Residency specialties that medical students are researching most

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Each year as medical students prepare for Match, the sizable task of researching specialties and programs awaits. Any path to slimming the list of options can make the process less daunting. This exclusive user data reveals which medical specialties are getting the most attention when your peers weigh their residency program options. To get you started within a specialty, each link takes you to a list of the 10 most-viewed programs for that specialty.

Rankings are based on user activity on FREIDA™ from Jan.1–Sept. 30, 2019. To qualify for this analysis, users must have searched by specialty and applied a state or region filter. FREIDA™, the AMA Residency & Fellowship Database®, allows medical students to search for a residency or fellowship from more than 11,000 programs—all accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

In 2019 so far, FREIDA users have tallied more than 3.5 million views of residency programs. With this collection, we share the 20 specialties that rose to the top for user interest based on total views to specialty programs.

**Most popular medical specialties of 2019**

- **Internal medicine** – 1.3 million total views of 531 residency programs
- **Family medicine** – 556,000 total views of 642 residency programs
- **Pediatrics** – 243,000 total views of 212 residency programs
- **Surgery-general** – 225,000 total views of 319 residency programs
- **Obstetrics and gynecology** – 182,000 total views of 278 residency programs
- **Psychiatry** – 149,000 total views of 249 residency programs
Anesthesiology – 133,000 total views of 152 residency programs

Emergency medicine – 120,000 total views of 240 residency programs

Radiology-diagnostic – 74,000 total views of 194 residency programs

Neurology – 72,000 total views of 154 residency programs

Pathology-anatomic and clinical – 46,000 total views of 143 residency programs

Orthopaedic surgery – 46,000 total views of 182 residency programs

Transitional year – 24,000 total views of 151 residency programs

Physical medicine and rehabilitation – 22,000 total views of 91 residency programs

Dermatology – 19,000 total views of 140 residency programs

Internal medicine/pediatrics – 16,000 total views of 79 residency programs

Urology – 15,000 total views of 140 residency programs

Otolaryngology-head and neck surgery – 12,000 total views of 120 residency programs
Neurological surgery – 10,000 total views of 115 residency programs

Ophthalmology – 9,000 total views of 120 residency programs