

Medical Student Symposium

May 31, 2008

The Medical Student Symposium is intended to help medical students understand the residency and career options that exist in Emergency Medicine, evaluate residency opportunities, and select the right residency. At the completion of the session, participants will: 1) know the characteristics of good emergency physicians and the “right” reasons to seek a career in this specialty, 2) have a better understanding of the application process, 3) Consider factors important in determining the appropriate residency, including geographic locations, patient demographics, length of training, etc. 4) understand the composition of an emergency medicine rotation and what to expect while they are rotating in the ED, 5) discuss the skills needed to get the most out of your educational experience in the ED rotation, 6) identify the standard sources of information in the field of emergency medicine 7) have an appreciation of various career paths available in Emergency Medicine, including academics, private practice, and fellowship training , and 8) discover current areas of research in Emergency Medicine.

8:00-8:10 am **Introduction** Terry Kowalenko, MD University of Michigan

8:10-8:50 am **How to Select the Right Residency for You (Annie Sadosty)**

An overview of EM residency programs will be discussed. Important factors to consider in the selection process including length of training, geographic location, patient demographics, and academic vs. clinical setting will be reviewed. The speaker will also discuss the difference between allopathic and osteopathic programs.

8:50-9:20 am **Getting Good Advice (David Milzman)**

One of the keys to any successful career is getting and following good advice. How do you choose the right advisor(s) and use their wisdom to help you succeed? What do you do when your medical school doesn't have an EM Residency Program? What resources are available to you about the various programs? How do applicants get reliable information about programs from mentors, attendings, residents, students, and websites?

9:20-9:50 pm **The Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE)
“The Dean Letter” (Yolanda Haywood)**

The speaker, an Emergency Medicine physician and Dean, will review the components of the MSPE. Medical school deans adapt the MSPE template to prepare your Dean's letter. What is MSPE? What is the role of the MSPE in the residency process? How can you take a proactive role in your MSPE?

9:50-10:00 am **Break**

10:00-10:45 am **Navigating the Residency Application Process and**

Interview Tactics (Peter DeBlieux)

This presentation will provide students with tips on how to prepare their ERAS application, how and when to successfully interview and how to follow-up with top programs.

10:45-11:30am Getting the Most of Your Clerkship (Gus Garmel)

This session will provide students with valuable tips for getting the most from your Emergency Department Clerkship. Specific topics to be discussed will include: 1) appropriate educational goals for an emergency medicine rotation; 2) how to best prepare for your rotation in order to make the most of your ED experience; 3) recommended textbooks and references; and 4) important considerations when and where to do your emergency medicine rotate

11:30 – 12:00pm Assessing Your Competitiveness as an Emergency Medicine Applicant and the Competitiveness of Programs (Chris Ghaemmaghani)

This session will help applicants better understand what PD's are looking for so that they can assess their own competitiveness when applying for EM residency programs.

How important are USMLE/scores? Do I need to be AOA or have "honors" on my EM rotations?

These are other potential predictors of success as a resident will be discussed. The speaker will also give some insight into how applicants can find out competitive they are for individual programs. What should you be asking?

12:00-1:30pm Lunch with Program Directors

1:30-2:00 pm Career Paths and Prospects in Emergency Medicine (Herbert Hern)

This session will expose students to a variety of career paths including private practice, academics, and dual training (EM-IM/EM-PEDS) as well as fellowship training.

2:00-2:30pm Emergency Medicine Residency Rules and Regulations (Pamela Dyne)

The speaker will introduce the students to the ACGME and EM-RRC. What role do they play with regard to program requirements, certification & accreditation? What should students be asking programs about previous RRC site visits?

2:30-2:45 pm Break

2:45-3:45 pm Small Groups

Balancing Act (Charlene Irvin)

This session will discuss how to optimize your career and personal life.

Financial Planning (Dave Overton)

This session will review practical tips on financial issues. The

speaker will address such issues as how to put together a budget and what to do with medical student loan.

Optimizing your 4th Year (Doug Ander)

This session will provide students with recommendations for making the most of their senior year including information about EM and other electives, research experience, and when to take their Board exams.

Medical Schools without Residencies (Patricia Lanter)

This Q&A session will help guide medical students from medical schools without EM residencies through the complicated maze that leads to a residency and career in EM. It will specifically address how this process differs from those students with an EM residency at their medical school.

Osteopathic Students and Programs (Greg Garra)

This session will be geared toward the Osteopathic medical Student. The speaker will discuss the differences between Osteopathic and allopathic programs. There will be plenty of time for questions.

3:45-4:15 pm **Resident Panel**

This will be a Q & A session for students to ask residents from different programs and levels questions regarding residency and the application process.

4:15-4:30 pm **Closing Comments** Terry Kowalenko, MD University of Michigan