

April 21, 2020

RE: Abdominal Transplant Surgery Fellowship Match Delay

Dear Fellowship Training Programs and 2020 Match Applicants:

The American Society of Transplant Surgeons (ASTS) and Transplant Accreditation & Certification Council (TACC) leadership have been closely monitoring the impact of COVID-19 on the 2020 Abdominal Transplant Surgery Fellowship Match. After surveying Fellowship Training Program Directors, and learning more about how centers have been affected the ASTS and TACC have decided to delay the rank order list deadline for this year's match. **All rank order lists will be due by Monday, August 3, 2020**, and match results will be available Monday, August 10, 2020. This delay is to allow programs and applicants additional time to conduct interviews. The ASTS and TACC encourage virtual interviews during this time for the safety of the candidates, as well as the functionality of residency training programs, during the current pandemic.

The revised timetable for the 2020 for 2021 Match is below:

Wednesday, January 15, 2020	Applicant registration begins
Wednesday, February 5, 2020	Target date for applicants to complete application
Monday, August 3, 2020 Match Deadline	ALL rank lists must be submitted by 12:00 PM (noon) PST. After the deadline rank lists choices will be locked and no changes can be made
Monday, August 10, 2020 Match Results	Match results are made available to programs and applicants
Tuesday, August 11, 2020	Any vacancies which remain after the match will be announced
July/August 2021	Abdominal Transplant Surgery Fellowship training begins

If you have any questions, please contact the ASTS National Office at chelsey.gordon@asts.org.

Sincerely,



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