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An Open Letter to the Radiology Program Directors Nationwide Regarding the Closure of Hahnemann University Hospital Radiology Residency Program

Dear Diagnostic Radiology Program Directors And Chairs:

First, I would like to thank the Radiology Community nationwide for opening their doors to our Hahnemann Radiology Resident orphans. Thanks to you, nearly all of our trainees will shortly be entering new programs to complete their residency training. I would personally like to thank each program that has both interviewed our residents, as well as those where our residents have accepted your generous offers.

Well, the story is not yet entirely finished. I am learning that our Advanced Matched candidates slated to begin training in July, 2020 will not be included in the Hahnemann Orphan contingent. Implication: this means that these trainees will need to re-register with ERAS, re-enter the NRMP match, go through interview season and match day once again, perhaps hoping for acceptable Physician Only positions for July 1, 2020, or more likely, start dates of July 1, 2021.

I am writing you to help situate our Advanced Match candidates without outside funding into positions for July 1, 2020. Unfortunately, they will not be eligible for orphan status. With special permission from NRMP, these Hahnemann resident candidates do not have to wait until match day 2020; programs are now eligible to recruit these trainees outside of the NRMP match for July 1, 2020 without penalty. You will just need to let the NRMP know that you are recruiting Hahnemann trainees.

I am hoping that this letter does not fall on deaf ears and that some Diagnostic Radiology programs can step up, and now go one step further. Help recruit our future trainees into funded positions for July 1, 2020. If you find that you do have an opening to offer, kindly contact me personally, and I will forward your information to our “Advanced” recruits.

My current e-mail is Robert.Koenigsberg@americanacademic.com.

Thank you again for reading this letter, and for all of your efforts in helping place our residents,

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