



Residents' Monthly Newsletter

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DEAR FELLOW RESIDENTS

At the Faculty Development Seminar this past February the results of the resident survey were presented to an audience of our program directors. The results will be available for you to view on the AOCOO-HNS website in the coming weeks. Although the number of responses was not as high as we had hoped, there were some trends that could be inferred from the data. Overall, we seem to feel that we receive adequate training to practice in a general otolaryngology/ ophthalmology setting but there are areas that can be improved. One of these seems to be communication. To start trying to improve communication at a resident-college level we will be sending out regular e-mails to the residents to help keep us informed of upcoming events, current issues, helpful websites, guidelines that we are required to follow and other information that may be useful to use as residents.

A topic that seems to be of considerable interest to residents currently is that of our yearly research requirement. Research papers can be one of the larger stresses placed upon us as residents, especially when we may have not learned how to properly conduct research. If you did not already know, over 25% of the papers that were submitted last year did not meet passing requirements. This was not because the papers lacked cutting-edge research but because we did not do things as simple as using the correct format for the paper we were trying to write. For many of us who have not received training on writing research papers proper format, methods design, or calculating statistics may be what prevents us from having our papers accepted. This coming Mid-Year meeting there will be a resident forum aimed at helping educate us on research requirements, how to start up a research project, what are some basic statistics to know, what are the different formats and what is the

college looking for in a paper? Also, there will be open forum for residents to discuss ongoing research and research projects that could be continued or started by other residents. Residency is a unique time for us. We have hours to log, papers to write, presentations to do, students to teach, families to see all while trying to learn the medicine and surgery of our respected specialties. But, this is our time to ask questions, try new techniques, discuss with other residents or faculty and develop habits that will shape us we go out into practice. We must use this time to its fullest and learn to handle all that will be required of us.

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Did You Know ...

The Patrick Murray Award is a monetary award given to the top three residents in Otolaryngology annual in-service examination and Ophthalmology annual knowledge assessment examination that score their highest. Check it out on the AOCOO-HNS website for more information.