



FELLOWSHIP START DATE FAQs

In collaboration with the ABP, surveys were sent to pediatric fellowship program directors (FPDs) and first-year pediatric fellows to determine if pediatric fellowship programs required their incoming fellows to report after July 1 and to gauge fellow experience in programs in which the state date was or was not delayed.

How were these data obtained?

Separate surveys were sent to FPDs from 10/30/17-12/11/17, and to first year pediatric fellows (10/24/17-1/4/18). 458/803 (57%) FPDs responded, and 399 had fellows entering in 2017. 510/1401 (36%) first year fellows responded, and 394 provided complete data.

How many programs complied with delaying their start date?

Of the 527 programs from 123 institutions, the start date was delayed in 62%.

Were the programs that delayed their start date all have a separate pediatric DIO?

83% of programs with a separate pediatric DIO delayed fellowship start date; however, 60% of those with single DIO also delayed.

Would the fellows in programs that did not delay the start date have preferred that it had been?

92% of fellows who did not have a delayed start date would have preferred a delay.

Was there an issue with the gap in salary?

Of the 225 fellows with delayed start date, 81% reported no or little impact of salary gap.

Did the fellows have health insurance during the gap?

Of the fellows with delayed start dates, 53% reported that they had insurance during the training gap.

Were fellows aware of the availability of COBRA insurance during the training gap?

Of the fellows with delayed start dates, 27% were unaware of the availability of COBRA insurance.

Were there issues with fellows on visas?

12 respondents were on visas, and 3 reported that there were minor issues due to the training gap, but there were no reports of delayed visa processing.

Are programs that did not delay this year doing so next year?

27% of program directors that did not have delay start in 2017 reported that they plan to delay in 2018.

How did the fellows feel about the delayed start date?

95% of fellows with a delayed start date reported that they were satisfied with the change. Some reported that they would have preferred a larger gap.