

# AASPD 2011 Update on ACTA Fellowships

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# Accreditation of Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology Fellowships

- Proposed by SCA in the late 1990s
- **NOT** certification of individuals
- Application submitted to the anesthesiology RRC October 2000
- Application denied by RRC initially, but supported after reapplication
- Adopted by ACGME Feb 2006
- Programs accredited as of July 2007
  - Initially 13 programs, 56 programs, ~166 positions

# Accreditation of Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology Fellowships

- Minimum 1 year continuous training
- After completion of accredited residency in anesthesiology
- Institution must associated with an accredited anesthesiology residency program

# Accreditation of Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology Fellowships

- 6 months clinical anesthesia activity
  - 70 adult CPB cases
  - 40 valve cases
  - 50 coronary revascularization cases
  - Minimally invasive procedures
  - Independently manage IABP
  - Actively involved in management of pts w VADs

# Accreditation of Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology Fellowships

- One mo or equivalent non cardiac thoracic surgery
- 10 adults for Asc or Desc Aortic surgery w full CPB, It ht bypass or DHCA
- Management of pacemaker & AICD, cath lab & EP studies

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- Perioperative echocardiography training according to ASE/SCA Training Guidelines in Perioperative Echocardiography
  - 300 exams studied, 150 intraopTEEs performed
- One month experience managing adult CT surgery patients in the ICU
- Two months elective rotations
  - Cardiology, pulm med, invasive cardiology, med or surgical ICU, perfusion, peds cardiac, research

# SCA ACTA PD Committee

- Formed in 2007 Glenn Gravlee
- Current chair – Mark Stafford-Smith
- Open to all ACTA PDs
- Meets at ASA, SCA, now AASPD
- Helps organize ACTA fellows program at the SCA annual meeting
- Coordinating with AASPD

# ACTA Fellowship Issues

- Program requirements are being revised by RRC
- Awaiting word from RRC
- ACTA PDs have encouraged SCA to approach the ABA about subspecialty certification in ACTA

# ACTA Major Issue

- Application process
  - Common application
  - Informal agreement on acceptance of offers for a few years
  - 2010 more formal process with offers made on June 1, good for 1 week

# Exceptions to Agreement

- 1. Internal candidates
- 2. Applicants who are in active military service at the time of application.
- 3. Applicants who are making a commitment to come to the institution of the ACTA fellowship for more than one year.
- 4. Applicants who are enrolled in an anesthesiology residency outside of the USA at the time of application.
- 5. Applicants who reside outside the USA at the time of application or who are not eligible for ABA certification due non US training.
- 6. Applicants whose spouse or partner is applying for a post graduate training program in a medical specialty in the same region as the ACTA fellowship.