AAIM Interview Prep Guidance for Medical Student Advisors

Interview Day Preparation
- Even though it is virtual, make sure to act professionally
- Dress as you would for an in-person interview (including pants or skirt and shoes)
- Participate in the interview day in a place without distractions
- Take the day off from clinical rotations so you are 100% focused on the day

Interview Day Expectations
- Virtual session structure will be variable – it will be important to expect and have tolerance for this
- Pay attention to content about the program. Take notes.
- Just as programs should not “downgrade” you based on tech issues, do not “downgrade” programs based only on tech issues (this won’t be reflective of the education/patient care experiences at a program)

Non-Interview Day Activities
- In addition to the interview day, some programs are planning asynchronous events to provide applicants opportunities to witness or participate in teaching activities or social events to better understand the culture of the program.
- AAIM is encouraging programs to make asynchronous events informational only; attendance should not affect an interview score or ranking
- Students should ask which asynchronous events are part of the interview and selection process and which are purely optional. Students should prioritize interview day activities and their own patient care/educational responsibilities over optional, asynchronous activities.
- If attending an asynchronous event, treating everyone you meet (even virtually) with respect is imperative; unprofessional behavior in any interaction may be viewed as a “never event” that would influence rank lists.

Communication
- Students should only email programs directly to request an interview or express their interest if the program is one of their top programs, they have not received the recommended 10 to 12 interviews, or they are couples matching.
- If a student has not received an interview at one or two programs where there is a particular interest, students should consult with their advisor or clerkship director regarding appropriate next steps.

Other Resources