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## **Memorandum**

**TO:** GI Division Chiefs and Training Directors

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**RE:** 2012 GI Match

**DATE:** January 12, 2012

Dear Colleagues,

As we move forward with registration for the GI Match 2012 for positions beginning July 1, 2013, we would like to reiterate the importance of participation. The Match provides a more streamlined and equitable system for GI recruitment. All programs, whether large or small, research or clinically focused, benefit from participation in the Match. However, the success of the Match depends on sustained participation by all GI training programs.

GI's participation in the 2011 Match was successful with a match rate of 97%. In an effort to bolster and to build on this success, we urge continued and expanded participation this year.

We are enclosing two key documents for your use in participating in the Match. They are:

- *Resolution Regarding Gastroenterology Fellowship Applicants, Including all Research and Clinical Fellowship Applicants and Positions*
- *Guide for Gastroenterology Programs and Applicants on the NRMP and ERAS*

We ask you to distribute to your fellowship applicants the enclosed joint-society adopted Resolution approved November 2005 that encourages applicants to consider all programs before making an early and quick decision on where to train. We encourage division chiefs and training directors to contact their peers directly to engage in a **constructive** dialogue about the Match and the overall and multiple benefits of participating.

Training directors are strongly encouraged to assume **direct responsibility** for registering and entering all necessary data into the NRMP's registration system. This includes the program's information and the number of positions entered into the Match **per track**. The Match agreement is legally binding; therefore, it is important that the Training Director ensures the accuracy of this data.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us at [GIMatch@gastro.org](mailto:GIMatch@gastro.org). We look forward to hearing from you.