

**AAST Program Directors Subcommittee Phone Conference**

**Monday, August 28, 2023**

**Notes**

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1. ACS Committee Updates
   1. Sub Tracks – Burn and Peds have been approved. Working on PIF for programs to apply
   2. Boot Camp – ACS Committee met with all PDs; pilot program in 2024
   3. Education – modules, MTM
      1. Interactive modules are being written, and we should have a handful to release soon
      2. MTM – next one is tomorrow, schedule below
      3. ACS Committee is working developing a journal club for fellows
   4. Policies/Requirements – The ACS Committee is working on a Parental Wellness Policy that would provide guidelines to programs.
   5. FRCC – Recently implemented a change in when materials are submitted for site visits. All materials are now due 30 days before the site visit, with the exception of the agenda and caselogs. They will be due two weeks before the site visit. There is a penalty if these deadlines are not met - $500 and rescheduling the site visit.
   6. Exam – The In-Service will be given to both first and second year fellows this year. Second year fellows will take the final exam in June 2024; first year fellows will take the final exam in June 2025. Going forward first year fellows will take the in-service exam; second year fellows will take the final exam. The exam will be opened in October. We will keep the dates of the General Surgery Oral Boards in mind so they do not conflict.
2. Program Directors Projects Updates
   1. Didactic Curriculum – Please sign up for at least one Trauma and one EGS topic at

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/13RtBJACkIdmWQWlSKje-arXl-_c6shSf/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=117706036005527130725&rtpof=true&sd=true>

* 1. Fellow Exchange – in progress
  2. International Rotation for ACS Fellows – in progress

1. Program Spotlight: Ohio State University, Jennifer Knight Davis

Large dept, great track record of excellence in education

Building a brand new 26-floor tower – will be completed in 2026, most hospital services will move to a new state-of-the-art facility. Located on the campus of The Ohio State University. Columbus is the second largest in Ohio, and the metropolitan area continues to grow.

ACGME accreditation since 1991 – 2 SCC fellows, 2 ACS Fellows, 2 anesthesia fellows

AAST accreditation in 2022, but have had training in place for years.

Surgical ICUs on the main medical campus – The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center

80 SICU beds in three different hospitals that make up the medical campus.

* University Hospital – 38 beds
* James Cancer Hospital ICU – 12 beds
* Ross Heart Hospital – 30 beds

Fellows spend time across all facilities, with electives as well

* University Hospital – 4 months
* James Cancer Hospital – 2 months
* Ross Heart Hospital – 2 months
* MICU/NCC – 1 month
* Electives – ACS, Burns, Ultrasound, Research, CT Surgery – 3 months

Amazing Patient Mix

* Liver, renal, heart, lung transplants
* LVAD, ECMO and other assist device patients
* Level 1 trauma patients
* High acuity general surgery emergencies
* Burn patients
* Busy surgical specialties
* Large referral area
* Over 250 EGS operative cases per month

Robust formal 1st year curriculum

* Weekly SICU fellow teaching conference
* Weekly Trauma Critical Care Burn Educational Series
* Weekly Dept of Surgery grand rounds
* Weekly SICU mortality and Morbidity conf
* Interdisciplinary critical care journal club
* Critical care grand rounds
* Monthly SICU simulations
* Weekly ultrasound/echo curriculum

Administration/Teaching activities for SICU year

* Weekly resident/Student lecture
* Weekly mtg with PDs and Nursing
* SICU Operations Council
* Organize weekly M+M conf
* Trauma Critical Care Edu series
* Daily mtgs with RT, OT, PT
* Triage admission calls

Second year

* Focus on three ACS services – A, B, C or East – 8 months
  + Operating Rooms at James Cancer Hospital, Ross Heart Hospital, University Hospital and East Hospital (Level 3 trauma center)
* Vascular – 1 month
* Hepatobiliary – 1 month
* Thoracic/Cardiac – 1 month
* Elective – Burns, Ab wall, ultrasound, choice – 1 month

Robust Robotic Curriculum

* 4 TCCB Faculty with robotic privileges
* Year long curriculum
* No experience required
* Complete with full credentials
* Monthly robotic case conf
* TCCB robot room 3 days per month
* 24/7 availability

Professional Dev for ACS Fellows

* Opportunity for ATLS, ASSET instructor
* Two year project – education, QI, injury prevention, research
* Attendance at national meeting
* Operating room coaching
* Training in leadership, ethics, trauma systems

Education curriculum for second year

* Weekly fellow specific lecture – incorporating MTM, local faculty
* Daily morning report
* Weekly mtg to review cases with PD
* Professional dev time for AAST modules
* Weekly ACS conf
* Attend conf relevant to the current rotation

Administration activities for ACS year

* Present quarterly at trauma critical care education series
* Participates in EGS and Trauma peer review
* Coding and billing education

Other support

* Attend national mtg each year
* Practice board exam for SCC and Oral boards
* Study guide/text for Critical care
* Library resources
* Call pay

Struggles

* Lower acuity level of trauma patients
  + Monitoring case logs
  + Have second year fellows respond to very full trauma team activation
  + Require attendance to morning report
* Learner conflict – resident heavy program; making sure the fellow presence doesn’t dilute the resident experience.

1. Reminders and Upcoming Dates:
   1. Meet the Mentors
      1. August 29 – Nicole Stassen
      2. September 12 – Michael Cripps
      3. September 26 – Mary Fallat
   2. Annual Meeting – September 20-23, 2023
   3. Next Program Directors’ Meeting – during AAST Annual Meeting

Wednesday, September 20th at 6:15am local time in the Salinas room