts to be considered for interview[3]	No specialty recommendation to programs
Deadline to submit license exam transcripts to be ranked[4]	No specialty recommendation to programs
USMLE transcripts required for DO applicants?[5]	No specialty recommendation to programs

Additional Guidance: None noted.

Letters of Recommendation (LORs)

LOR Details	Specialty Recommendation
Required number of LORs	3 - 4
Required specialty-specific letters[6]	Specialty-specific standardized letter(s) of evaluation (e.g., SLOE, SEL, SLOR), Letter from a Chair, Letter from someone in the specialty (e.g., faculty, attending)

Additional Guidance for Specialty-Specific Letters: Applicants typically will submit letters from home program PD or chair or other faculty as well as their sub internship/ away rotation PD or chair or other faculty.

Guidance for Transitional Year/Prelim Programs: None noted.

Guidance for IMG Applicants: None noted.

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[3] By when must an applicant submit a USMLE Step 2 CK or COMLEX-USA Level 2 CE score to be considered for interview?: Initial application deadline; Other
[4] By when must an applicant submit a USMLE Step 2 CK or COMLEX-USA Level 2 CE score to be ranked?: Initial application deadline; Prior to rank order list opening
[5] Does your specialty require that DO applicants submit USMLE scores in addition to COMLEX-USA scores?: Yes, USMLE scores are required for all applicants; No, USMLE scores are not required for DO applicants
[6] Which specialty-specific letters of recommendation should an applicant submit to a program? (Select all that apply): Specialty-specific standardized letter(s) of evaluation (e.g., SLOE, SEL, SLOR); Letter from a Chair; Letter from someone in the specialty (e.g., faculty, attending); Other letters

Supplemental Information

Supplemental Application Materials	Specialty Recommendation
Supplemental application materials recommended	No

Additional Supplemental Application Materials: None noted.

Away Rotations

Away Rotation Details	Specialty Recommendation
Away rotations in the specialty[7]	Expected
Number of away rotations in the specialty	1 - 3

Additional Guidance: Away rotations typically are 4 week rotations with both inpatient and outpatient urology exposure and usually include a grand rounds type medical student presentation/ talk.

Interviews

Interview Details	Specialty Recommendation
Universal interview offer date(s)	Typically 1 month after ERAS opens to programs on a Friday, Flush Day is typically on a Tuesday after Friday universal release
Typical interview offer window	–
Interview scheduling platform	–
Interview format(s)[8]	Virtual, In-person, Hybrid

Additional Guidance: Programs may select interview format based on local considerations.

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[7] Does the specialty expect or strongly recommend that applicants complete away rotations in the specialty?: No; Strongly recommended; Expected
[8] Which interview format does the specialty recommend that programs use? (Select all that apply): Virtual; In-person; Hybrid

Applicant Communications

Pre-Interview Communication Guidance: Please see https://sauweb.org/match-program/resident-match-process.aspx for Urology Match Guidelines.

Post-Interview Communication Guidance: Please see https://sauweb.org/match-program/resident-match-process.aspx for Urology Match Guidelines.

Open Houses / Second Looks

Open Houses: Many programs will hold Open Houses for virtual interactions typically during the summer timeframe and these are optional for programs to hold.

Second Looks: Currently second looks are not recommended for programs with in-person interviews although we recognize in a virtual format interview that there is interest in visiting the local area. At this time we do not have a staggered rank ordered list.

NRMP Voluntary Rank Order List (ROL) Lock Pilot Initiative: No