March 2020

This issue of *The Match Illuminator* features Match Week and SOAP resources for the 2020 Main Residency Match. Two reports also are highlighted: *Results and Data Specialties Matching Service, 2020 Appointment Year* and the *NRMP 2019 Annual Report*. Lastly, registration for the 2020 *Transition to Residency Conference* is now open, and this issue announces another exciting plenary speaker.

Best of luck to everyone participating in Match Week beginning March 16!

NRMP Staff

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Match Week is March 16-20, and NRMP is excited to celebrate this year's cohort of applicants as they transition to residency. Below are links to Match Week and SOAP resources, along with information on how to participate in the joint NRMP, AAMC, AACOM, AMA, and AOA Match Week celebration -- the first "Single Match" since the single accreditation process was fully completed! Included on our website are new NRMP/ERAS SOAP Guides for Programs and Applicants.

Please share the following resources with participating staff so they understand Match Week policies, procedures, and ways to engage in the celebration.

- Match Week and SOAP Schedule
- Match Week and SOAP for Programs
- Match Week and SOAP for Institutions
- Match Week and SOAP for Schools
- Match Week and SOAP for Applicants
- NRMP, AAMC, AACOM, AMA, AOA Match Week Celebration

NRMP and AAMC's ERAS are partnering again this year to host the Match Week and SOAP Listserv, the official source for all Match Week and SOAP information. The Listserv is "opt in" for medical school and program staff/faculty and is not intended for applicants.

- Join the NRMP/ERAS Match Week and SOAP Listserv
Fellowship Results and Data Report Available

Results and Data Specialties Matching Service, 2020 Appointment Year has been posted to the NRMP website. The report provides summary statistics, five-year trend data by specialty, and match rates by applicant type.

The 2020 appointment year was the largest ever, as 12,042 active applicants with rank order lists competed for 11,545 fellowship positions offered by 4,946 programs. In addition:

- Of the 11,545 positions offered, 9,916 (85.9%) were filled.
- Of the 4,946 participating programs, 3,797 (77.8%) filled all positions.
- Of the 67 participating subspecialties, 31 (46.2%) filled 90 percent or more of the positions offered.

It is the NRMP’s pleasure to provide this and other fellowship program data.

Year in Review: NRMP 2019 Annual Report

NRMP's 2019 accomplishments are highlighted in its Annual Report and include:

- the largest Main Residency Match on record when measured by number of applicants and positions offered/filled;
- a Specialties Matching Service with record-high participation and services provided for 67 subspecialties in 22 separate Matches;
- a Transition to Residency Conference that drew a record-setting number of attendees and featured the meeting’s first-ever pre-conference workshop;
- the appointment and on-boarding of Donna L Lamb, DHSc, MBA, BSN, as the new NRMP President and CEO, after a year-long national search.

We appreciate your support of NRMP programs and services in 2019, and hope you take a moment to read about the organization's highlights throughout last year. We welcome your feedback, which can be sent to us using the report's contact form.

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**2020 Transition to Residency Conference: Registration Now Open**

**TRANSITION TO RESIDENCY**

*October 15-17, 2020 • Nashville, Tennessee*

**CONVERSATIONS ACROSS THE MEDICAL EDUCATION CONTINUUM**

[Registration is now open](#) for NRMP's 2020 *Transition to Residency Conference*, scheduled for October 15-17, 2020 in Nashville, TN. Take advantage of [early registration rates](#) (on or before August 7) and join colleagues at the premier forum for UME-GME stakeholders to discuss topics surrounding the transition from medical student to resident.
Last month NRMP announced former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy as a plenary speaker at the conference. This month we are pleased to report that Shankar Vedantam, NPR's social science correspondent and host of the Hidden Brain radio show, will also be a plenary speaker. Hidden Brain is featured on 250 public radio stations across the United States and is among the most popular podcasts in the world. Read more here.

Watch for more conference agenda announcements from NRMP and check the conference website for updates.

Upcoming Dates for March

**Main Residency Match**
- March 9, 8:00 a.m. ET: SOAP student/graduate verification opens for schools
- March 11, 5:00 p.m. ET: SOAP student/graduate verification closes for schools
- March 16-20: Match Week

**Radiology, Surgical Oncology**
- March 25, 12:00 p.m. ET: Registration opens

**Laryngology, Pediatric Surgery, Thoracic Surgery and Vascular Surgery, Vascular Neurology**
- March 25, 12:00 p.m. ET: Ranking opens

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