

February 4, 2023

Unmatched Peer Mentorship Network

Dear Resident Doctors of Canada,

Every year in anticipation of match day, the CFMS organizes a network of students, residents and faculty who have previously gone unmatched in preparation for pairing them with an unmatched student from the current year to provide them with advice and support.

We understand that going unmatched is incredibly overwhelming, and that unmatched students will be connected with various parties. Among these, we believe that previous students who have been in their position are an exceptional resource.

We are once again distributing our [annual sign-up form](#), gathering contact information of previously unmatched students who will be able to support students who go unmatched this year. The person receiving the submissions to the form will be myself, Danielle Judd, as the CFMS Director of Education. We understand how important your privacy is, so the list of those who fill out the form will be used only by myself and my Education Dyad, Helen Jin (CFMS Ontario Regional Director) so that we can work together to pair students who go unmatched in 2023 with mentors. If you have any questions please direct them to me at education@cfms.org.

We greatly appreciate all the individuals who have already come forward and those who will volunteer to participate with this program. If you have already provided your contact information through this form in 2023, you do not need to do so again. This form is being widely distributed and is the same one that was emailed to prior mentor participants in this program.

These names will be maintained on a locked and confidential list within the Education Portfolio documents to be used in later years to grow a wide database of peer

supporters. Contact information, names and school will ONLY be shared with the student(s) you are paired with to support. If you do not wish for your information to be stored beyond this year, you may opt out of that process through the google form. We will email the list of contacts in our protected database each year to confirm your continued interest in participating.

Please note that the 2023 Match Day is on **March 22nd**, however many students will learn of their match status on Pre-Match Day via opt-in on **March 21st**, therefore students may begin reaching out on either day.

We are also hoping to update and share the book of advice from unmatched students created last year. While this Google form is being used to collect your name for the peer support list, any advice you provide with this form will be published confidentially and anonymously. If you give consent (on this form), we will publish your advice with your initial specialty of interest, but never with your name or contact information.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Judd". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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