

Timeline for 2026 Residency Cycle

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Residency Timeline Synchronization

- Participating sites:
 - University of Michigan
 - University of California, San Francisco (UCSF)
 - Shirley Ryan Ability Lab
 - University of Wisconsin
 - Lurie Children's Hospital
 - University of Mississippi
 - Gillette Children's
 - Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA)
 - Shriners Portland
 - VA
 - Scottish Rite Hospital for Children
 - University of Washington
- Potential participants
 - Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital
 - University of North Carolina
 - University of Rochester
- Aware of synchronization:
 - Hanger Clinics
 - Shrine (POPS)
 - Ossur Clinics (Rise)
 - Orthopediatrics Specialty Bracing (Boston O&P)
 - Otto Bock Patient Care
 - Independent Practice Group members
- Many Texas-based institutions do not participate due to UT-SW winter graduation date

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- NCOPE is supportive of synchronization but does not require residency sites to align timelines
- NCOPE website link:

<https://ncope.org/index.php/home-page-v2/residency-program-services/op-residency-future-and-current-past-residents/oprescas-application-harmonization/>

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- In coordination with other institutional O&P residency sites, we are following the residency synchronization timeline for application deadlines, interview period, and extension of residency offers.

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