

July 2014

ASA Practice Management 2015 Resident Physician Opportunities

Sam Page, M.D.

The American Society of Anesthesiologists' (ASA) annual Practice Management Conference is the premier education event for physician anesthesiologists and practice administrators. It provides the most up-to-date trends and strategic methods to successfully manage an anesthesiologist practice in today's rapidly growing health system. The 2015 Practice Management Conference focuses on presenting information on the anesthesia job market and practice models, transitioning from "resident" to "staff," risk management, PQRS, and the Perioperative Surgical Home (PSH)

Resident Track Program

Resident physician education now mandates practice management education, and the current practice of the medical specialty of anesthesiology offers expanded leadership roles for physician anesthesiologists. In recognition of this need, the Practice Management Conference includes the Resident Track as a primary component of the conference.

ASA accepts the task of educating anesthesiology residents with the most current practice management resources and skills through the Resident Track Program. This program incorporates educational lectures, panel discussions, discussion tables, and one-on-one expert physician advice on the basics of transitioning from resident to practicing physician.

Scholarships and Sponsorships

As we plan for the year ahead, we are asking anesthesiology residency programs nationwide to nominate residents for our 2015 Practice Management Conference scholarships. Due to the limited number of scholarships available, we request that programs nominate only CA-2 and CA-3 residents who demonstrate aptitude and portray interest in leadership and practice management. We recommend that residency programs be mindful to residents with advanced degrees (MBA, MPH) and individuals with strong business backgrounds.

To help ease the process, there are two mechanisms available for funding. The first involves a joint sponsorship between State Component Societies and Anesthesiology Residency Programs.

Timely Topics

PAYMENT AND PRACTICE MANAGEMENT

With this process, residents should contact their residency program directors and state components to confirm participation and identify the application process and deadline.

The second opportunity for residents to attend the 2015 Practice Management Conference Resident Track Program is through the Anesthesia Charitable Foundation (ACF). It is important to note these scholarships are limited.

What Must Residents Do To Apply?

Potential candidates must provide a brief essay (1,000 words) depicting their interest in attending PRACTICE MANAGEMENT 2015 and their plan in utilizing the information provided through the Resident Track program. Nominated residents must also provide a current CV and a valid email address. All applications will be judged on a variety of criteria including a recommendation from their program director and a history of involvement with ASA practice management initiatives.

Current Progress and Updates

Thus far, the following states have partnered with residency education programs to sponsor residents to attend the ASA 2015 Practice Management Conference: Indiana, Ohio, Texas, West Virginia, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Washington, Mississippi, Georgia, and Wisconsin.

Tracking of participating state components depends on self-identification by residents attending Practice Management 2015 and reporting by State Components. The ASA Committee on Practice Management (CoPM) appreciates any supplemental information to allow us to track state component support of practice management education for resident physicians and coordinate with committee activities.

In addition, the following states will be supporting residents' scholars to the 2015 ASA Practice Management Conference, or are in the process of considering support: Kansas, Missouri, Maine, Utah, Illinois, Louisiana, Colorado, and Connecticut. The CoPM will continue outreach to state components to market this opportunity to compliment ASA strategic goals and to position residents as future leaders of the anesthesiology specialty.

Please email nominations, resumes and essays to Morasa Shaker (m.shaker@asahq.org), Payment and Practice Management Specialist by **November 1, 2014**. Subject line of all emails should read, "2015 RESIDENT TRACK Program Scholarship Nomination".