

**AAST Program Directors Subcommittee Phone Conference**

**Monday, May 22, 2023**

**Notes**

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1. Burn Subtrack – Jordan Lilienstein

Not meant to replace burn fellowship; provides additional exposure that may give them the opportunity to help out in the future.

This was developed with the help of ABA members.

The objective is to certify advanced experience/knowledge in the stabilization and early care of acute burns; would be within the AAST ACS fellowship at an ABA approved site for approximately 3 months.

Proposed competencies are in burn resuscitation, inhalation injury, fasciotomy and operative intervention/initial burn wound management. Additional topics would include nutrition, topical burn wound management and pain control.

This has been presented to the ABA Board at their recent annual meeting and we are awaiting their feedback.

1. SCCPDS Liaison

We have had several volunteers and have asked someone to serve a liaison. Once we receive a confirmation, we will announce the liaison.

1. ACS Committee Updates
   1. Sub Tracks

We have heard from three subtracks – Peds, Resource Limited and Burn.

If you think your site may be interested in one of these subtracks, please reach out to Nancy, Tom or Bridget.

Details still need to be worked out on how this is implemented; when will it begin; how will it affect the match; what happens if the position doesn’t fill, etc.

* 1. Boot Camp

Focus groups with fellows and PDs on curriculum have taken place.

* 1. Education – modules, MTM

Several MTM speakers in the coming months.

* 1. Exam

The majority of the PDs would like to move the exam to the beginning of the first year. Overwhelmingly, PD’s did not think the exam should be a requirement for graduation. Finally, the majority of the PD’s felt the education modules could/should be tracked as a requirement of graduation.

The PD Committee will recommend moving the exam to the beginning of the PGY6 year and the end of the PGY7 year. We would like to begin this with the 2023-24 academic year. Both first and second year fellows will need to take the exam in September 2023; we will keep the two years separate to track the scores according to their “class.”

1. Program Directors Projects Updates
   1. Didactic Curriculum

There have been categories and topics developed by previous exam/education subcommittees.

Tom has taken that list and developed a weekly curriculum covering all the topics over 46 weeks – a 12 month cycle. These are the essential topics that need to be covered by all programs. Shouldn’t be a rehash of EGS or SCC years. It is mapped to the ACS Modules, Meet the Mentors, WTA, etc. Similar to SCORE. This is the body of knowledge ACS certified fellows should have when they graduate. What are the critical skills or knowledge fellows should come away with? It can be moved around according to each programs’ needs.

Please review and provide feedback – are there landmark cases, resources that can be added? SCORE Surgical Critical Care is also developing something similar – may be worth mapping similar topics and sharing or linking to their resources.

1. Program Spotlight: University of Utah, Alexander Colonna

Salt Lake City = 200k, Salt Lake County = 1.2 million

5 hospitals; 11 clinics

About 2500 trauma admissions; less than 10% penetrating, more EGS

Partner with private practice partners non-profit level 1 trauma system

3500 trauma, 12% penetrating

VA – 121 beds, 8 SICU, one of the largest Vas in the country

Unique geography, Intermountain West encompassing 20% of the US land mass

PGY6 year is similar to most programs

Intense echo program at VA – 2 months

SICU – 3 months

CVICU – 3 months

STICU – 1 month

NCCU – 1 month

PICU – 2 weeks

Anesthesiology – 2 weeks

Burn or elective – 1 month

PGY7 year

Trauma and Emergency Surgery – 4 months

Transplant/Hepatobiliary Surgery – 2 months

Trauma Surgery – 2 months

Vascular Surgery – 2 months

Cardiothoracic Surgery – 2 months

Education

Lecture Series

Weekly Tuesday SICU lectures

Delivered by attending of the week or guest speakers

Based on AAST Education Modules and other relevant topics

Didactics

Wednesday morning - Dept of Surgery educational series (grand rounds, m&m, case conferences)

Thursday morning – ACS conference (m&m, protocol review, trauma grand rounds)

Critical Care Ultrasonography

12 units, optional self paced intro unit; online pre-work; monthly in-person sessions, lectures and hands on training

Echocardiography

Based at VA, formal ECHO curriculum taught by Anesthesia and Cardiology

100 cases, 50 proctored exams

Research Opportunities

Global surgery

Geo-spatial outcomes/access

Educational research

PCORI EGS

Large Research Infrastructure

Number of applicants has skyrocketed since adding ACS Fellowship

119% increase since 2019

Unique elements

A year into the ultrasound program

Looking into using robotics

Creating an international rotation with a partner in Colombia

Population is exploding, building new campus and hospitals.

Challenges

Competition for vascular cases

Working on a vascular rotation in a hospital about 30-40 mins away

1. Reminders and Upcoming Dates:
   1. 2022 Graduated Fellow Survey

\*Please make sure your 2022 Fellow has completed the survey

* 1. Final Exam – June 2023
  2. Meet the Mentors
     1. May 23 – Matthew Martin
     2. May 30 – Kenji Inaba
     3. July 18 – Walter Biffl
  3. Annual Meeting – September 20-23, 2023
  4. Caselog system $750 access fee due – August 1, 2023
  5. Bootcamp - 2024
  6. Next Program Directors’ Meeting – June 26, 2023