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Subject: Orthopaedic Standardized Letter of Recommendation Form

As you are aware, The AOA's Council of Orthopaedic Residency Directors (CORD) program developed a Standardized Letter of Recommendation (SLOR) form for use during this year's application season. No group or organization personally benefits from the utilization of this letter of recommendation. It was constructed entirely to provide parity and ease to the letter writing process. More than 80% of the accredited residency programs attended the spring CORD conference and unanimously approved the use of the form. All programs not represented at that meeting were contacted about the SLOR.

Please note the following:

- There is no need to provide an additional Letter of Recommendation. Letter writers are more than welcome to provide comments in the comment box on the actual form if they chose to.
- The SLOR is also intended to replace any secondary letters of recommendation that previously were in existence.
- The SLOR uses percentiles from a lowest 0 percentile to a highest 100 percentile much like the percentile terminology of all of the standardized examinations.

Applicants must include their ERAS Letter ID and name before forwarding the SLOR. If letter writers chose to complete both the SLOR and a separate prose letter, the files must be combined into one PDF when uploaded. The size of the file should not exceed 500KB. The ERAS Help Desk can assist with uploading challenges.

CORD represents 168 residency and fellowships programs; however, they cannot mandate use of the SLOR. It is voluntary. To date, no program has indicated they will not use the SLOR.

The SLOR can be found at:

http://www.aoassn.org/aoaimis/AOANEW/Residents/Standardized_Letter_of_Recommendation/AOANEW/Residents/Standardized_Letter_of_Recommendation_Form.aspx?hkey=b2e7dd53-33d8-4e26-944e-48c664244905



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