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Subject: U.S. MS4s UNITE: Seeking Transparency in Application to Residency (Texas STAR) PLEASE COMPLETE

Importance: High

Dear Class of 2019 students,

On behalf of a national group of student affairs faculty, LCOM is participating in the **Texas STAR** survey again this year to advocate for our students during the residency application process. You may recall that we had excellent participation from LCOM class of 2018 last year, however we felt that the national participation last year was not enough to make the data useful to our class of 2019 students. This year, more schools are participating and we hope their level of participation will be enough to share both the national and school specific data with the class of 2020 students. OMSE has carefully reviewed and approved of the survey. Please see the information below regarding the Texas STAR survey and the link to participate. The greater the participation the more relevant the data will be. Thank you!

Please complete the Texas STAR anonymous survey on your residency application process following Match DAY, so we can help future students decrease the cost, anxiety, and inefficiencies of the match process. DUE APRIL 1st.

[Texas STAR 2019](#)

Dear MS4s,

First, congratulations on your Match!! But...did you struggle with knowing which residency programs to apply to? Which ones you were competitive for, more likely than not to receive an interview offer or not? Which ones you would be able to match to?

YOU can make a significant impact by helping provide data to current MS3s and future classes to make informed decisions.

The **Texas STAR (Seeking Transparency in Application to Residency)** survey **IS HERE!!!!**

This year, over **16,000** students from **114** medical schools around the country will join forces to provide otherwise unavailable competitiveness data on various residency program across the country.

The survey is delivered in REDCap and is **completely anonymous**. We ask you to identify your school, but this will only allow us to provide school specific data back to **YOUR** student affairs dean for their use and for your deans to track completion rates. Students at participating medical schools will receive aggregate data only to protect your anonymity identified by AAMC region and down to the state level **ONLY** if more than one medical school in the state participated.

The survey has a separate link for EACH specialty, and you will be asked to **complete the survey for EACH specialty** to which you applied (Example: Dermatology AND Prelim AND possible back up specialty).

The **POWER of this initiative, is that if ALL MS4 MD students in these 114 US medical schools complete it, future students will have ROBUST data on the competitiveness of each residency program in all specialties** and can use it to compare their own credentials against those of students who received interviews and matched to various programs in the specialty they are interested in. This will allow them to better **TARGET** their list of residency applications, cut down on costs, and decrease the uncertainty and anxiety in the process.

The effort will only be successful if YOU participate. DUE APRIL 1st so that we can compile and get this to the Class of 2020 ASAP!!

Please consider leaving this incredible legacy for the students who come after you.

[Texas STAR 2019](#)

Happy Match Day. We are thrilled to celebrate this incredible accomplishment with you.

Kind regards and with appreciation,

Christa Zehle, MD and the Medical Student Services Team

CHECK OUT THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE POWER BI DASHBOARD!!! THE MS3s WILL THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

T E X A S STAR Seeking Transparency in Application to Residency
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USER GUIDE
PDF | Video

This survey is a national collaboration between medical schools and senior medical students to provide this data for medical students applying to residency.

DATABASE CONTAINS: 2017-2018-2019 Data | 114 Medical Schools | 16,000 Matched Seniors

The report consists of nine tabs (located at the bottom of your browser):

- Introduction
- STAR Search
- Summary by Specialty
- Summary by Program
- Quarter/Step 1 Score
- Clerkship/Step 1 Score
- Research Exp/Step 1 Score
- Timeline, Scores...
- Application Advice

PERSONALIZED SELECTIONS: The left panel on each tab consists of multiple filters, lets you select various options and combinations to personalize the data.

To clear all selections you made, reset button is on top.

FEATURING STAR SEARCH: This page provides the ability to use a student's data and search for which specialties and which programs within specialties comparable students received interviews, did not receive interviews, and ultimately matched.

Mobile Access
The report is accessible from an iPad with your institution email account. Search for "Power BI" App in the Apple Store or Google Play Store to download.

Network and Performance
To enhance performance, we recommend you view the report on your campus network.

Questions? TexasSTAR@UTSouthwestern.edu

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