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This issue of *The Match Illuminator* highlights important schedule changes to the 2021 Main Residency Match, as well as guidance from the Coalition for Physician Accountability on navigating critical 2020-21 residency cycle issues during the COVID-19 pandemic. Resources for fellowship program directors are also featured.

Radiology and Surgical Oncology programs celebrate Match Day on June 10. Best wishes for a safe and successful month!

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Schedule Changes for the 2021 Main Residency Match Season

In response to national discussions about the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on students, NRMP has implemented the following schedule changes for the 2021 Main Residency Match:



- The Rank Order List (ROL) Open, when applicants and programs can begin entering their ROLs, will move to **February 1, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. ET.**
- The ROL Certification Deadline, when applicants and programs must finalize and certify their ROLs, will move to **March 3, 2021 at 9:00 p.m. ET.**

Match Week and SOAP will remain as scheduled for March 15-18, with Match Day occurring on March 19, 2021.

For details on these modifications, please see the NRMP's [COVID-19 FAQs](#) and scroll down to the May 13 update. The NRMP public website also has the [complete 2021 Main Residency Match calendar](#).

Coalition for Physician Accountability: Guidance on Medical Education Issues Concerning COVID-19

The [Coalition for Physician Accountability](#), an alliance of national medical education organizations which NRMP has collaborated with as a planning group member, has released several guidance documents covering issues pertinent to the UME-GME community as it prepares for the 2020-21 residency cycle amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.



While not intended as "one size fits all" solutions, these documents will assist medical schools, institutions, programs, residents, and transitioning graduates as they navigate disruptions caused by the pandemic. Topics covered include away rotations, in-person interviews, the ERAS timeline, maintaining quality and safety while supporting new or volunteer physicians, and helping 2020 graduates transition to PGY-1 residencies.

Visit the Coalition for Physician Accountability [page on the NRMP website](#) to access the recommendations.

Resources for Fellowship Program Directors

The [NRMP website](#) contains a wealth of resources to assist fellowship program directors with each step in the Match process. Take time to review the following materials:

Videos:

[How the Matching Algorithm Works](#)

[The Match Process](#)

[Creating Reversions](#)

[Policy Highlights for Programs](#)

Support Guides:

[Navigating R3 System-Fellowships](#)

[Changing Quota and Program Details](#)

[Entering and Certifying a Rank Order List](#)

[Updating Unfilled Positions for Fellowship Programs](#)

[Reversions Support Guide](#)

See the [Support](#) page for additional information and download the [Fellowship Program Checklist](#) at the time of registration.



Upcoming Dates for June

Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery

June 3, 12:00 p.m. ET: Ranking Opens

Radiology, Surgical Oncology

June 10, 12:00 p.m. ET: Match Day

Obstetrics/Gynecology, Anesthesiology, Surgical Critical Care

June 24, 12:00 p.m. ET: Match Opens



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