

Resident's Monthly Newsletter

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2011 CRF Resident Survey Results

Hello Residents and Fellows,

I am writing from Orlando where the 2011 survey results were presented during the Faculty Development Seminar. Thank you to all those who filled out a survey. Your opinions about your training program and the AOCCO college were well received to the many program directors in attendance. Here is the resident consensus about:

Training Programs

- Programs preparing residents for examinations: opinions increased about 10% in Otolaryngology and 5% in Ophthalmology since 2009.
- Having good general surgical case load: opinions were generally strong in the 5 point scale (ENT 4.6, Eye 4).
- Programs didactic training: opinions were generally neutral and showed need for improvement with an Otolaryngology score of 3.9 vs. 3.7 in 2009 and Ophthalmology 4.5 vs. 3.0 in 2009.
- In the free response questions, many residents felt they had great attendings and general case load but wanted more didactics. Otolaryngology residents felt that they wanted more attendings to present didactics as well as more head and neck rotations and rotations for research and mission trips. Ophthalmology residents wanted more specific didactics like FA conferences, mock oral boards, and attending lectures.

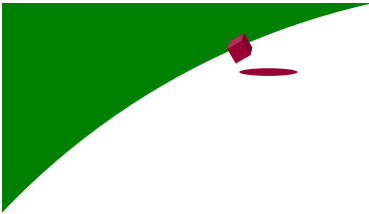
The AOCCO-HNS

- AOCCO-HNS interest in resident education: opinion improved to agree (ENT 4 vs. 3.6 in 2009, Eye 3.9 vs. 3.1 in 2009).
- AOCCO interest in resident issues: opinion also improved to agree (ENT 3.8 vs. 3.5 in 2009, Eye 3.4 vs. 2.9 in 2009).
- Fewer residents reported that they would attend conferences in the future (from about 90% in 2009 to 60%) mainly due to cost and time off. The AOCCO-HNS Foundation does have a resident travel grant to help offset resident travel expenses.
- Resident interest in becoming active in the AOCCO also decreased.

Research

- Otolaryngology residents felt that they needed more research opportunity, 3.3 out of 5.





- The majority of residents did not attend the resident research forum, but that same majority also wanted it repeated next year.

Communication

- The AOCOO-HNS website is being visited more frequently.
- Residents are very willing to use an online forum for communication and collaboration for meeting travel.
- Majority of residents read the newsletter, and many would like to hear more about fellowships and guidelines for research papers.

Study Habits

- Most residents use study books and review books for studying. Otolaryngology residents also like the Osler review and Ophthalmology residents use online questions and BSCS courses.

Program Funding Comparison

In-service examinations?

Otolaryngology 75% yes Ophthalmology 73% yes

Travel to annual or semi-annual meetings?

Otolaryngology 50% yes Ophthalmology 45% yes

Home Study Course?

Otolaryngology 63% yes Ophthalmology 55% yes

Statistics course?

Otolaryngology 92% yes Ophthalmology 11% yes

Basic Science Course?

Otolaryngology 63% yes Ophthalmology 89% yes

Travel/living expenses for required courses/meetings?

Otolaryngology 72% yes Ophthalmology 89% yes

Future CRF and AOCOO-HNS Initiatives

- Residents are technologically literate in Excel, scanning, and publishing PDF files.
- The majority of residents feels the need for and would like to help test an online log system.

This year we more than doubled the percentage of surveys received but were still only at 25%. Please keep an eye out for this survey next year, as it serves as an annual report card and suggestions for the AOCOO-HNS and the CRF. If you have any interest in representing residents in the CRF, please let me or Dr. Naveen Kumar know. See you all in Arizona on May 4th at 3pm for CRF elections and annual meeting!

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