

**AAST Program Directors Subcommittee Phone Conference**

**Monday, April 22, 2024**

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1. American College of Surgeons Committee recruitment – Chris Dodgion

* Dr. Dodgion introduced the American College of Surgeons’ global surgery initiatives. There is a need in Rwanda to develop a curriculum. The ACS is looking for 1-2 curriculum development experts to join the work group. The ACS would like to launch the curriculum in the next 6 months. The work group will be tasked with looking at the main curriculum that already exists and make modifications that work for these programs. Three country level champions have been identified to pilot the curriculum. There already people there with a greater understanding of how things work in Rwanda and provide that perspective. The commitment is about 2 hours a month. There may be follow up calls or visits from the Rwandan programs while they are implementing the curriculum. There may be a need for teaching and mentoring from this side but this would be a separate work group. People are welcome to volunteer their expertise, however prior to sharing any AAST ACS core content explicit approval would be needed from the main Acute Care Surgery committee.

1. ACS Committee Updates
   1. Complementary Fellow Membership

All fellows receive a complementary Associate Membership with the AAST during their two years in the ACS Fellowship Program. They also receive a complementary virtual registration for the AAST Annual Meeting. Towards the end of their fellowship, AAST staff will reach out to see if fellows would like to continue their members.

1. 2024 Projects
   1. Didactic Curriculum

Thank you to all contributors. We are nearly finished with only 3-5 topics remaining. Niels Martin, as the new Education Vice Chair of the ACS Committee is developing an overall education blueprint. Tom Carver has revised the structure and will share it with PD committee soon. There was a question asking if we will map the topics in a particular order so all programs are on the same topic at the same time; so we can link up Meet the Mentors and Journal Clubs topics – that may come somewhere down the line.

* 1. Match Issues  
     A subgroup met to discuss the issues with the application and match process. The group tried to evaluate things from the fellows’ perspective instead of from the program perspective. We are developing a list of questions to survey fellows who have been through the match process to see what their experience was while applying for the ACS fellowship.
  2. Caselog Revisions

We are looking for a couple volunteers to review and evaluate a few questions from fellows on where to properly code particular procedures. We may also ask these volunteers to look at the caselog system overall, now that we have been using if for three years.

* 1. PD/APD/PC section of AAST Website  
     The Acute Care Surgery tab of the AAST website has been overhauled. The previous content was rather generic. It has now been updated to address the needs of programs based on questions received from program directors and program coordinators. The PD/PC and Fellow/Fellow Education sections are restricted – you will need to log in in order to access these pages. All PDs/APDs/PCs and Fellows have been given permissions on their already existing logins. If you are having difficulty logging in, please contact Bridget Lindbloom. Please let Bridget know if there is any information missing or if you have suggestions for additional content to include on these pages.

**\*\*Please send your Program Spotlight or Program Introductory power point slides for inclusion on the Approved Sites page.** We would like to push this page to applicants so they can learn more about our programs before they apply.

1. Program Spotlight – UCSF, Ron Tesoriero

SCC fellowship began in 1999; SCC/Trauma Fellowship in 2001; ACS Fellowship in 2020

Faculty at two facilities – ZSFG and UCSF

Sub Specialty Faculty include vascular, thoracic, colorectal, surgical oncology, general surgery (MIS) and breast surgery

ZSFG Critical Care faculty also include anesthesia critical care and neuro critical care.

New hospital built in 2016 to modernize facilities

No helipad

San Francisco General Hospital

* 397 hospital beds
* Annual ED visits = 58,583
* Total Trauma activations = 2, 682
* Trauma Laparotomies = 94
* Trauma thoracotomies = 35
* EGS laparotomies = 157

UCSF-Parnassus Campus

* 600 hospital beds
  + 86 ICU
  + 16 SICU
* Annual ED visits = 40,616
* EGS Laparotomies = 280

CPMC – Van Ness Campus

* 282 hospital beds
* Annual surgical volume
  + Liver transplant = 75
  + Renal transplant = 200
  + Hepatectomy = 50
  + Pancreatectomy = 50

SCC Clinical Rotations

ZSFGH

* SICU = 7 mos
* Trauma/ACS = 1 mo
* Trauma/ACS Call SFGH = 3/mo

UCSF Parnassus

* SICU = 1 mo
* CSICU = 1 mo
* Thoracic = 1 mo

CMPM

* HBP Surgery = 1 mo

ACS Clinical Rotations

ZSFG

* ACS = 22 weeks
* OR Anesthesia = 2 weeks
* Vascular surgery experiential

UCSF Parnassus

* Cardiac surgery experiential
* Heart/lung procurements experiential
* Liver/Kidney procurement experiential
* Critical care ultrasonography = 2 weeks

Available Electives

* Burn surgery
* Pediatric trauma
* ECMO

ACS Curriculum

Tuesdays

* Meet the Mentors (monthly)
* Trauma PIPS (weekly?
* Faculty meeting (weekly)
* M&M (1st, 3rd, 4th), Multidisciplinary trauma video review (2nd), resident journal club (4th)

Wednesdays

* UCSF DOS Grand Rounds
* AAST Grand Rounds (monthly)
* Multidisciplinary Peer Review (weekly-4th)

Thursday

* Restricted education time
* Work in progress research
* Fellowship administrative
* ACS Faculty Journal Club
* Faculty Fellow Case Conference
* ACS Didactic Curriculum & Case Review

Friday

* Medical student/resident case conference

Current/Future Challenges

* Balancing resident and fellow autonomy
* Tracheostomy and enteral access procedures
* Open vascular exposures
* Cardiac surgery
* Access to complex EGS
* Advance hepatobiliary procedures
* Robotic surgery

1. Reminders and Upcoming Dates:
   1. Meet the Mentors
      1. April 23 - Callcut
      2. May 14 – Berry
      3. May 28 – Cohen
      4. June 11 – Kaups
   2. Next Program Directors’ Meeting:

**Monday, May 20th, 4pm ET/3pm CT/2pm MT/1pm PT**

*\*Please note: this is not our regular date.*