

Illuminator

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This issue of *The Match Illuminator* features the NRMP's FAQ document addressing applicant transition to training during the COVID-19 crisis. It also invites medical school officials to participate in the USMLE/COMLEX score verification process for Main Residency Match applicants and provides ranking tips and reminders to fellowship program directors.

May 10-16 marks National Hospital Week and NRMP salutes all healthcare providers and staff for their dedication and care of patients while under the added stress of COVID19.

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NRMP Addresses Questions Regarding GME Transition Amidst COVID-19 Pandemic

Thank you for your continued focus on medical education during this rapidly evolving, uncertain COVID-19 pandemic. Your selfless efforts and professionalism at your schools and institutions will ensure that the nation has well-trained physicians - now and in the future.

To address questions regarding the applicant transition to graduate medical education during the crisis, NRMP has created a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document. While the situation remains fluid, NRMP will continue to monitor conditions and update the FAQs as

new information and/or questions emerge.

[Read the NRMP COVID-19 FAQs here.](#)

Please feel free to contact the NRMP leadership with questions at admin@nrmp.org.

Ensure Accurate Data - Verify Your Student Scores by June 1

NRMP requests that all medical school officials log in to the [Registration, Ranking, and Results \(R3\) system](#) and verify the USMLE and COMLEX scores of their students and graduates. Your assistance will ensure that the NRMP maintains accurate applicant data for its publications, including *Charting Outcomes in the Match*.

Schools that complete the process will receive the *Characteristics of Match Seniors* report. Available in September, the report compares the characteristics of the school's matched senior students with national percentile information.

Schools will be able to access score verification functionality in the R3 System until 5:00 p.m. ET on June 1.

Ranking Tips for Fellowships

With several Fellowship Matches engaged in ranking this month and into summer, program directors should keep these tips in mind:

- During interviews, remind applicants to register with the NRMP® so you can rank them, and collect applicants' AAMC and NRMP ID numbers to assist you when creating a Rank Order List (ROL).
- Rank applicants in order of true preference and not how you think applicants will rank your program.
- The match commitment is binding, so rank only those applicants you deem acceptable to train, and do not wait until the last minute to enter your ROL in the R3 system.



More resources for ranking applicants are [available here](#).

Upcoming Dates for May

Pediatric Surgery, Thoracic Surgery & Vascular Surgery, and Vascular Neurology

May 13, 12:00 p.m. ET: Match Day



Hand Surgery

May 6, 9:00 p.m. ET: Ranking Deadline

May 20, 12:00 p.m. ET: Match Day

Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery

May 6, 12:00 p.m. ET: Match Opens

Radiology, Surgical Oncology

May 13, 11:59 p.m. ET: Quota Change Deadline

May 27, 11:59 p.m. ET: Ranking Deadline



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