

## Supplemental Digital Appendix 1

### Survey of Third- and Fourth-Year Medical Students' Social Networking Behavior During Residency Application, Indiana University School of Medicine, 2012

*We are interested in your attitudes toward online social networking websites. Online social networks are sites on the internet, which allow individuals to establish accounts, share information about themselves, and interact with others. There are a wide variety of social networking sites; some examples include Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, and LinkedIn. If you have not heard of these sites or do not use them regularly, please answer the questions accordingly and proceed to the next section.*

**First, please tell us the degree to which you agree or disagree with the statements below.**


	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't know
1) I believe that residency program directors <b>currently use</b> student's social media accounts to screen applicants applying for residency positions	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
2) I believe that it is <b>ethically acceptable</b> for residency program directors to use social media accounts of their applicants as a screening/selection tool in the residency application process	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
3) I believe that the content of my online profile is an accurate representation of my professional persona	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
4) I believe that the content of my online profile <b>should be used</b> to judge	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6

my professional attitudes and/or ability						
5) My online social networking profile contains only information that I would be willing to share with residency directors	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>

**Second, we are interested in the extent to which you use online social networking websites.**

6. Have you ever used social networking sites?

☐<sub>1</sub> Yes

☐<sub>2</sub> No  **Skip to question 17 on page 3**

7. Which social networking sites have you used? (check all that apply)

☐<sub>1</sub> Facebook

☐<sub>2</sub> Twitter

☐<sub>3</sub> MySpace

☐<sub>4</sub> Friendster

☐<sub>5</sub> LinkedIn

☐<sub>6</sub> Other (please list) \_\_\_\_\_

8. How often do you use social networking sites?

☐<sub>1</sub> At least once daily

☐<sub>2</sub> Several times per week

☐<sub>3</sub> Once weekly

☐<sub>4</sub> Several times per month

☐<sub>5</sub> Less than once per month

☐<sub>7</sub> I don't use them anymore  **Skip to question 17**

(please explain why) \_\_\_\_\_


9. Typically, do you use online social networking for:

- ☐<sub>1</sub> Personal use only
- ☐<sub>2</sub> Both personal and professional use
- ☐<sub>3</sub> Professional use only
- ☐<sub>4</sub> Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

10. Is your *personal* social networking profile:

- ☐<sub>1</sub> Completely public (i.e. anyone can see your entire profile)
- ☐<sub>2</sub> Limited public access (i.e. strangers are able to see some information, but not all of your profile)
- ☐<sub>3</sub> Completely private (i.e. only those you accept as friends can view your profile)
- ☐<sub>4</sub> Don't know
- ☐<sub>5</sub> Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

11. Did you alter or do you plan on altering your social networking profiles in any way before the residency application process begins?

- ☐<sub>1</sub> Yes
- ☐<sub>2</sub> No  **Skip to question 13**

12. If so in what way?

- ☐<sub>1</sub> I deleted/plan on deleting my profiles entirely
- ☐<sub>2</sub> I altered/plan on altering my privacy settings
- ☐<sub>3</sub> I altered/plan on altering the content of my account in some way (ex. Deleting pictures, deleting wall posts, altering profile information, etc.)
- ☐<sub>4</sub> Don't know
- ☐<sub>5</sub> Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

13. Did you alter your social networking profiles when you applied to medical school?

- ☐<sub>1</sub> Yes → **Advance to question 14**
- ☐<sub>2</sub> No → **Advance to question 15**

☐<sub>3</sub> I did not have a social networking account at the time → **Advance to question 16**

14. Why did you alter or why do you plan on altering your profile?

- ☐<sub>1</sub> Because I don't think it appropriate for residency directors to view my personal profile
- ☐<sub>2</sub> Because I learned that everyone does
- ☐<sub>3</sub> Because I was no longer using my account
- ☐<sub>4</sub> Because I did not want to be judged professionally by my online persona
- ☐<sub>5</sub> Other (please write in) \_\_\_\_\_

15. Why didn't you alter or why don't you plan on altering your profile?

- ☐<sub>1</sub> Because I had nothing to hide
- ☐<sub>2</sub> Because my profile is privacy protected
- ☐<sub>3</sub> Because social media profiles are appropriate for the residency application process, regardless of content
- ☐<sub>4</sub> other (please write in) \_\_\_\_\_

16. Do you know of someone who has suffered negative professional consequences from social networking use?

- ☐<sub>1</sub> Yes → If so please describe these consequences (optional) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐<sub>2</sub> No

**Please give us some background information.**

17. What is your level of training?

- ☐<sub>1</sub> 3<sup>rd</sup> year medical student
- ☐<sub>2</sub> 4<sup>th</sup> year medical student

18. What is your primary specialty of interest?

- ☐<sub>1</sub> Anesthesiology
  - ☐<sub>2</sub> Dermatology
  - ☐<sub>3</sub> Diagnostic Radiology
  - ☐<sub>4</sub> Emergency Medicine
  - ☐<sub>5</sub> Family Medicine
  - ☐<sub>6</sub> General Surgery
  - ☐<sub>7</sub> Internal Medicine
  - ☐<sub>8</sub> Neurological Surgery
  - ☐<sub>9</sub> Neurology
  - ☐<sub>10</sub> OB/GYN
  - ☐<sub>11</sub> Orthopaedic Surgery
  - ☐<sub>12</sub> Otolaryngology
  - ☐<sub>13</sub> Pathology
  - ☐<sub>14</sub> Pediatrics
  - ☐<sub>15</sub> PM&R
  - ☐<sub>16</sub> Plastic Surgery
  - ☐<sub>17</sub> Psychiatry
  - ☐<sub>18</sub> Radiation Oncology
  - ☐<sub>19</sub> Medicine-Pediatrics
  - ☐<sub>20</sub> Other (Please Specify):
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19. What is your gender:

☐<sub>1</sub> Female

☐<sub>2</sub> Male

20. What is the year of your birth? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please feel free to share any anecdotes you have regarding social media and the residency application process.**