

**AAST Program Directors Subcommittee Phone Conference**

**Monday, August 25, 2025**

**Minutes**

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1. ACS Committee Updates
   1. Bootcamp Feedback  
      Fellows appreciated the bootcamp – particularly the advanced endoscopy and cadaver work. Clinical skills were great, but the networking and career discussions were also very much appreciated. Would like to have it moved to June, July or later in August, September or even October. The first couple weeks in August are too difficult because they are just getting settled in their new roles.
2. 2024 Projects
   1. EGS Project

The Committee reviewed the EGS cases with complex physiology. We would like to add a checkbox for complex or not in the caselog system. The work group developed a list of required numbers. We will re-evaluate in a year or two to see if these numbers make sense. Could we do it like EPAs – where someone signs off that they have completed certain types of cases. Difference between what fellows learned in residency versus what we are trying to add with the ACS fellowship. A lot of the experience for the fellows is in their decision-making ability, comprehensively managing the patient, not so much in the technical skills. How they have evolved as an educator is also an important piece.

* 1. MIS Project  
     Will be sent out with minutes for the committee’s review.
  2. Caselog Revisions

1. Upcoming Important Dates
   1. September Journal Club – 9/23
      1. Different date due to Critical Care Boards
   2. Meet the Mentors
      1. Invites for at least 7 Mentors coming soon