



Resident Monthly Newsletter

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May 2009 CRF Report

by Randy Durbin, DO

Dear fellow residents,
As many of you know, the 93rd ACA was held at the Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort near Austin, TX from May 6-10, 2009. There was a good resident turn-out at this year's ACA - many for written or oral boards, several to present scientific posters or lectures, and more still just to soak in educational offerings and the hot Texas sun!

Many thanks to the outgoing Chairs, Drs. Charles Guy and Donna Qahwash (who was elected for an additional term!), who fundamentally began the CRF. We will depend on their guidance in the future. The CRF is described online at www.aocoohns.org/ao-members.html.

The Council of Residents and Fellows (CRF) meeting at the ACA was well-attended this year, and we have the following to report:

New officers were elected to the CRF for 1 year terms:

Ophthalmology

Chair: Donna Qahwash, DO (St John Oakland) mdqahwash@gmail.com

Chair-Elect: Mark Stradling, DO (TUCOM/Las Vegas) mstrad@hotmail.com

Member-at-Large: Richard Chu, DO (MSUCOM/Hillsdale) richychu@hotmail.com



Otolaryngology

Chair: Randy Durbin, DO (OUCOM/Grandview) randydurbin@gmail.com

Chair-Elect: Naveen Kumar, DO (DMC-Huron Valley) nkumardo@gmail.com

Member-at-Large: Ryan Palmer, DO (LECOM-Lake Erie) ryanpalmer98@yahoo.com

- Results of the 2008 Resident Survey were distributed and discussed. These results should be published on the AOCOO-HNS website in the near future.

- Many questions surrounding the research requirements for our College were discussed, and Dr. Alvin Dubin was on hand to field College questions.

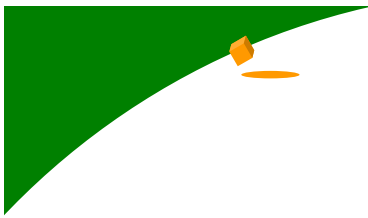
- Although a record number of scientific posters were presented this year, it is important to realize that a scientific poster will only count for ONE of the three years of research activities.

- o Currently, an approved statistics course may be used in lieu of a poster as one of the requirements.

- o Each resident must still produce two acceptable papers during the three years in otolaryngology.

- o This does not limit the number of posters presented at meetings, but only one poster will count towards the research requirement.

- o It is possible that one final paper of a large research project will count for the two-paper requirement, but only with a suitable progress report each year and approval of the Program



Director and the College.

o Please see www.aocooohns.org/oto-residents.html and www.aocooohns.org/oph-resident.html for paper guideline specifics.

Dr. Raymond Maguire is completing his Pediatric Fellowship in Pittsburgh. He is offering to help a resident with research if someone brings a good idea to him. For instance, if a resident wanted to research the effects of tonsillectomy on relief of GERD symptoms in the pediatric patient, Dr. Maguire could help get some of that set up at Pittsburgh for the resident to get the sample size, statistics, or IRB, etc. Basically, Dr. Maguire is set up to do research there, and if a resident has a good idea, Dr. Maguire can help them get it set up at his institution. We will confirm his contact data and send it out in a future letter or directly to those interested.

Dr. Leo Skorin is the editor of *Clinical and Surgical Ophthalmology*, and his email is skorin.leonid@mayo.edu and Dr. Skorin is looking for good papers to publish. He suggested that residents might wish to submit their required papers/research for publication to him.

Dr. Sushant Sinha has a charitable fund dedicated to sponsoring one ophthalmology resident a year for an overseas surgical mission. Anyone interested should contact him directly. We will confirm contact data and send it out in a future letter or to those interested.

Please feel free to email us with questions, concerns, and potential items for the next resident survey.

Resident Research Forum Update

by Maria Donna Qahwash, DO

Greetings fellow residents!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our first year residents and interns. You have joined an exciting and vastly evolving field of medicine.

We would also like to remind everyone of our upcoming 2009 Midyear Meeting, September 12 & 13 at The Westin Detroit Metropolitan Airport Hotel.

Of importance is the research paper workshop specifically for the residents, interns, and medical students. Remember that there has been a change in the requirement for the **ophthalmology** resident professional paper, and it's being implemented this year. It is now required for the 1st and 2nd year residents to submit a paper at the end of their year (otolaryngology residents are required to submit papers in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th years of training).

We highly recommend your attendance at the Resident Research Forum. This will be held on Saturday Evening, September 12 - Wright Room, Research Forum for Residents, Interns, & Medical Students

- Writing a research paper
- Introduction to statistics
- How to obtain an IRB
- Annual paper pearls: What are your options? What is acceptable?

We look forward to seeing you all!

PS: Please extend our invitation to the Midyear Meeting to our medical students.

Your CRF Chairs,
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If you have an idea to share or an article of interest, please submit information to aocooohns@yahoo.com. This Resident Newsletter belongs to you, and you should feel free to contribute to it.

QUESTION?

Did you register for the Mid-Year Seminar and apply for the Resident Travel Grant?

If no, go to www.aocooohns.org and click on meetings to find both of these documents.