

How Comprehensive Are Websites of Maternal Fetal Medicine Programs for Prospective Fellows?

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Introduction

- In recent virtual match cycles, applicants to maternal fetal medicine (MFM) fellowships are relying more than ever on the information provided by fellowship websites.
- It is crucial to be able to find comprehensive, updated details that would correctly inform applicants.
- The goal of this study is to examine what information is available to MFM fellowship applicants on program websites.

Methods

- Cross-sectional analysis of MFM fellowship websites in July 2021.
- 92 fellowship programs were listed on the Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine (SMFM) website.
- Multiple variables collected in July 2021 and prevalence of variables mentioned were compared across all programs.

Results

- None of programs had all collected variables listed on their website.
- **The most common variable** listed was the composition of faculty by 79 (89.5%) of programs, however 19.6% of programs did not have the number of fellows accepted per year and 22.8% of websites did not list the fellow names.
- 56 (60.9%) program websites were updated to the year and the rest were outdated (Figure 1).
- The 3 **least common** information available to applicants: dilation and evacuation training (4.3%), level of NICU (4.8%), and antepartum volume (12%).

Discussion

- There is a wide discrepancy between information available on the websites of different programs, making it challenging to obtain a holistic and comparable sense of the programs. There is benefit in encouraging programs to report pertinent information that is standardized, easily accessible, and updated.
- Social media has become an easily accessible way for applicants to connect with prospective fellows and has become increasingly popular by fellowship programs to use.

Figure.1: Distributions of Data Listed on Fellowship Websites



Wide discrepancies in information available on MFM fellowship websites lead to difficulties obtaining a holistic and comparable sense of programs.

