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Subject: Texas STAR survey to evaluate and advocate in the residency application process

Dear Class of 2020 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 2019 last year, however we felt that the national participation last year was not enough to make the data useful to our class of 2020 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 2021 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 so we can help future students decrease the cost, anxiety, and inefficiencies of the match process.

DUE APRIL 10th. [Texas STAR 2020](#)

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

This year, over **17,800** students from **130** medical schools around the country will join forces to provide otherwise unavailable competitiveness data on various residency program across the country.

The survey will be delivered in REDCap and will be **completely anonymous**. We will 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. 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 will have 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 130 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 10th so that we can compile and get this to the Class of 2021 ASAP!!

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

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

Warm regards,

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