



Interventional Pulmonary Fellowship Application and Match

Objective

Create an organized and fair application process for IP fellowships which will give further recognition to our field.

- 1) Universal Application Form for applicants
- 2) National Residency Match Program with a specific deadline for the selection process

Universal Application

A single PDF form, which may be downloaded from the AABIP website. The website will also specify which programs will be accepting universal application.

It will be the applicant's sole responsibility to complete and forward the application to the desired programs within the fellowship program deadlines. The application form will collect demographic information (see attached sample). It will also require the following documents from the applicants:

- 3 letters of recommendations, (one from fellowship director)
- CV
- Personal Statement / Letter of intent
- Procedure Log
- USMLE scores

NRMP Match/ Deadlines

The participation of programs is voluntary and open to all programs. Programs which plan to take internal candidates are required to participate in the match by listing their internal candidate. Although, this may seem redundant, it will serve to bring recognition to the fellowship program and the field of Interventional Pulmonary medicine.

The NRMP is the governing match system for all ACGME training programs. Participation will lead to listing on the NRMP website as a recognized sub-specialty, and a posting describing IP training and the IP subspecialty. This organization is not directly affiliated with the ACGME/ABIM but has a close working relationship with them and historically this has been the first step towards accreditation by these larger well established entities.

Fellowship programs will continue to choose their own application deadlines interview days, applicants, and internal structure of their fellowship, however, these dates must be completed prior to the match deadline submission.

The deadline for applicants and programs to enter their selection are listed on the NRMP website at www.nrmp.org

The results will be available to programs and applicants on the NRMP designated match day. Applicants or programs that do not fill can then enter a 'scramble' process (i.e. phone calls / email invitations).

The cost of this new process is modest compared to the potential large academic impact on the credibility of IP. Applicants will be required to pay the NRMP fee to enter the match.