



CoPS UPDATE DECEMBER 2012

Please forward to your subspecialty society/section or allied organization as appropriate.

CoPS Working with ABP to Organize Preliminary EPA Meeting

In conjunction with the ACGME and CoPS, the ABP is convening a group of thought leaders in each subspecialty to work together in developing a consistent approach to identifying subspecialty EPAs and mapping them to competencies and milestones. This work will allow each subspecialty to use current pediatrics milestones in lieu of writing new ones. The key is embedding the existing milestones in the context of appropriate subspecialty clinical contexts to make assessment of fellows meaningful. A subset of these milestones will be used to meet the ACGME requirement for subspecialty reporting of milestones in the Next Accreditation System by December 2014. One of the roles of CoPS is to identify the appropriate representatives of each ABP certified subspecialty.

CoPS Representation on the FOPO Pediatric Training Workgroup

The Federation of Pediatric Organizations (FOPO) Pediatric Training Along the Continuum Workgroup has begun with several conference calls to date. The topics of interest to the group include training and the issues that relate to societal needs, supply of pediatricians, funding and impact of re-entry and potential shortened training. The intent is to conduct pre-meeting work that will be presented at the FOPO Summit scheduled for the fall of 2013, and then ultimately to develop a white paper for publication by late 2013 that will deal with what training should look like in the future and what we need to do now to ensure what we need for the future. The CoPS representative on this workgroup is Pat Leavey.

Update on the ABP Task Force on Subspecialty Clinical Training and Certification

The Task Force has recently met and is now formulating its recommendations for the clinical training guidelines. It is anticipated that the recommendations will be formalized by January of 2013. At that time, the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP), in conjunction with CoPS, will distribute these guidelines to subspecialty organizations and subspecialists, as well as other organizations involved in the training of subspecialists, for their review. A vital piece of this process will be the subsequent discussion of the recommendations and feedback to the Task Force through CoPS. Once feedback has been collected and summarized, the Task Force will review this input, modify the final document, if needed, and present it to the ABP. This will likely occur in the spring or early summer of 2013. Rob Spicer is leading this CoPS Action Team.

Fellowship Readiness Action Team

Responses to questions submitted at the APPD and CoPS annual meetings are currently being collated. These will be then be used to develop a questionnaire. The information will also be compared with that from Gary Freed. The plan is to survey fellows early in their training, fellows who have recently completed training, and program directors. This CoPS/APPD Action Team is being led by Mel Heyman.

Updating the Website

Last week, the Communication Action Team met via videoconference to critically examine the CoPS website. Nearly the entire website was reviewed. Many changes were proposed and will be forthcoming. The group plans to meet again in January to preview these changes and assess the remainder of the site. Videoconferencing proved to be an excellent way to accomplish this task as it allowed all participants to view the same webpage at the same time and improved the ability to articulate the proposed change. If you are interested in joining this effort, please e-mail rmink@ucla.edu.

PEEAC

The Pediatric Educational Excellence Across the Continuum (PEEAC) meeting planning is coming along nicely. This meeting is held every other year and is sponsored by CoPS, the Academic Pediatric Association (APA), Association of Pediatric Program Directors (APPD) and Council on Medical Student Education in Pediatrics (COMSEP). CoPS has appointed Jim Bale, Jr. to lead the CoPS Action Team in the organization of the 3rd PEEAC conference. The planned dates of this meeting are October 4 and 5, 2013.