

**AAST Program Directors Subcommittee Phone Conference**

**Monday, June 26, 2023**

**Notes**

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1. SCCPDS Liaison

Laura Haines will serve as the liaison to the SCCPDS.

1. ACS Committee Updates
   1. Sub Tracks

The Pediatric Subtrack is ready to go; the Burn subtrack is close; others (palliative, resource limited) are still in progress. We should have an application process developed soon. If you think your program would be a good fit for one of the subtracks and are interested in participating, please reach out to Nancy, Tom or Bridget.

* 1. Boot Camp

Stephanie Savage has meet with focus groups of Fellows and a focus group of PDs to begin development of the curriculum for the two-day event. All PDs will be scheduled for a 15-minute meeting with Stephanie Savage, Babak Sarani or Tanya Anand to briefly discuss the Boot Camp. Please look for emails from Bridget to schedule your meeting.

* 1. Education – modules, MTM
  2. Policies/Requirements
  3. FRCC
  4. Exam

Starting with the new academic year, we will be transitioning the In-Service Fellowship exam to the beginning of the PGY6 year. Both the PGY6 and PGY7 fellows will take the in-service exam in the beginning of the academic year. PGY7’s will take the final exam in June of 2024; PGY6’s will take the final exam in June of 2025. Going forward, all fellows will take the in-service exam at the beginning of their first year and the final exam at the end of their second year.

1. Program Directors Projects Updates
   1. Didactic Curriculum

We received a lot of great feedback from PDs. The newest version of the didactic curriculum outline was distributed to the PDs earlier today. All PDs will be asked to review one or two topics:

* + 1. Review current literature on your topic;
    2. ID any additional subsections that should be included:
       1. Include all things an ACS surgeon is expected to know;
       2. Include any controversial or current areas of debate;
    3. Submit one good resource that serves as an overview to the topic;
    4. Submit 3-4 recent papers that dig deeper;
    5. Submit 2 multiple choice questions that cover the topic;
    6. Optional: if you encounter any additional resources (multi-media, podcasts, recorded lectures, etc.) share the link.
* **Email Bridget by Friday if there is a topic you prefer.**
* **Topics will be assigned and emailed out July 5th.**
* **Submit before July 24th (next PD Committee meeting).**
  1. Fellow Exchange

1. Program Spotlight: University of Texas Southwestern, Linda Dultz

Division of Burns, Trauma, Acute and Critical Care

* 6 Burn Surgeons
* 12 Trauma, Acute and Critical Care Surgeons
* 1 Bariatric, Acute and Critical Care Surgeon
* 3 Acute Care Surgeons

Fellowship – 8 Fellows per year

* 2 Burn/SCC spots
* 4 (1 year) SCC spots
* 2 (2 year) AAST ACS spots

Curriculum

* 5-6 months of ICS
* 1 month Anesthesia
* 1 month Burns
* 2 months TASC
* 1 month CV ICU
* Additional electives (CCU, MICU, Transplant, ECMO, PICU, NICU)
* Burn Track (6 months of burns)

AAST ACS Two Year Track

* First year is the same as the one-year track
* Second year:
  + 7 months at Parkland Trauma/EGS

Independent general surgery privileges; In-house faculty always available as back up

* + 1 month Cardiac
  + 1 month Vascular
  + 1 month Transplant/Endocrine
  + 2 months elective (Burns, MIS, Robotics, Research
* Funded internally.
* Fellows bill independently for general surgery.

Didactic Offerings

* ICU lectures daily
* Fellow ICU lectures Tuesdays
* Meet the Mentors Tuesdays
* Journal Club monthly
* Trauma Conference weekly
* ICU M&M monthly
* EGS M&M monthly
* Trauma PI weekly
* SICU PI monthly
* Trauma Exec monthly
* Burns PI monthly
* Research Meetings twice a month

Lectures giving by local and invited experts

Course Offerings

* ATLS Student Course
* ATLS Instructor Course
* ASSET Student Course
* ASSET Instructor Course
* ATOM Student Course
* POCUS Course
* Airway Simulation Course
* Trauma Simulation Monthly

1. Reminders and Upcoming Dates:
   1. Meet the Mentors
      1. July 18 – Walter Biffl
   2. Annual Meeting – September 20-23, 2023
   3. Caselog system $750 access fee due – August 1, 2023
   4. Bootcamp - 2024
   5. Next Program Directors’ Meeting – July 24, 2023