

Perspectives on Virtual Interviews Over Live Interviews for Medical Residency Positions

LOS ANGELES, CA, UNITED STATES, July 23, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- During the COVID-19 pandemic, virtual interviewing became commonly used in the US. While necessary at the time, there is controversy about whether virtual interviewing should be continued in a post-pandemic world. Virtual interviews have continued subsequent to COVID for Dermatology residency applications. However, there is limited data from the perspectives of those affected.



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In this new study in [SKIN: The Journal of Cutaneous Medicine®](#), Thomas Norman and his coauthors present an original article describing the viewpoints regarding virtual interviewing of applicants, residents, and faculty who participated in the 2022-2023 US dermatology residency application cycle. 336 respondents (135 applicants, 63 program directors, 77 other faculty, and 61 residents) completed surveys. The largest proportion favored virtual-only interviewing (39%), followed by some combination of

in-person and virtual interviews (28%) and in-person-only interviewing (20%).

The advantages that were noted for virtual interviewing included increased convenience, reduced cost, and less environmental impact, while potential downsides included less ability to gauge “fit” of the program. The authors found that the changes respondents’ most supported were limiting the number of programs to which an applicant can apply, limiting the number of interviews an applicant can accept, and providing funding for applicants in need. They suggest that these changes could be incorporated for future application cycles to make the process more efficient and effective.

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