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Rutgers New Jersey Medical School Students Learn Their Futures During Annual Match Day Festivities

NEWARK, N.J.—The Grand Foyer of the Medical Science Building at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School reached a near-deafening crescendo of cheers, applause, and tears of happiness today as scores of fourth-year students learned where they will be working in the next few months. Today was Match Day at medical schools throughout the U.S. and Canada where students simultaneously gathered at noon EDT to learn what their futures hold. Indeed, it was a day of anxiety and excitement at New Jersey Medical School as soon-to-be-graduates ripped into envelopes that contained life-altering information about where their first jobs as doctors will take them.

“This was our first Match Day celebration since joining Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey and, as usual, it was an exciting and joy-filled day,” said New Jersey Medical School Dean Robert L. Johnson, M.D. “Getting to this point in their journey through medical school was no small feat for our students. I am exceedingly proud of our students and commend them on their achievements.”

In total, approximately 95 percent of the 169 New Jersey Medical School students who entered “The Match” received assignments to residency programs in such competitive specialties as plastic surgery, neurosurgery, otolaryngology, and dermatology. The national average was 94 percent. In addition, the school’s students gained positions at coveted programs like Johns Hopkins University; Harvard Brigham & Women’s Hospital; Yale University; University of California, San Diego; and University Hospital in Newark. Of those who matched, 47 will remain in New Jersey, including 31 who landed positions with programs at either New Jersey Medical School or Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Just as remarkable is that 44.5 percent of the students who matched are going into primary care fields, including pediatrics, family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics and obstetrics and gynecology.

Nationally, more than 40,000 applicants from the United States, Canada and other countries competed for less than 30,000 residency positions, reports the National Residency Match Program, a private, non-profit organization established in 1952 to provide a mechanism for matching the preferences of applicants for U.S. residency positions with the preferences of residency program directors.

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Founded in 1954, **Rutgers New Jersey Medical School** is the oldest school of medicine in the state. Today it is part of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey and graduates approximately 170 physicians a year. In addition to providing the MD degree, the school offers MD/PhD, MD/MPH and MD/MBA degrees through collaborations with

other institutions of higher education. Dedicated to excellence in education, research, clinical care and community outreach, the medical school comprises 22 academic departments and works with several healthcare partners, including its principal teaching hospital, The University Hospital. Its faculty consists of numerous world-renowned scientists and many of the region's "top doctors." Home to the nation's oldest student-run clinic, New Jersey Medical School hosts more than 50 centers and institutes, including the Public Health Research Institute Center, the Global Tuberculosis Institute and the Neurological Institute of New Jersey. For more information please visit: njms.rutgers.edu