GME NEWS

UAMS COM GME Updates
Message from new ACGME Designated Institutional Official for UAMS COM GME

Greetings! I am grateful for the honor and privilege to serve as your UAMS COM Designated Institutional Official. In my new role, I am eager to continue building upon the work of my predecessor, Dr. Jim Clardy, of establishing and maintaining high-quality residency and fellowship programs that meet the needs of our community. While a significant aspect of this position involves focusing on meeting accreditation requirements, I am committed to promoting best practices that will make your work easier, strengthening the networking opportunities that let you learn from each other and refining processes that help you manage the day to day administrative requirements of training our most valuable resources—our residents and fellows. I appreciate your dedication to education, to creating effective and efficient learning environments and to the care that you provide each day to our patients and their families. I look forward to working with you in this new position.

ACGME Updates
Accreditation and Recognition Site Visit Blackout Dates

The Field Activities and Accreditation Data System (ADS) teams have created an accreditation/recognition site visit blackout date function for programs within ADS, giving programs the opportunity to designate dates to avoid when scheduling these visits. Program directors, key faculty members, and residents/fellows must be present on the day of the site visit.

Who can enter blackout dates? Designated institutional officials (DIOs), program directors, institutional and program coordinators can enter these dates in ADS.

When can blackout dates be entered? In order to select blackout dates in ADS, the program must receive an email notice from Field Activities. After receiving this notice, programs can enter blackout dates and continue to enter or change them until the date a site visit is scheduled.

How many dates can be selected? Fifty days (Monday to Friday) can be selected over a 12-month period in addition to national holidays and other ACGME-observed holidays.

Is entering accreditation/recognition site visit blackout dates required? No. This option is intended to better align program and site visit scheduling needs. If for any reason a scheduled site visit is postponed at the request of the program, a fee may be charged at the discretion of the Department of Accreditation, Recognition, and Field Activities.

Are these the same as Clinical Learning Environment Review (CLER) blackout weeks? No. CLER blackout weeks are entered separately.
**PC Corner**

**Program Coordinator Holiday Service Project**

The Program Coordinator Organization will again sponsor UAMS Head Start classrooms for the holidays! This year Program Coordinators will adopt the Chicot Head Start school. Monetary donations will be accepted Nov. 5 - Dec. 3 and will be used to purchase age appropriate gifts for these students. Contact Leigh Austin, lbaustin@uams.edu, for details!

![Image of Program Coordinator Organization members holding stuffed animals]

**Upcoming Meetings**

Nov 5 - PCO, All about the CCC: Noon, Flex Learning Center:
Dec. 3 - Program Coordinator Lunch and Learn: 11:30 a.m., Flex Learning Center
Dec. 13 - Holiday Service Project: 2:00 p.m., PMR Conference Room, Spine Institute, 7th floor, Room 726
January: No PCO
Feb. 3 - PCO, TBD: Noon, Flex Learning Center

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**Welcome to our newest GME Program Coordinators!**

- Sunny Worthington: Pediatric Surgery Fellowship
- Berva Bentley: Child and Adolescent Fellowship

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**December Lunch and Learn for Program Coordinators**

How to Do Scholarly Activity in Medical Education: A Primer for GME & Program Administrators

Tuesday, December 3, 2019
Lunch: 11:30 a.m.
Webinar: Noon - 1:00 p.m.
RSVP: whitejenniferb@uams.edu by Nov. 18
Resident Council News

2019-20 Officers Announced

Joining Resident Council co-chairs, Lauren Gibson and Abigail Richison, are the following executive committee members: Nikhil Kamath, Renee Tolly and Ann Mercier.

Resident Council adds NEW Subcommittees!

The following subcommittees are open to ANY resident. For more information about the various committees, please contact the committee chairs/vice-chairs.

Wellness committee: To improve and facilitate resident wellness. To promote a healthy work-life balance; provide physical, psychological, social and professional wellness education and maintain a peer support and advocacy network for residents. Last year the committee created the annual "Resident Wellness Week."

Special projects committee: To plan, organize and execute short term projects. This group has a passion for initiatives that reflect the interests and needs of our diverse resident body. Current projects include updating resident call rooms and implementing a service project.

Social committee: To develop a Resident Support Network which can sponsor events such as adult and family socials, intramurals and book clubs, which promote further relationships between the different programs. Through this committee we hope to expand support groups for not only residents but also their family members.

IT committee: To maintain and update the Resident Council website so residents can be aware of projects the council is working on and find relevant information pertaining to resident life. Another exciting initiative this committee is to re-implement VA access at UAMS to residents who cover both hospital services.
Welcome to the following new program directors approved by the UAMS COM GME!

Program Directors’ Post

Program Director

Resources on SharePoint
- Annual Program Evaluation
- PC Change Form
- PD Change Form
- EASE meetings
- Interview Documents
- Journal Club
- Useful Links
- PD Monthly To Do
- Program Letter of Agreements

GME Resources
- Fatigue Mitigation Brochure
- Raising Concern Brochure
- Research and Scholarly Activity Guide
- Resident Wellness Website
- Resident Council Website

Meaning in Medicine

Registration opens for 2020 ACGME Annual Education Conference in early November. The ACGME is pleased to announce the Marvin R. Dunn Keynote Address and Closing Plenary speakers: Drs. Mona Hanna Attisha and Eric Topol.

Information about this year’s conference can be found here. Hope to see you there!

UAMS GME Rip It Snippet Series:

These 90 second videos can be shared with residents/faculty to support training and development.

- Resident Wellness
- Fatigue Management
- UAMS Institutional Priorities for Patient Safety/Quality of Care
- Residents as Teachers
- Difficult Conversations

To access these videos, you can subscribe to the UAMS GME youtube channel.