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Dear Fellowship Director,

The COVID-19 pandemic has placed us in uncharted waters. We are certain you agree that it is vital for surgical educators and program leaders to protect all trainees from any unnecessary risk. Since many states still have “stay at home” restrictions, and many universities have ongoing restrictions on non-essential travel, the SCCPDS Board continues to recommend that all fellowship interviews be performed using a web-based electronic platform for the foreseeable future during the current recruitment cycle. If travel restrictions are lifted during this recruitment cycle, on-site interviews may be scheduled, but virtual interviews are acceptable.

We hope that you will take these recommendations to heart. It is our goal to maintain the health of the surgical workforce as well as protect the integrity of the recruitment and match process during these unprecedented times.

Most sincerely,

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