Pediatric Urology Fellowship Directors Committee

Minutes of the Bi-Annual Meeting
Friday May 3, 2019
6:00 pm

Location of Meeting:
Analysis Room
Marriott Marquis Hotel
Chicago, Illinois

Present at Meeting:
Duncan Wilcox, Chair
Bob DeFoor, Vice-Chair
John Pope
Tony Khoury
Chad Wallis
Erika Traxel
Dana Giel
Lane Palmer
Rosalia Misseri
Seth Alpert
Walid Farhat
Hillary Copp
Heidi Stephany
Thomas Kolon
Paul Merguerian
Elizabeth Yerkes
Richard Rink
Chester Koh
Bart Cilento
Dana Giel
Wolfgang Cerwinka
Hsi-Tang Wu
Sarah Marietti-Shepherd
Scott Sparks
Hans Pohl
Micah Jacobs
Christopher Cooper (Advisory Committee to the ABU Chair)
David Joseph (Residency Review Committee Representative)
The regular bi-annual meeting of the Pediatric Urology Fellowship Directors Committee was called to order at 6:00 PM on Friday May 3rd, 2019 by Duncan Wilcox, Chair.

I. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was distributed prior to the meeting by email and approved by consensus.

II. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

III. Consideration of Open Issues

1. Residency Review Committee Report

Dr. David Joseph had two items for discussion. The first involved a re-organization of “minimum” case log numbers for fellows to achieve during their clinical year. The old and new proposed numbers were distributed. Some changes included removing varicocelectomy and Epispadias procedures. Bladder extrophy will continue to be tracked only. This will likely be in effect for fellows starting in July 2020. The second item was an announcement that the oversight for the fellowship research year will be transitioned from the American Board of Urology to the Residency Review Committee of the ACGME. Extensive discussion and questions were raised about how the new process would work. Some potential problems to be worked out would be independent practice/billing that a few (5) programs allow the fellow to perform as well as potential new paperwork requirements. An advantage would be that programs could distribute the clinical and scholarly activity over a two year period rather than separated into separate years. Both years would be ACGME accredited and goals/objectives would need to be defined for the scholarly activities. Individual educational plan and final scholarly activity report would be reviewed by the Clinical Competency Committee rather than the ABU. The estimated time for implementation for these changes would be 2-3 years. A final thought for consideration would be could fellowships go back to one clinical year?

2. ABU Pediatric Urology Advisory Committee Report

Dr. Christopher Cooper presented the graduating fellows list. There are 22 graduates from 21 programs. There were an average of 4 presentations for each fellow and two papers in press. All fellows submitted at least one manuscript for
publication. Three textbook chapters were written and seven fellows took advanced degree coursework. All fellows report that they have found employment.

3. Match Data

The upcoming Pediatric Urology match was discussed by Dr. Alpert and data provided regarding the process thus far:

25 programs are registered listing 26 positions.
29 applicants are registered (however only 19 from US/Canadian residencies)
Average number of applicants interviewing at each program is 8
Average number of interviews per applicant is 9

4. Results of survey on protected time

The results of a survey on protected time for program directors (PD’s) to work on fellowship activities was presented by Dr. Wilcox. 50% of PD’s get no protected time. Of those who do have protected time, most get 2 hours weekly but some had as many as 4 or even 8 hours. 35% of PD’s had salary support for their protected time. The current requirement for a Urology residency PD is 20% protected time but no guidelines are specified for fellowships.

5. DSD Advocacy

Drs. Palmer and Rink discussed the current status of our advocacy efforts regarding DSD and genital surgery. The percentage of donating faculty was distributed for each program.

6. International Match

Dr. Wilcox discussed the idea of an international fellowship match arrangement perhaps to have applicants meet prospective program faculty at the Fall Congress.

7. Timing of Fellowship Directors Meeting

Dr. Wilcox discussed ideas for future meetings such as morning or lunchtime meetings given the conflict with the Oncology Working Group case presentations. The consensus was to keep the current arrangement as is for now.

8. Laparoscopy course
Dr. Farhat discussed that the Pediatric Urology Fellows Laparoscopy course will be held in Columbus for now at Nationwide Children’s Hospital.

IV. **Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held in September 2019 at the Pediatric Urology Fall Congress in Scottsdale, Arizona. The date, time, location, and agenda of the meeting will be forthcoming.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm by Duncan Wilcox, MD.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob DeFoor, MD
Vice Chair