September 2020

This issue of The Match Illuminator announces resources for the 2021 Main Residency Match, publication of the 2020 Program Director Survey report, and October's virtual Transition to Residency conference.

Did You Know?

The NRMP maintains a Main Residency Match Tagboard and a Specialties Matching Service Tagboard. The Tagboards track tweets that celebrate the transition from medical school to training and the excitement that percolates throughout the Match season. Please contribute to these community pages using #Match2021 or #FellowMatch.

Here's to a successful 2021 Main Residency Match. Please know we are here to help!

NRMP Staff
NRMP has a variety of resources to help constituents through the Main Residency Match:

**Match Checklists**: Available for applicants, program directors, medical school officials, and institutional officials, each checklist provides tips and deadline dates for each phase of the Match.

**Policies**: NRMP has updated the Match Participation Agreement for Applicants and Programs as well as for Schools. Want to know what is new for this year? Check out these policy resources:

- Policy Highlights: Applicants
- Policy Highlights: Programs
- Policy Highlights: Medical Schools

**Guides**: Program directors, institutional officials, and medical school officials should visit their Support pages on the NRMP website to access user-friendly guides for navigating the Registration, Ranking, and Results (R3) system. A few key guides include

- Navigating the R3 system
- Using Applicant Match History
- Managing Students and Graduates
- Verifying Graduation Credentials
- Activating Institutions and Programs

Check them out today!

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**Results of the 2020 Program Director Survey**

Posted Online
The **Results of the 2020 Program Director Survey** report has been posted to the NRMP public website. The report sheds light on the factors program directors use to interview and rank applicants in the 2020 Main Match. The report includes data on Transitional Year and 22 other specialties. New this year are questions targeting the recruitment process, namely whether programs offered more invitations than interview slots and the reasons why, as well as how much time programs gave applicants to respond to interview invitations.

Also available is the **At-A-Glance PD Survey**, an interactive Tableau-based tool that helps applicants determine goodness of fit for specialties.

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**NRMP Virtual Conference: Standard Registration Deadline is September 30**

Register now to join the GME community at NRMP's virtual conference, **Transition to Residency: Conversations Across the Medical Education Continuum**, scheduled for October 16-17, 2020.

**The $200 standard registration fee will expire on September**
30. **After that date, the fee increases to $250.** Student and resident learners who wish to attend can do so free of charge.

See [complete biographies](#) of speakers and check the conference website for the full [program agenda](#) to be posted soon.

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### Upcoming Dates for September

**Colon and Rectal Surgery, Medical Genetics, Sleep Medicine, Spinal Cord Injury**
- Sept 9, 12:00 p.m. ET: Ranking Opens

**Main Residency Match**
- September 15, 2020, 12:00 p.m. ET: Registration Opens

**Adolescent Medicine, Emergency Medicine**
- Sept 16, 12:00 p.m. ET: Ranking Opens

**Anesthesiology, Ob/Gyn, Surgical Critical Care**
- Sept 16, 12:00 p.m. ET: Quota Change Deadline

**Pediatric Specialties Match, Rehabilitation Med**
- Sept 23, 12:00 p.m. ET: Registration Opens

**Medical Specialties Matching Program**
- Sept 30, 12:00 p.m. ET: Ranking Opens

**Colon and Rectal Surgery, Medical Genetics, Sleep Medicine, Spinal Cord Injury**
- Sept 30, 12:00 p.m. ET: Quota Change Deadline

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