

**AAST Program Directors Subcommittee Phone Conference**

**Monday, January 22, 2024**

**Notes**

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1. ACS Committee Updates
   1. Graduated Fellow Survey

Please remind your graduated fellows to complete the survey. Bridget will send a list of those that have not yet completed the survey.

* 1. Journal Club – Tricia Ayoung-Chee

Trisha shared the plan for the upcoming Journal Club that will begin in March. Topics will be coordinated with the topics of the Meet the Mentors session that month. We will be raffling off a choice of registration at the AAST Annual meeting or publication in TSACO as an incentive to the Fellows to participate.

* 1. International Rotations

Trisha presented the idea of the international rotation for the

Library of current international rotations; ask the programs who have the rotation to attend in February and share what they had to do, how it works, what the etc.

Each program has different needs/wants and different processes for getting it approved by their institution. Would the regional rotation be more appealing. Think about this and come back to it next month.

1. 2024 Projects
   1. Didactic Curriculum

Thanks to those who have submitted

These topics are still open and need a volunteer:

* Vascular Emergencies (EGS)
* Anorectal Disease (EGS)
* Complications following Bariatric Surgery (EGS)
* Trauma Systems/Administration (Trauma)
* Disaster Medicine and Triage (Trauma)
* Inflammatory Bowel Disease (EGS)
* Pleural Disease (EGS)
* DVT Prophylaxis in EGS (EGS)
* Injury Prevention (Trauma)
* Pediatric Emergency General Surgery (EGS)
* Surgery in Immunocompromised Patients (EGS)

Bridget will follow up with those that have not yet submitted their materials.

* 1. Match Issues

If you are interested in working on this issue, please let Bridget know so we can include you on a future call.

* 1. PD Resources

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Please send your program spotlights so I can add it

If you have a short video with an elevator speech, pictures or anything else you would like to add for your specific program, please send it to Bridget to be added to the page.

1. ACS Programs with Job Openings
   1. Vanderbilt – 2 and a burn
   2. UNLV – 2 opening
   3. Hartford – 1 opening
   4. Fresno – 2 and burn
2. Interviewing process

The committee discussed whether they were doing interviews virtually or in-person. Each GME Office makes the decision for their institution. There is an inherent disparity when some are virtual and some are in-person, but the feedback from the fellows is that they prefer in-person. There are financial constraints on the fellows when they have to decide whether they want to travel to several programs, but they will think more seriously about where they will travel. Is it worth considering leveling the playing field by having all program conduct virtual interviews?

1. Reminders and Upcoming Dates:
   1. Meet the Mentors
      1. February 13th – Lillian Kao
      2. February 20th – Preston Miller
      3. March 12th – Jeffrey Kerby
      4. April 9th – Nicholas Namias
      5. April 23rd – Rachael Callcut
      6. May 14th – Cherisse Berry
      7. May 28th – Mitchell Cohen
      8. June 11th – Krista Kaups
      9. February 20 - Miller
   2. Next Program Directors’ Meeting:

Monday, February 26th, 4pm ET/3pm CT/2pm MT/1pm PT