



# Investing in the Future of Medical Education in Canada



## Leading through Change and Growth

### Message from the Executive Director and CEO

Sandra Banner

The last year was a period of tremendous change and growth at the Canadian Resident Matching Service (CaRMS). Canada's medical education community is evolving at a rapid rate and we've worked hard to ensure that CaRMS is ready to meet the coming changes.

We are now ideally positioned to take medical students seamlessly through their educational continuum – from admissions to subspecialty training – and provide a more user friendly, intuitive and efficient match experience for our clients.

I invite you to review our 2012 Annual Report at [carms.ca/2012annualreport](http://carms.ca/2012annualreport) to find out about all of the innovative ways we are renewing CaRMS and managing our growth to build on our core strength of trusted, reliable and transparent match services.

## 2012 Match Highlights

### R-1 Main Residency Match

- A record 3,060 matched medical graduates
  - 2,622 Canadian medical graduates (CMGs)
    - Majority accepted into one of their top three ranks
  - 407 international medical graduates (IMGs)
    - Majority accepted into one of their top three programs
- Increased interest in Family Medicine
  - 35 per cent of CMGs and 50 per cent of IMGs selected as their first choice

### Family Medicine / Emergency Medicine Match

- 128 matched
- Applicant pool increased greatly, with 202 participating (up 35.6 per cent from 2011)

### Medicine Subspecialty Match

- 384 matched in the first iteration
  - More than 96 per cent matched to their first choice discipline
- Most popular career choice: General Internal Medicine

### Pediatric Subspecialty Match

- 75 matched (up 10 per cent from 2011)
  - Majority matched to their first choice rank
- Most popular career choice: Pediatric Emergency Medicine

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Visit [carms.ca](http://carms.ca) for more information on CaRMS' 2012 R-1 Main Residency Match and subspecialty matches, as well as detailed match reports and statistics dating back to 1997.

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## CaRMS Online

We have made targeted investments in our technology to ensure we continue to provide our clients with the level of service they have come to expect from CaRMS.

Our new CaRMS Online web-based application was built to reflect and respond to the growing complexity of medical education. It allows us to build the wide variety of reports our clients request, customize users' experiences to their needs, and ensure the confidentiality and security of data and personal information. But above all else, it gives us the flexibility to expand our services to meet the evolving needs of our clients and the medical education community as a whole.

We thank all of our clients for their patience during the transition to this new system, and we look forward to continuing to work together to create a user-friendly, intuitive and efficient match experience.

## Expanding Services

CaRMS has provided postgraduate residency matching services since 1970, so it was an exciting expansion of our services to focus our expertise on medical school admissions. In 2012 we partnered with Memorial University of Newfoundland for our first foray into this area, creating a centralized online electronic application system for admissions to the university's undergraduate medical program.

We hope this partnership is the first of many new collaborative projects that will benefit students, residents and faculty across the country. As the needs of the medical education community grow and change, CaRMS will be ready to respond with innovative solutions and services.

## About CaRMS

The Canadian Resident Matching Service (CaRMS) is an impartial, not-for-profit organization that provides a fair and transparent online process to match medical students and residents with medical residency positions throughout Canada.

In operation since 1970, CaRMS has built its reputation on providing an orderly, reliable match service that students and medical faculties can trust. With the tools and resources CaRMS offers, medical students and residents can decide where to train and program directors can select suitable applicants.

CaRMS plays a highly valued role in supporting and enhancing the excellence of the Canadian health care education system and strives to ensure that all of the processes in the matching program meet the highest standards for accuracy, transparency, fairness and equity.

Want to find out more? Visit us online at [carms.ca](http://carms.ca) or read our 2012 Annual Report at [carms.ca/2012annualreport](http://carms.ca/2012annualreport).

