

# Fellowship Application Task Force

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# Fellow Questionnaire

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- Should fellowship programs utilize ERAS?

If so, what release date?

- December 1st (19 mos prior to starting fellowship)
- July 15th (11 1/2 mos prior)

- Should there be a match?

If so, which date?

- Spring of 2nd yr (end of May, 13 mos prior)
- Fall of 3rd yr (end of Oct, 8 mos prior)

# Results

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- 76% support the use of ERAS
  - July date somewhat more favorable
- 63% support a match
  - Greater support from those already in the match
  - Fall date somewhat more favorable
- Current Match/ERAS use
  - 4 subspecialties have a spring match date
  - 3 subspecialties have a fall date
  - Use of ERAS: Emergency Medicine, Neonatal

# AAP Section on Residents

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- Appreciative of the efforts of CoPS
- Fellowship application process goals:
  - Unifying a timeline for application
  - Traditional support of a later application and acceptance date (fall, 6 - 8 mos prior)
- Importance of a timeline in each subspecialty:
  - Uniform
  - Clear and consistent
  - Enough time for programs to evaluate applicants
- Concern how to integrate military programs

# Musings on a Fall 3rd Yr Match Date

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## •Stapleton

- The match reduces “offer pressure”
- Limitation of elective exposure early in 2nd yr
- Special Pathway applicants can be handled separately

## •Lux

- The match optimizes decisions for resident/program
- One date: potential interviewing chaos
- Special pathway residents are highly sought
- IMG and funding/visa issues
- Family and spouse issues
- 3rd yr of residency used to contemplate research experience

# Recommendations: ERAS

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- Utilize ERAS: 12 mos or 18 mos cycle
  - Uniformity within subspecialty
  - No change for subspecialties in ERAS
- Start date: 2009 ERAS cycle
  - Approval by CoPS: Nov 2007
  - Registration of programs: Feb 2008
  - Two fellowship start dates (July 2009 and 2010)
  - ERAS release dates:
    - July 15, 2008 for July 2009 start fellowship (12 mos)
    - Dec 1, 2008 for July 2010 start fellowship (18 mos)

# Recommendations: Match

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- Match date vs match period?
- One or two match dates/periods?
- Utilize two match dates:
  - Late spring (3rd Wed in May); 13 mos prior to starting fellowship
  - Late fall (3rd Wed in Nov); 7 mos prior
- Utilize two match periods:
  - Continues what subspecialties already doing
  - Late spring and late fall
- Encourage subspecialties not able/willing to use ERAS or a match date to endorse an offer date

# Action Items

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- Endorse use of ERAS
  - When to start: ERAS 2009 (fellowship start July 2009 or 2010) or ERAS 2010
- Decide on two match dates vs match periods
  - Offer dates will correspond to match date
- Poll Program Directors of each subspecialty:
  - Support of a) ERAS and b) match/offer dates
- Goals:
  - Uniformity of process within subspecialty
  - Uniformity of process within CoPS
- Monitor