

Yakima Indian Reservation from PCT



Fellowship Program Directors Concerns Summary

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Association of Anesthesiology Subspecialty Program Directors

- Just forming in the next year
- May be ideal body to move this forward
- Peds, Critical Care, Cardiac and Pain fellowships are all grappling with this issue
- Would be nice to have a single process

Survey of ACGME-Accredited Fellowship Directors

- Evenly divided among CCM, Pain, Peds and Cardiac
- Programs selected at random from ACGME website
- Small number of programs

Survey

- Outlined Resident Component of ASA resolutions
- Reported large survey of residents
- Asked simple questions
- Comments were accepted
- > 50% response rate

Question #1

- Do you as a fellowship director, support a uniform fellowship application process online?
- “yes” = 100%
- Comments: “would save time and money”

Question #2

- If “yes” to uniform online application, would ERAS be acceptable to you?
- “yes” = 100%
- Caveat: ERAS system needs to be purged from one year to the next... which may delay the ideal timeline

Question #3

- Do you support standardizing a period of time in which interviews can occur for fellowships?
- “yes” = 80% “no” = 20%
- Comments re “yes”: “I’m tired of getting applications from CA1’s in June or CA2’s in July who ‘need to know right away’ only to have them back out later...”
- Comments re “no”: “want to ‘lock-in’ and not discourage the great local

Question #4

- Do you support a standardized time upon which contracts for fellowship may be offered?
- “yes” = 90% no = 10%
- Comments again surround the time and energy recruiting and family/social needs of the great or clearly strong local resident

Question #5

- Would you prefer selection through the NRMP?
- “yes” = 60% “no” = 20% “not sure” = 20%
- Comments surround: “who’s going to police this system?” “fairness of NRMP” “Other PD’s steal my signed resident...” and “want to hold spots outside the match for that great local resident...”

Question #6

- Assuming adoption of a uniform application process, a set interval of dates for interviews and contract offers, which group should monitor and police violations?
 1. The subspecialty society? 40%
 2. The AASPD? 40%
 3. The NRMP? 20%
 4. No one? 0%

Other comments:

- “I strongly believe this needs to be resolved”
- “there should be self-monitoring and self-reporting in addition to monitoring from an outside governing body”
- ACGME could also have this as an indicator of a program in good standing... in this way authority is spread out among many components

More comments:

- “ability to access ERAS resident info would also be helpful”
- “More and more fellowships are offering non-standard tracks: CCM fellowship with neuro emphasis; CCM with cardiac emphasis; Combined CCM/Cardiac; CCM/research track”

Adult Cardiothoracic:

- “CT PD’ s agreed to an interview and offer timeline last year... start w/fellows for 2009...overall successful”
- “We agreed that no PD would require an answer until Aug 31st”
- “Don’ t feel a match is feasible at this time”

Society of Pediatric Anesthesiology

- Just agreed to form a match system

CCM Response:

- Just discussed at ASCCA fellowship director's breakfast at ASA
- Most programs are in favor of it..
- Great concern by some that ERAS would limit timing and prohibit programs from offering an early spot and “locking in” a good resident

Survey Summary:

- Great deal of support for uniform online application process
- Support for standardizing the period of time in which interviews can occur
- Support for a standardized time for contract offers
- Lack of clarity on who will police the system

Number of Accredited Fellowship Programs

- Critical Care Medicine 47
- Pain Medicine 94
- Pediatric 45
- Adult Cardiothoracic 44

Society of Academic Anesthesiology Associations

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AASPD Formation

- President selected this year: Linda Mason, MD
- Will create membership from ACGME-accredited fellowships
- Nominate next President-Elect and Council
- Hold elections and form Council
- Begin to define relationship to subspecialty societies
- Begin to define participation and attendance at this meeting

Opportunities for AASPD

- Uniform fellowship application and process
- Steps in consideration of accreditation
- Steps in consideration of certification

Questions/Discussion

