



# Resident Monthly Newsletter

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## AOCOO-HNS Resident Monthly Newsletter

### *September Meeting Update from CRF*

#### DEAR FELLOW RESIDENTS

As many of you know, the 2009 AOCOO-HNS Mid-Year Meeting was held at the Weston Detroit Metropolitan Airport on September 12-13, 2009. The Council for Residents and Fellows (CRF) meetings on Saturday were well-attended.

The CRF meeting was attended by fellows, residents and students and we have the following to report:

- We are considering a group purchase of surgical loupes for interested residents (at a discounted rate). Please email Randy Durbin ([randydurbin@gmail.com](mailto:randydurbin@gmail.com)) if you are interested.
- The quality of the papers submitted this year was much improved, per the Editorial Committee. None of the ophthalmology papers failed and so far, about one-third of the papers scored >90% this year! Good work!
- The Resident's Research Forum was a success at the mid-year meeting. Many thanks go to Drs. Rothen, Skorin, and Stone, as well as the participating residents, in making it a well-attended forum. Email us ideas of future forum topics.

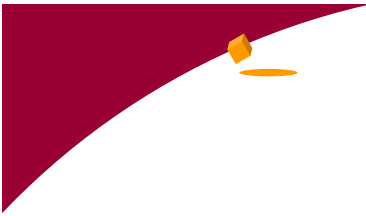


*Have a Safe and  
Joyous Thanksgiving  
Holiday with Family  
and Friends*



The CRF Chairs also attended the AOCOO-HNS Board of Governor's Meetings on September 11, 2009 and the following may affect us:

- Residents must pass COMLEX-III before they will be allowed to continue into their OGME-3 year, so plan accordingly.
- In the future, annual in-service examination scores will be used as part of our annual evaluations and scores in the single digits won't be acceptable in the future.
- As residents, we should be encouraged to monitor our program and their specific requirements, on a quarterly basis. It is then, if questions about the various requirements arise, that these should be brought to the attention of the Program Director, since they are ultimately responsible for the conduct of the program. This means that we must all become familiar with the minimum requirements, in order to ensure that we are meeting them throughout the year. In summary: Avoid a problem, rather than wait until it occurs, and then try to fix it.
- One-day statistics courses will no longer be acceptable for one of the annual research credits. A college-level statistics course will be acceptable and there are some courses that are offered on-line that will be acceptable. We may contact Dr. Donald Rothen ([maui4dmr@live.com](mailto:maui4dmr@live.com)) to ask if a specific course or research proposal would potentially fulfill the annual requirement before we sign up to take it.
- In the future, our annual logs will likely include reading/lecture logs as part of our annual reports. This is in response to the AOA's increasing requirement for full documentation of our educational activities. We will be notified when this requirement goes into effect.



Please feel free to email us with questions, concerns, and suggestions for the next resident newsletter. We are planning to provide a useful outline of the successful navigation of an Institutional Review Board (IRB) and a copy of a blank score sheet for our research paper, so please be on the lookout.

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## *AOCOO-HNS Web-based Resident Basic Documents and Reports*

The American Osteopathic Colleges of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery has made available the Residency Basic Standards, as well as reporting forms for residents and program directors.

The following is an outline of what is available at [www.aocoohns.org](http://www.aocoohns.org), click on ENTER ophthalmology or ENTER otolaryngology.

- Web link to the guideline for contributors to the JAOA (The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association". These guidelines are also in accordance with the 10th edition of the AMA Guide for Authors and Editors.
- List of 2009 Resident Newsletters
- IRB Policy and Reporting Form
- Program Director's Annual Report
- Resident's Annual Report (segregated logs)
- Basic Standards for Residency Training (revised and effective July 2009)
- Core Curriculum/Resident Manual
- List of Residencies and Residents
- AOCOO-HNS Resident Membership Application
- Guideline for Residency Training Requirements
- Outline of Yearly Residency Requirements and materials needed each year.
- AOA mandate regarding submission of annual reports

### **FAILURE TO SUBMIT POLICY**

Your annual reports and all supporting documentation are to be sent to the AOCOO-HNS no later than thirty (30) days following the completion of each training year. Failure to meet the deadline for submission may result in delayed evaluation.

The following policy was adopted and became effective July 1, 1999. Failure to submit the required annual reports

- within sixty (60) days of completion of the contract year will result in the assessment of \$100 late fee,
- within one (1) year of the completion of the contract year will result in the assessment of \$500 late fee, and
- There will be a \$250 late fee for each additional residency year that is delinquent for one or more years and if by completion of the program, all of the annual reports are incomplete, the evaluating committee may require that the resident repeat the training.

All assessment fee billing statements will be mailed to the respective resident, copied to the program director and DME. Failure to pay assessments may result in delayed evaluation and subsequent approval of the overall training.

## *Did You Know . . .*

*The Resident Newsletter is your vehicle to stay in touch with other ophthalmology and otolaryngology residents, from New York all the way to Nevada, from Pennsylvania to Missouri.*

*If you have information of interest, simply email it to [info@aocoohns.org](mailto:info@aocoohns.org).*