January 2020

This issue of *The Match Illuminator* features a call for nominations to the NRMP Board of Directors, as well as reminders about Main Residency Match deadlines for schools and programs. Helpful resources are highlighted too!

Here's to a great new year!

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**Nominate Someone to the NRMP Board**

NRMP is seeking nominations for seats on its *Board of Directors* for one *public member* director, two *resident/fellow directors*, one of which must be an international medical graduate (IMG), and two *student directors*.

The term of service for public member directors is four years, with a maximum of two terms. The term of service for resident/fellow and student directors is two years. The Board meets three times a year, usually in October, January, and May. Additional day-long meetings and conference calls may be required for Board committee work.

*Review the director qualifications.* Nominations are due by February 1, 2020.

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**January Marks the Start of Ranking Season**
It's ranking season for the 2020 Main Residency Match, and below are important January dates for schools and programs to remember:

- **January 15**: Ranking opens for programs and applicants in the Registration Ranking, and Results (R3) system.
- **January 15**: Schools can begin verifying the graduation credentials of students and graduates in the R3 system.

NRMP's website contains helpful resources for these and other actions:

- [Entering and Certifying a Program Rank Order List](#)
- [Programs: ROL Tips for Success](#)
- [Verifying Graduation Credentials for Schools](#)
- [Managing Students and Graduates for Schools](#)

Quota Change, Withdrawal, and SOAP Participation Deadlines are January 31

**January 31** is the Quota Change Deadline for the 2020 Main Residency Match. After that date, program directors cannot make changes to their quotas (the number of positions to be filled when the matching algorithm is processed).

**January 31** also marks the Withdrawal Deadline for programs. Programs not participating in the Match must withdraw from the Match by that date.

Program directors can choose whether to participate in the Match Week Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program (SOAP). To participate in SOAP, program directors must set the program's SOAP participation status to "YES" in the R3 system by **January 31**.

Use these NRMP resources as a guide:

- [Quota Changes and Withdrawals](#)
- [Withdrawing and Reinstating a Program](#)
- [Setting SOAP Participation for Programs](#)
Upcoming Dates for January

**Main Residency Match**
- January 14, 11:59 p.m. ET: Joint Advanced-Prelim. Tracks Deadline
- January 15, 12:00 p.m. ET: Ranking Opens
- January 31, 11:59 p.m. ET: Quota Change Deadline

**Sports Medicine, Psychiatry**
- January 8, 12:00 p.m. ET: Match Day
- January 29, 12:00 p.m. ET: Registration Opens

**NRMP Offices Closed**
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 20

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