

Pediatric Anesthesia Program Directors:

Efforts Since 2009

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Pediatric Anesthesia Program Directors History

- PDs met informally with members of the Anes RRC and/or ABA Directors annually at Winter SPA meeting
- 2006: PDs organized under the umbrella of the Society for Pediatric Anesthesia: PAPD
 - Board of Directors/Officers
 - Committees
 - List-serve to address common questions

PAPD 2009 – 2011

- Officers:
 - Nancy Glass (Pres)
 - Randy Flick (P-elect)
 - Franklyn Cladis (Sec)
 - Dave Waisel (Immed Past Pres)
- At large:
 - Lena Sun
 - Robert Valley
 - Scott Walker
- Education Committee:
 - Ira Landsman
- Common Application:
 - Scott Walker
- Match process working group:
 - Alan Schwartz
 - Dave Waisel
 - Randy Flick
 - Nancy Glass

PAPD Projects

(How are we doing on the projects we were working on in 2009?)

- Maintaining regular communications with the RRC and ABA 
- Supporting new Program Directors, helping one another navigate ACGME requirements 
- Curriculum development & education 
- Measuring education outcomes 
- Finalized Common Fellowship Application
 - Challenging, since some institutions have institutionally-mandated application forms 

PAPD Projects

- Programs with vacancies listed on SPA website <http://www.pedsanesthesia.org/>
- Advocating for sub-specialty certification ?
- NEED TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS:
Listserve is a problem. Individuals post queries about operational/educational issues, 5-6 people respond, and there's a FLURRY of email. **PLEASE DON'T!**

Issues for Consideration: Education

- Can we / should we work toward a standardized curriculum?
- Can we / should we share Best Practices and/or curricular elements?
 - Regional anesthesia rotation
 - Airway module
 - ICU rotations
 - Pain rotation
- Can we help one another comply with ACGME requirements?
 - Share experiences and “dings” that programs have experienced during RRC reviews

Issues for Consideration: Educational Outcomes

- How do we know that our graduates have the necessary knowledge base to practice pediatric anesthesia independently?
Participate in PALC survey
- Are the different programs' case logs measuring the same experiences, comparing apples to apples?
- How do we measure the success of our programs?
- Can we / should we independently develop a Training Exam for Ped Anes Fellows? (where will the \$\$\$ come from?)

ERAS Timeline

- 18 months to get ERAS process up and running for a new subspecialty
- 85% of program participants participate in all positions within program. 15% of candidates not applying to other programs have to file ERAS application
- For July cycle, applications due July, ready for PD viewing on July 1st. Match in October, with essentially 9 months to new hire & plan move
- For December, trainees upload applications by 15, available to PD by Dec 1 (CA-2 yr), but ERAS center would close May 31st CA-2 yr, > 1 y before training begins

NRMP Match Process

- 75% of all Fellowship slots and 75% of programs must be “in the Match”
 - ~ 150 slots available = ~ 112 in Match
 - **199 slots = 156 in Match = 78% (includes Mayo)**
 - **46 total programs— 42 are IN (except for Yale, Columbia, no response from Buffalo and Hershey)**
- Allows each program to decide how many of its slots will be “in the Match”
 - Large programs could “save a slot” or two for candidates with unusual circumstances
 - Small programs with only one or two slots could opt out
- 75% of the slots in the Match must be matched

ERAS and Match

- ERAS and Match are completely independent
- Can use ERAS and Match
- Could have a Match using ERAS
- Could use ERAS on calendar
- Could use ERAS for filling admissions

What would suit Candidates and Programs best?

PAPD Position

- We developed a consensus decision to participate in the NRMP Match, which we view as an imperfect but FAIR process for our trainees
- We acknowledge the advantages and disadvantages for our individual programs
- Our movement toward  match is currently on hold
- We see the advantages of working WITH other  Anes sub-specialties to create *uniform processes*

PAPD Progress

- Met in San Antonio in April; voted to move forward with Match
- Spoke with LOTS of people outside pediatric anesthesia, other AASPD leaders, Chairs, ASA leaders to see how this would be perceived

PAPD Progress

- Began collecting data from programs: how many slots / how many committed to the Match
- That took until late June.....
- Match form submitted to NRMP
- Program data uploaded, site will open “soon”
- Some programs are using Common Application, sending it out from their offices

The Match will happen!

- Site opens March 2nd for candidates and programs to register
- Final rank list June 8th
- June 22, 2011 is Match Day for 2012 academic year—NRMP does not care when your program's start date is
- The Match will not be perfect
- We will fix what needs to be fixed
- We will work to help unmatched candidates and programs with vacancies



PICU colleagues' perspective: "oh yeah, we got all worked up about the Match when we started too, but now everyone just expects it."