

# Residents' Newsletter

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## AOCOO-HNS Resident Monthly Newsletter

Dear Residents and Fellows,

Hello from the 2010 AOCOO-HNS Mid-Year Meetings and Seminar at the Westin Detroit Metropolitan Airport. It was an honor to represent you at the AOCOO-HNS Board of Governors meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> of August. We are writing to report the events and discussions of our Council of Resident and Fellows (CRF) meeting:

- There was an outstanding attendance this year with over 50 students, residents, fellows, and attendings.

- CRF resident survey – The CRF has decided to poll fellow residents this year to better serve your needs. Please help us out and fill out and return the anonymous survey giving us suggestions and feedback on how the CRF is doing.

- AOCOO-HNS Website – The AOCOO-HNS is updating the website and would like resident suggestions as to what they need from the website. Please email any of your CRF members with all your ideas.

- Blog - Currently the ophthalmology residents have been using doophthalmolgy.blogspot.com to share postings and tips. It has been suggested that a forum would be more useful, and we have an excellent opportunity to make this happen as the AOCOO-HNS website is undergoing a redesign. The CRF will suggest the creation of an online forum to the Communication Committee.

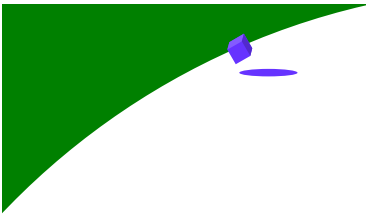
- Annual meeting programs - We are currently working on programs for the annual meeting to be held in Tucson, AZ. The ENT side is looking for resident lectures of 10-minutes for the meeting. If interested contact Naveen Kumar ([nkumardo@gmail.com](mailto:nkumardo@gmail.com)). There was a suggestion for a fellowship panel composed of graduates who went onto fellowship and those who went onto private practice. Please email the CRF with any other program ideas.

- Inservice Exams – the Council of Medical Education (C.O.M.E.) would like inservice exams will be more closely evaluated by program directors and residents to be held more accountable. This has yet to be worked out.

- Research Papers – resident research papers had a high failure rate this year. If a paper scores below a 60 then it will have to be rewritten on a new topic, if the score is between 60-70 then it can be revised and resubmitted, and a score of >70 is passing. Questions about research paper ideas or failures can be directed to the Editorial Committee (Dr. Rothen, Chairman and Otolaryngology Members: Dr. Scheiner/Dr. Ghaderi, Ophthalmology Members: Dr. Chambers/Dr. Crew.

- Posters – the C.O.M.E. is developing a poster grading form to be tested during the 2011 ACA, and go into effect during the 2012 ACA. Posters will not be accepted if not displayed at the Annual Clinical Assembly.





Thank you to the speakers of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Resident Forum:

Dr. Edward Scheiner – addressed the poor quality of this years research papers, and how to improve them. He stressed the importance of starting with an idea early and submitting your paper for proof reading to your program director early. Plagiarism is an instant failure, and simple but common mistakes include not having 1500 words, grammar mistakes, and not having a new/novel topic. If you have any questions about research you can contact any of the Editorial Committee members.

Dr. Gregory Stone – spoke of how to apply measurement tools and concepts in data collection, as well as basic psychometric ideas. It was suggested to consult a statistician during the process of designing your study.

Dr. Sidney Simonian – reported from the Council of Medical Education (C.O.M.E.) emphasizing the need to turn in your logs on time. She said that all residents need to read the Basic Standards for Residency Training and Core Curriculum/Residency Manual. She inquired about interest for an online statistics course, and mentioned the development of electronic logs and a grading sheet for posters.

Dr. Michael Rubin – stressed the need to have a good relationship with your program director.

Dr. Benjamin Murcek – presented on resident requirements from the American Osteopathic Board of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology for certification and the changes occurring with the recertification process. Details can be found on <http://www.aoboo.org/>.

Dr. Richard Chu and Dr. Naveen Kumar – answered any questions the residents had and gave their personal experiences in writing a paper. It was mentioned that the paper grading sheet can be found on page 13 of the program directors annual report. [http://www.aoccohns.org/pdf/OPH\\_program\\_director's\\_annual%20report\\_revJune2006.pdf](http://www.aoccohns.org/pdf/OPH_program_director's_annual%20report_revJune2006.pdf).

It was great to see and catch-up with many of you fellow residents at the meeting. As always, we are here to help with and listen to your ideas and concerns. Please help us help you by filling out the CRF resident survey included with this email. If you have any ideas or suggestions for the AOCOO-HNS website this is your chance to let the College know what you need as residents.

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### *Have You Relocated Recently?*

**Don't forget to contact the College Office ([info@aoccohns.org](mailto:info@aoccohns.org)) to update us with your contact information if you have recently relocated. Having up-to-date resident contact information is very important. Thank you!**