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Happy New Year! This issue of *The Match Illuminator* features reminders and resources to help you with a few Main Residency Match items that fall on January 31.

Good luck to the Psychiatry and Sports Medicine fellowship programs receiving Match results on January 6.

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Remind Applicants to Register for the Main Residency Match by January 31



The standard registration deadline for the 2021 Main Residency Match is January 31 at 11:59 p.m. ET. Students registering after this date will incur a [late fee](#) of \$50.

Programs will not be able to rank applicants unless applicants are registered for the Match.

Medical school officials who uploaded a student list can login to the Registration, Ranking, and Results (R3) system to determine if any of their students have not registered.

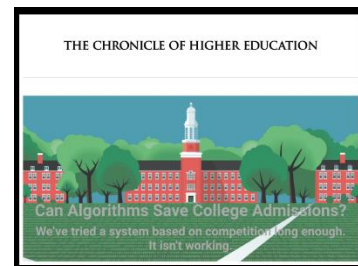
Resources to Assist Programs with Quota Change, Withdrawal, and SOAP Participation Status

January 31 Deadlines for the 2021 Main Residency Match:

- **Quota Change Deadline:** After January 31, program directors cannot make changes to their quotas (the number of positions to be filled when the matching algorithm is processed). **Resource:** [Changing Quota & Program Details](#)
- **Program Withdrawal Deadline:** Programs not participating in the Match must withdraw from the Match by January 31. **Resource:** [Withdrawing and Reinstating a Program](#)
- **Match Week SOAP Participation:** To participate in the Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program (SOAP), program directors must set the program's SOAP participation status to "YES" in the R3 system by January 31. **Resource:** [Setting SOAP Participation for Programs](#)

NRMP In The News: *Chronicle of Higher Education*

An article in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* recently proposed that an algorithm-based matching system would be a more equitable process to use for college admissions than the current system. The article, "[Can Algorithms Save College Admissions?](#)" (December 15), is authored by Brian Rosenberg, President Emeritus of Macalester College and President in Residence of the Harvard Graduate School of Education.



After lamenting the current college admissions process and its impact on the business model of most private colleges, Rosenberg proposes: "What if we replaced the current and longstanding admissions process among private colleges with a match process, similar to what has for years been used to match medical-school graduates with residency and fellowship positions? What if, in other words, we used data and algorithms instead of travel, merit aid, and free food to drive college admissions?"

Rosenberg cites the NRMP and its algorithm, and writes that "a matching program, properly constructed, has the potential to be far more equitable than the transparently biased system we have now."

Upcoming Dates



Main Residency Match
January 31, 11:59 p.m. ET: Quota Change, Withdrawal,
SOAP Participation Status, & Joint Advanced-Prelim
Tracks Deadlines

Sports Medicine, Psychiatry
January 6, 12:00 p.m. ET: Match Day

**Laryngology, Pediatric Surgery, Thoracic Surgery and Vascular
Surgery, Vascular Neurology**
January 27, 12:00 p.m. ET: Registration Opens

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