Welcome to the ERAS 2020 recruitment season!

Throughout the recruitment season we will continue to share important information but to get started, below is a summary of what is new this season as well as enhancements to the Program Director’s Workstation (PDWS).

The PDWS Update Release Notes section of the PDWS community site provides an archive of all enhancements that have been made to the PDWS as well.

If you have any questions regarding the updates and enhancements, please contact our ERAS HelpDesk at 202-828-0413 or (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. ET).

Best wishes for a successful year,

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Policy

PDWS Terms and Conditions – When you sign into the PDWS for the first time this season, you will be prompted to review and to agree to the updated terms and conditions. The Terms and Conditions have been condensed and streamlined to enable you to clearly understand roles responsibilities, and to provided more comprehensive guidelines on security and use of ERAS data available in the PDWS.

Postgraduate Training Authorization Letter (PTAL) – Effective January 1, 2020, the Postgraduate Training Authorization Letter (PTAL) will no longer be a requirement for international medical graduates entering training in California programs. Instead, all incoming trainees will apply for a Postgraduate Training License once they have secured a position in a program.

To learn more about the changes, please visit the Medical Board of California Factsheet. If you have any questions about the new licensing requirements, please contact the Medical Board of California directly at webmaster@mbc.ca.gov or (916) 263-2382.

School Name Changes

(PDWS filters that include the previous school name will automatically be updated to the new school name)

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Filter and Review

Work Authorization – Starting this season citizenship and visa section in the application has been updated to capture work authorization information. Applicants will be prompted to provide information including the basis of their work authorization information for the duration of their GMA training.

PDWS filters that included citizenship and visa previously will not automatically be updated in the new PDWS. We have created a Work Authorization job aid in our Job Aids section of the Community Site to assist with configuring PDWS filters.

USMLE Alert Indictor Change – USMLE Alert Indicators signify there is information available pertaining to irregular behavior and/or the existence of a report in the Federation of State Medical Boards’ (FSMB) Physician Data Center (PDC). As a reminder, the ERAS Terms and Conditions supports NBME’s position that programs should review the full exam transcript of applicants who are being considered for a position by their program.

Due to this requirement, ERAS’s functionality does not allow programs to filter on applicants with the alert.

USMLE Update – As part of the annual review of examinee transcript data in ERAS and in response to community-wide feedback provided to the ERAS Advisory Committee, the USMLE Alert Indicator in the ERAS Program Director’s Workstation (PDWS) is now focused on the existence of an irregular behavior record and/or a report in the FSMB’s Physician Data Center (PDC), and uses the criteria below beginning with the ERAS 2020 season:
• From the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE)
  o Information regarding a finding of irregular behavior is available. This information is provided in the USMLE Irregular Behavior Letter that is available in the applicant's document section of the PDWS.
• From the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB)
  o The Physician Data Center Report is available in the applicant’s document section of the PDWS. The PDC Report provides information regarding sanctions reported by the USMLE, state licensing boards, federal regulatory agencies and others.

For questions about the USMLE Alert Indicator criteria, please contact the USMLE Secretariat at webmail@nbme.org
For questions about the PDWS, please contact the ERAS HelpDesk using the Support Contact Form.

Scheduler

Waitlist Automation – This season ERAS is introducing a new feature called Waitlist Automation. This feature will allow users to opt-in to having applicants automatically pushed from the top of the waitlist into a slot when it becomes available. This function is available is provide the functions freeze date has not passed.

Program users will have the ability create a standard message to all applicants who are automatically scheduled.
Scheduler Responses Exportable to CSV Format – The Scheduler Responses view now includes a feature to export data into a CSV file.

Standardized Video Interview (SVI)

(For Emergency Medicine Programs Only)

New SVI Registration workflow – ERAS is providing a more streamlined SVI participation workflow. Programs participating in the emergency medicine SVI pilot will be able to agree to the terms and conditions for SVI within ERAS Account Maintenance (EAM) when registering their program's ERAS participation status.
ERAS Community Site

Community Site Reminder – Access learning resources, announcements, upcoming events and updates to training content through the Community Site. As a reminder, the Community Site is a place to collaborate, discuss and share best practices with other PDWS users.

Please direct any technical issues to ERAS HelpDesk.