Society of Chairs of Academic Radiology Departments
Fellowship Application Timeline Changes

In response to concerns expressed by multiple stakeholders and after extensive discussions, the Society of Chairs of Academic Radiology Departments (SCARD) has formulated a proposal to modify the current fellowship application and acceptance process in Radiology. Currently, there is no standardization of this process between different sub-specialties and the date that residents have to decide their sub-specialties continues to creep earlier and earlier. We believe this is both unfair to our residents and detrimental for Radiology as a specialty.

Our goal is to establish a uniform date for applications, interviews, and acceptances that will allow our residents sufficient time to experience all of Radiology sub-specialties before choosing one for their career. In order to develop a proposal that achieves this objective and addresses concerns of all stakeholders, SCARD formed a subcommittee which included several Chairs and representatives from the major subspecialty societies. This committee met for several months and agreed on the following key points:

1. In order to maintain flexibility, not all sub-specialties will choose to utilize the match.
2. What is critical is maintaining a uniform date (an embargo date) before which no fellowship program in any radiology sub-specialty can offer interviews or acceptances.
   a. For sub-specialties that use a match, the match achieves this goal.
   b. For those sub-specialties that choose not to utilize the match there will be an embargo date of December 1 of the third year of residency, before which no program can offer interviews or acceptances.

This proposal was presented at the recent SCARD annual meeting in October 2018. After thorough discussion, this proposal was approved by SCARD and signed by 90 Chairs who attended the meeting. The proposal is also supported by the Society of Skeletal Radiology, The Society of Thoracic Radiology, The American Society of Emergency Radiology, The American Society of Neuroradiology, The Society of Breast Imaging, the Society of Interventional Radiology, and the Society of Abdominal Radiology. The specifics of the proposal are as follows:

1. For sub-specialties that participate in the match:

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2. For sub-specialties that do not participate in the match:

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3. All fellowship programs, match and non-match, must:
   a. Abide by the December 1 embargo date for interviews.
      i. Exception—internal candidates, international candidates, military candidates, and spouses are excluded from the embargo date timeline
   b. Stop interviewing by March 31 to avoid conflict with Core Exam studying.

4. This proposal will be instituted for fellowships beginning July 2021. Therefore interviews will not begin before December 1, 2019 for positions starting in July 2021.

5. Neuro-interventional programs are excluded from this proposal as many are not under the direction of Radiology.

6. As of this time, pediatric fellowships are also not included as this proposal is still under discussion by the Society of Chiefs of Radiology at Children Hospitals (SCORCH).

SCARD believes it is critical for all fellowship programs to follow this date and we ask all departments agree to join the 90 below that have already pledged to follow this proposal.

- Albany Medical Center Hospital
- Allegheny General Hospital
- Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
- Boston Medical Center
- Brigham & Women's Hospital
- Columbia University
- Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center
- Duke University Medical Center
- Emory University
George Washington University Medical Center
  Henry Ford Hospital
Indiana University School of Medicine
  Johns Hopkins School of Medicine
  Keck Medical Center of USC
  Lahey Clinic & Medical Center
Loma Linda University Medical Center
  Louisiana State University HSC
  Loyola University Health System
  Massachusetts General Hospital
    Mayo Clinic Jacksonville
    Mayo Clinic Scottsdale
    Mayo Clinic Rochester
  MD Anderson Cancer Center
  Medical College of Wisconsin
  Medical University of South Carolina
  MedStar Georgetown University Hospital
  Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
    Michigan State University
    Montefiore Medical Center
    Mount Sinai Medical Center
  New York Presbyterian Hospital
  New York University Langone Health
  Northwestern Memorial Hospital
    Ochsner Health System
  Ohio State University
  Oregon Health & Sciences University
  Penn State University Medical Center
  Rhode Island Hospital
  Rush University Medical Center
Rutgers University NJMS
Saint Louis University
Stanford University
Stony Brook University Hospital
SUNY Upstate Medical University
Temple University Hospital
Thomas Jefferson University Hospital
Tufts Medical Center
University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center
University of Alabama Birmingham
University of Arizona Medical Center
University of California Davis
University of California Irvine
University of California Los Angeles
University of California San Diego
University of California San Francisco
University of Chicago Medical Center
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado Denver
University of Connecticut
University of Illinois Hospital Chicago
University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics
University of Kansas Medical Center
University of Kansas School of Medicine Wichita
University of Kentucky
University of Louisville Hospital
University of Maryland Medical Center
University of Massachusetts Memorial Medical Center
University of Michigan Health System
University of Minnesota Medical Center
University of Missouri School of Medicine
University of Nebraska Medical Center
University of New Mexico
University of North Carolina
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
University of Rochester Medical Center
University of South Florida
University of Texas Medical School Houston
University of Texas Southwestern
University of Utah
University of Vermont Medical Center
University of Virginia Health System
University of Wisconsin School of Med & Public Health
Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center
Wake Forest School of Medicine
Walter Reed National Military Med Center
William Beaumont Hospital
Yale University School of Medicine