A: We are seeing an increase in the number and quality of applicants to anesthesiology. Candidates that we interview are counseled to visit more programs and list more schools in the rank list.

Academic achievement is very important to residency directors and transcript/USMLE numbers and research are all areas they will use to determine if you interview and your place on the match list. Red flags: failed courses, failed USMLE scores and time out to repeat parts of the curriculum will be a real hurdle. Most programs look at all candidate attributes especially the feedback from interviews and support form letters.