In September 2014, the physician network Doximity (San Mateo, CA) released the latest results in its periodic surveys of board-certified physicians, ranking residency training programs in the United States. The survey for peer nominations, including nuclear medicine programs, was conducted from January to March 2014 and was open to all Doximity member physicians with eligible board certifications. Doximity has indicated that >40% of U.S. physicians are members of its network. The design of the survey was modeled on the annual physician survey that is a component of the U.S. News & World Report Best Hospitals rankings. U.S. News & World Report editors also provided informal input into the design of the survey.

The nuclear medicine residency program at Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore, MD), which garnered 30 peer votes, topped the ranking list. “We were pleased to see these results,” said Harvey Ziessman, MD, director of the program at Hopkins. “Our program is a success not only because of the hard work of multiple faculty members, administrators, and staff but because of the quality of dedicated trainees we are able to attract each year.” Other universities in the survey’s top 10, in descending order, were the Washington University/Barnes–Jewish Hospital/St. Louis Children’s Hospital Consortium (MO; 27 votes), Brigham and Women’s Hospital/Harvard Medical School (Boston, MA; 22 votes), Emory University (Atlanta, GA; 19 votes), University of California at Los Angeles (16 votes), Stanford University (CA; 16 votes), University of Michigan (Ann Arbor; 10 votes), Memorial Sloan–Kettering Cancer Center (New York, NY; 10 votes), University of Washington (Seattle; 9 votes), and Vanderbilt University (Nashville, TN; 8 votes).

For the peer ranking (referred to as “reputation data”), nuclear medicine physicians certified by the American Board of Nuclear Medicine who were existing Doximity members were prompted to submit nominations when they signed in to the network website or by e-mail. Eligible physicians who were not Doximity members were also able to share their nominations by registering and verifying with the network before the end of the survey period. Each physician could nominate and rank up to 5 residency programs. In addition to the final ranking and the numbers of votes received by each program, posted survey results include a broad range of other data compiled from both public sources and the proprietary Doximity database, which covers all U.S. physicians, regardless of Doximity membership.

Data supporting the Doximity Residency Navigator were refreshed in December 2014 in preparation for the 2015 rank list submission. Results from the latest survey are available at www.doximity.com/residency.