ASA EMERGING LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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Program directors and academic department chairs recognize and understand the expanded scope of practice and responsibility of physician anesthesiologists in 2016. Not only are we expected to provide great clinical care to our patients, the medical specialty of anesthesiology is now demanding an escalated commitment to professional advocacy and practice management. We are asked to fill leadership roles inside and outside the O.R. Health plans, hospital systems and quality management organizations require physicians to answer this call, and physician anesthesiologists are stepping forward to lead.

Anesthesiologists are required by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) to receive practice management coursework during their residency education. There are many opportunities to gain this education and experience, but the greatest opportunity is the resident physician track at the PRACTICE MANAGEMENT conference in Grapevine, Texas, from January 27-29, 2017. The subject matter generally includes foundational topics in practice management, such as employment contracts, practice types and differences, value delivery strategies, and billing and coding. The programming incorporates lectures, discussion tables, and individual advice and feedback on curriculum vitae review, and navigating the anesthesiology job market.

There are several sponsored opportunities for residents to attend PRACTICE MANAGEMENT 2017. In an accompanying article in this issue, Molly Krause, M.D., outlines her experience as a resident attendee this year. Many state components and residency programs recognize this opportunity and provide financial support either jointly or individually for resident physicians to attend. The poster session is available for resident physicians to present topics specific to practice management. We are again asking all residency programs and state components to sponsor resident physicians to attend and participate. Resident physicians should communicate directly with their programs regarding poster session topics and opportunities to obtain financial support. In 2016, California, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, state components and/or residency programs all sponsored or cosponsored residents.
In addition, the ASA Committee on Practice Management sponsors resident physicians through the ASA Emerging Leaders Scholarship Program. This program accepts applications in September through nominations by residency program directors. Each resident submits an essay and two letters of recommendation. Many residents have distinguished themselves as future leaders during residency or earlier by earning advanced administrative- or business-related degrees.

Scholarship winners receive $1,000 toward to the cost of registration, travel and hotel accommodations to attend the Resident Physician track of PRACTICE MANAGEMENT. Our emerging leaders provide a pathway to communicate our new duties and responsibilities of professional advocacy and practice management to their programs, peers and state resident components. Nominations, CVs, essays and letters of recommendation should be emailed to: residentcomponent@asahq.org by October 31, 2016, with the subject heading “2017 Emerging Leaders Scholarship Program.” The PRACTICE MANAGEMENT Resident Track has emerged as a premier meeting opportunity. We hope to see all of our resident physician leaders in Texas in 2017!