

Newsletter

Residency Review Committee for Pathology

June, 2001

PROGRAM DIRECTOR SESSION IN PARK CITY

The RRC and American Board of Pathology (ABP) will provide a **two-part** session for program directors during the APC/PRODS meeting this summer in Park City. At **10 AM on Thursday, July 26** Bill Hartmann, the ABP's Executive Vice President, and Steve Nestler, the RRC's Executive Director, will provide a 50-minute Orientation for **New** Program Directors. Then, at **11 AM**, following a 10-minute break, they will provide an update session for all directors. That session will include a significant amount of time for questions from those in attendance. NOTE: Experienced directors are certainly welcome to attend the Orientation portion of the program. However, the information presented at that time will be designed for directors who have not previously been able to participate in an orientation session.

RESIDENT MEMBER APPOINTED

The RRC has selected Dr. Jason Reutter, a PGY-2 resident in the pathology residency at the University of North Carolina, to serve as resident member of the Committee. Dr. Reutter attended an orientation for new RRC members in February and his first RRC meeting in March. Dr. Reutter will serve on the Committee for a term of two years and succeeds Dr. Jennifer Hunt, who completed her term in March.

MOLECULAR GENETIC PATHOLOGY ACCREDITATION

During its June meeting, the ACGME approved the request from the Residency Review Committees for Medical Genetics and Pathology to initiate accreditation of fellowship programs in the subspecialty of molecular genetic pathology (MGP). Applications are being mailed to those who requested them earlier this year. Also, the MGP application and program requirements are available on the web at www.acgme.org. Applications will be reviewed by a subcommittee later this year or in early 2002, depending upon the number of submissions that are received during the next three years.

WEB-BASED ACCREDITATION DATA SYSTEM

The ACGME's Web-Based Accreditation Data System (ADS) is now operational. The system is being introduced to residency programs by specialty. Detailed information and instructions for the system were mailed to pathology residency directors last month. If you have not completed the annual update for your program, please do so as soon as possible. In addition to completing an annual update, programs will be asked to use the system to notify the RRC of program changes such as change of program director, changes in participating institutions, etc. Within the next year, the program information form will be revised to allow programs to print a portion of the form from data entered into the system.

ACGME GENERAL COMPETENCIES

The general competencies have been included in the recent revision to the pathology program requirements which will become effective on July 1, 2001. Programs will not be evaluated for compliance with the requirements regarding the competencies prior to July 1, 2002. Beginning on July 1, 2002, residency programs must be able to document that they are in the process of developing a system to evaluate resident competence in each of the six required areas. The ACGME has developed a "toolbox" of potential evaluation techniques that programs may find useful as they develop a system of evaluation of resident competence. A copy of the toolbox is attached to this newsletter.

RESIDENCY COORDINATOR CHAT ROOM

The ACGME has added a chat room for residency program coordinators to our website. We encourage coordinators to take advantage of this opportunity to exchange questions and ideas with their peers. If your

residency coordinator would like to be added to the chat room user list, he/she should contact Kathy Kelly at kmk@acgme.org.

RRC MEETING DATES

September 14-15, 2001
 April 5-6, 2002
 October 4-5, 2002

To ensure sufficient time for distribution and review of materials prior to an RRC meeting, the deadline for submissions to be considered by the RRC is two months prior to the meeting date.

KEEP THE RRC INFORMED

The RRC must be informed in writing of major program changes, including program director changes. Changes in resident complement require prior approval of the RRC.

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