



Summary Changes of OBGYN Initiatives for 2023-2024 Application Cycle

This is a summary of the key initiatives for the upcoming 2023-2024 application cycle. These initiatives will include:

- Updated **Standards to the OBGYN application and Interview Process** •
 - Application deadline of 10/1/2023
 - Interview offers released on 10/24/2023
 - Interview offers limited to the number of interview spots
 - Allow applicants a minimum of 48 hours to respond to interview offers
 - Interviews occur no earlier than 10/31/2023
 - Notify applicants of final status (e.g. waitlist, rejection) by 12/2/2023
 - Virtual interviews for all applicants
- One **Standardized Letter of Evaluation (SLOE)** should be included in applicants' ERAS packages. The SLOE will replace one of the traditional letters of recommendation (LOR) or the Chair's letter; applicants should still include two OBGYN LORs (traditional or Chair where available) and one other LOR. The updated 2023-2024 SLOE template and applicable resources can be found at <https://apgo.org/page/rrrapplicant>.
- Our specialty will be continuing **Program Signaling**:
 - Each applicant may choose to send a total of 18 signals with their ERAS application (3 gold signals for programs of highest interest and 15 silver signals for programs of high interest)
 - Residency Programs must indicate participation when registering for ERAS
- We are utilizing a tool **with AMA FREIDA** for students to use to explore residency programs called the **Alignment Check Index (ACI)**. Programs that participate in this tool provide their recruiting priorities in 6 categories. Applicants will not see the program priorities. Applicants will be able to enter certain information about their background, experiences and academics and receive a list of programs that may align with the programs' recruiting priorities. The ACI tool and AMA FREIDA search filters are intended to complement personal advising and other current tools available to applicants as the applicant considers their career interests and learning styles.

We hope these changes will help students and programs by making the application process easier.

Thank you for all you do for our students/applicants and please provide feedback or let us know if you have any questions at TransitionFeedback@apgo.org. Updated May 17, 2023