

SCCM Pediatric Critical Care Fellowship Directors Meeting  
February 11, 2001  
San Francisco Hilton  
Union Square 15

The meeting began at 5:15 PM. Approximately 45 fellowship directors were in attendance

1. 2002 Match

Discussion was held concerning the and a handout was provided summarizing the results of a survey sent by Dr. Storgion to participants in the match. In summary, the match seemed to have achieved the desired result in making it better for the trainee to apply and visit all the programs of their choice before having to decide on a position. 73% of respondents matched with their first choice, 63% liked the match process and 69% thought the process should continue.

There was a long discussion concerning the burden some programs experienced that did not match and issues that might have been involved in the results. Dr. Storgion agreed to send a letter to all pediatric program directors with a copy for interested residents covering the specialty of pediatric critical care and the match process. This letter would also explain that applicants should rank the program they want to be in first and not try to out guess the ranking process since it is weighted in favor of the applicant. All present agreed that their programs would be participating in the match unless there were exceptional circumstances, i.e. grant tied to guaranteed fellowship, combined fellowship.

2. Program Requirements/ Quality of training

Competencies have been pushed back to 2002. Michelle Mariscalco presented this information and a discussion ensued concerning what this meant and how this would change the way fellows were going to be evaluated. It was recommended that we begin defining these competencies for our trainees and that this would be presented at future meetings. The ACGME website should be accessed to further elucidate the outcomes/competencies project.

A brief discussion occurred concerning the 2 inservice exams, ABP and MCCKAP and the pros and cons of both were discussed.

Finally a discussion was held concerning supervised procedures and the need for documenting the same.

3. Pediatric Critical Care Journal Club

Remains a useful educational resource for our fellows and article reviews continued to be requested. Please remind trainees that these reviews can go on their CVs.

4. Research Curriculum

Shelved for now. Programs encouraged to share how they fulfill the research educational needs of their trainees. Core knowledge curriculum for the boards is posted on the ABP website. Stats continue to show that those trainees who have a first authored paper prior to sitting for the critical care boards have a higher first time pass rate than those who meet this requirement by alternate, including petitioning, means.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 with the next meeting to be at the Pediatric Critical Care Colloquium, September 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

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