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PRESS RELEASE: MATCH DAY 2019

Today, hundreds of Ontario medical students are among 4,800 applicants receiving the first iteration results of the 2019 R-1 Main Residency Match. The residency match facilitates the transition from undergraduate medical training to postgraduate training. Completing a postgraduate residency program is an essential requirement to become an independent practicing physician in Canada.

The Ontario Medical Students Association would like to congratulate our colleagues who matched today. We wish you the best as you finish your final year of medical school and embark on the next stage of your training.

We also express our support to all students who were not matched to a residency training spot. These results do not define you. Information regarding next steps including the second iteration are available at carms.ca and through the Student Affairs Offices at each medical school. We also would like to highlight the resources that have been put together by the Canadian Federation of Medical Students, including a peer support network, which are accessible at www.cfms.org/what-we-do/education/residency-match.html.

OMSA has been advocating on behalf of all Ontario medical students to address the rise in unmatched medical graduates. Our representatives have met with policymakers and university leaders to improve the match process and increase supports for unmatched medical graduates. At our annual Lobby Day last year, sixty medical students met with 30 MPPs to advocate on behalf of unmatched graduates. We will continue this work at this year's Lobby Day, to be held on April 8th, where we will specifically ask the Government of Ontario to increase the ratio of postgraduate residency spots to medical graduates and provide greater transparency in the process of determining residency spot allocations.

We expect to provide updates on our advocacy efforts over the next few weeks, and will work to continue representing and supporting Ontario medical students.

Sincerely,



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