

Hematopathology Fellowship Program Directors' Breakfast Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 3/13/2016 (Sunday)
TIME: 7:00 to 9:00 am
LOCATION: SH Grand Ballroom A, Sheraton Seattle
ATTENDEES:
On file with Nilda Barrett from ASCP

MEETING TOPICS AND OBJECTIVES:

To update the program directors on current projects and efforts of the SH Education Committee (EC).

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS:

1. RISE/FISHE Core Hematopathology Test Subcommittee

Dr. Rachel Sargent, chairperson of the Core Hematopathology Committee for ASCP RISE/FISHE, presented the on-going collaboration between SH and ASCP. She expressed great appreciation for and recognized the SH volunteers who served on the Hematopathology Exam Question Author Subcommittee (2015-2016); inquiries for renewed commitment and for new volunteers for this subcommittee will go out soon with a plan to finalize this group by 6/15/2016.

2. PRISE Question Author Subcommittee

The EC will also be seeking volunteers for the PRISE Question Author Subcommittee. The ASCP Pathologist Recertification Individualized Self-Assessment Examination (PRISE) is developed for practicing pathologists to help them meet ABP MOC Part II (Life-Long Learning and Self-Assessment) and Part III (Cognitive Examination) requirements, and for pathology residents as a subspecialty-based study tool. This group of volunteers will be finalized by 12/1/16.

3. Case of the Quarter

Dr. Sara Gibson, EC member, worked with Horatiu Olteanu, COQ chairman, and others this year and she presented updates at our meeting. Each case has a link to a whole slide scanned image, case presentation and questions. One CME or SAM credit is awarded per case. Blast emails now go out to SH members when a new case is posted on the SH website; while the SH website is down, a link to the new case is sent with these emails. Three cases have been published since last USCAP. More cases are in production for 2016. One case for 2016 (goal to be submitted by June 2016) and three for 2017 are being sought. Cases that illustrate newer concepts from the upcoming updated WHO classification are particularly desired; a list of suggested topics is available.

3. Expert Video Teaching Tutorial

Drs. Diana Treaba & Lori Soma worked on this project and Diana presented the update. This is a new addition to the Virtual Teaching Archive that will be available starting in 2016. One tutorial is ready to be published on the SH Website and will go out to members via email with link while the SH site is down. The target audience is junior pathologists & trainees. Expert hematopathologists will work through a diagnosis, (e.g. How I diagnose...). At this stage, the EC is committing to 2 tutorials per year, but wants to do more. The rate limiting step is coordinating an EC member to meet with & assist the expert for capturing the video. This will happen at national meetings [e.g. USCAP, SH workshops, EAHP annual meetings, ASCP meetings, etc)] and at other visits between institutions. Most cases will be an expert's review of pathology from whole slide scanned image(s); on occasion, the expert review may utilize direct streaming of pathology from microscope/camera if the equipment is available. Other occasional cases may include analysis of flow cytometry data and/or interpretations of coagulation testing.

4. NAS Hematopathology Fellowship Milestones

Laura Edgar from the ACGME, Executive Director, Milestone Development, attended the program directors meeting and discussed/clarified several areas of interest. She emphasized several items that are helpful for maintaining accreditation (i.e. accuracy & completeness in reporting data to the ACGME, ongoing records for scholarly activity, and keeping faculty licensing information up-to-date). Laura discussed the difference between a citation and an AFI (area for improvement); an AFI does not need to be formally addressed during future annual data updates, but citations do. She called attention to the more direct relationship that fellowships now have with their core programs; warnings/probation for a core program will impact the affiliated fellowship programs. Laura also alerted us to some proposed revisions for fellowship requirements that will be voted on in the upcoming months. She encouraged program directors to stay abreast of ACGME information by skimming the ACGME e-communications that we receive via email. Laura reminded us that the NAS will utilize the data collected for the annual program evaluations (i.e. surveys, milestone data) as a 10-year “self-study period” that will be reviewed by the site visitor, but that the information will not come back to the review committee. The ACGME will be looking in particular at the success that programs have at identifying problems and making improvements. Laura has volunteered to update us at our meeting again in 2017.

A panel discussion was also held at the program directors meeting regarding the on the three most difficult milestones to implement (SBP3 – Lab Management/Resource Utilization, ICS2 – Personnel Management & Conflict Resolution, and PC3 – Performing Bone Marrow Biopsy and Aspiration). The discussion was based on responses to a survey that went out to program directors (17 respondents). For these three milestones, members on the panel shared their experiences along with those of the other respondents. The panel included Laura Edgar, Tracy George, Sergej Konoplev, Sara Monaghan, Joy Punia MD & Lauren Smith. Laura Edgar mentioned that program directors may request incoming fellows to bring with them on their start date (or afterward) a copy of their milestone records from residency; program directors can use this to help determine the entry level of the fellow, but cannot have access to this prior to fellows’ start dates. Programs will still need to assess if the residency milestone data accurately reflects each individual. Tracy George agreed to share some materials related to ICS2 (Personnel Management & Conflict Resolution) with all program directors.