

Pediatric Section Fellowship Directors
SCCM

January 27, 2002

4:30-6:00 PM

Windsor B/C

Meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm. Thirty-five attendees signed in as representing their programs.

1. Match, Stephanie Storgion, M.D.

- a. 2002 Results: Handout provided giving details of the match which was held on November 7, 2001. To summarize the match, 47 programs participated with a total of 83 available positions. Initially 76 applicants registered, 14 withdrew, 5 did not return a rank order list giving a total of 57 applicants. 67% of applicants matched in their first choice program, 77% ranked in their first 2 choices. For programs 33% matched their first choice and 54% matched their first 2 choices.

- b. Increasing candidate pool/Results of FOPO proceedings

Dr. Michelle Moss, representing the AAP and Dr. Stephanie Storgion, representing the SCCM attended the meeting of the Federation of Pediatric Organizations (FOPO) in San Diego on March 12 –13, 2001. This citation Jones MD, et.al. Federation of Pediatric Organizations Subspecialty Forum. J Pediatr 2001;139:487-93 summarizes the meeting and the plans for future endeavors. The intent of this group is to review the current process of training advanced level trainees in pediatric specialties, and was the first time that representatives from all organizations involved with this type of training participated in a combined meeting. There is to be a document from this committee in the future that will outline the recommended changes in advanced level training programs. This should help pediatric critical care recruit more trainees and develop different tracks for training. The next meeting has not been announced at this time.

- c. 2003 Match:

A long discussion was held addressing all aspects of continuing the match process for pediatric critical care. In a vote to continue the match 34 voted to continue and 1 voted to discontinue the match. The decision was to continue the match process for critical care. There were three categories in which programs and applicants could opt out of the match:

1. Those trainees in mentored research programs requiring submission of documents for potential funding which includes a secured fellowship position.
2. Those trainees entering into combined programs
3. Those trainees with spouses entering into training programs (this was the most controversial. interpretation is up to fellowship program directors)

The dates for the match for 2003 positions is not yet set and will be made available as soon as available.

It was decided at this point to not link to other current match dates.

Monitoring of participation in the match was voted on with 5 votes against. The monitoring will be done by Drs. Brill, Moss, and Storgion. Referrals by program directors as to other programs not participating fairly will be investigated and if a program is not participating fairly in the match it will be publicized on the fellowship directors listserv. It was repeatedly voiced by the attendees of the meeting that fair participation in the match was linked to the integrity of our specialty training programs.

2. Pediatric Critical Care Competencies, Michelle Mariscalco, M.D

Dr. Michelle Mariscalco presented her survey on how programs plan to meet the procedural skills competencies requirement for the ABP.

Handout provided to attendees.

3. ABP Requirements

A discussion of the changes in the ABP requirements for documentation of life long learning and the documentation of competencies in various areas. The attendees remarked that this is a very difficult requirement to meet. Dr. Mariscalco will continue to work with others to document plans of programs to possibly determine for the specific information needed for critical care.

4. Internet education

a. Journal Club: Submissions continue to be requested. Program directors requested to inform their trainees of this forum for publishing and as an educational resource.

b. Resident education : <http://www.picucourse.org>

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm. The next meeting will be at the pediatric critical care colloquium, date to be announced.

Submitted by Stephanie A. Storgion, M.D.