

**Updated July 1, 2010**

## **RESIDENT CONFERENCES**

### **Lecture schedule and format**

The year's schedule for morning pathology conferences is put together by the chief resident(s) and consists of a mix of clinical and anatomic pathology didactic sessions and resident or fellow presentations. The conferences are held in conference room 3149 from 7:30 to 8:30, unless otherwise noted.

#### **Monday, Clinical Pathology Conferences**

*Topics/Format:* Call review followed by case-based didactics by faculty or residents

*Schedule:* Topic schedule posted at the beginning of the academic year

*Attendance:* Required for all AP/CP and CP residents

#### **Tuesdays and Thursdays, AP Didactic Core Curriculum Conference**

*Topics/Format:* Core AP topics presented as didactics or microscope sessions by faculty

*Schedule:* Topic schedule posted yearly, on a two-year cycle, weekly updates distributed by chief resident(s).

*Attendance:* Required for all AP/CP and AP residents.

#### **1st Wednesday of the month: Gross/Micro Conference**

*Topics:* AP or CP topics with emphasis on interrelating disciplines. Presentations should include literature references and ideally combine pathobiology, physiology, molecular biology and other related fields.

*Format:* Two-20 min scholarly presentations by residents with 10 min each for questions

*Schedule:* Chief resident(s) will assign dates at the beginning of the year.

*Attendance:* Required for all residents.

### **2nd Wednesday of the month: AP QA**

*Topic:* Monthly Anatomic Pathology QA meeting

*Format:* Faculty and Residents are encouraged to bring interesting and challenging cases to be discussed at this forum. An individual may bring multiple cases to share if time permits. The Chief Resident moderates the forum.

*Attendance:* Required for all AP/CP and AP residents.

### **3rd through 5th Wednesdays of the month: AP Unknowns Conference**

*Topic:* Unknown cases, presented by residents or fellows

*Format:* Resident or fellow will select 4-5 interesting and educational cases with case histories that will be available for review by the residents at least one week in advance. Ideally 2 sets of slides are made, so one set is available at Shands and the other at the VA. Following the presentation, case histories with the diagnoses and the presentation should be electronically forwarded to Karen Hyde for the "AP Archival Slide File."

*Schedule:* Residents are assigned to specific dates by the chief resident at the beginning of the year.

*Attendance:* Required for all AP/CP and AP residents

**Friday:** 7:30 -8:30 a.m.: Variable, including meetings with the Program Director or Chair, monthly journal club, and microscope sessions.

**Journal Club:** Journal club is held monthly. The resident will select an article(s) from the literature - recent article(s), or "classic article" one that established current ideals (preferably not a review article). The resident will then choose an attending appropriate for the topic and article(s) (e.g., a CP attending if the article is CP and an AP attending if it is an AP article). Once the attending approves the article(s), the resident will distribute the article to all of the residents (via resident mailboxes) at least 1 week in advance. The resident will critically review the article and present it at the journal club. The attending will be at the journal club, but the resident is responsible for presenting the article(s) and fostering discussion. The purpose of journal club is three fold: 1) to learn how to critically assess the medical literature, 2) to review a specific recent topic and 3) to develop a pattern of life-long learning that includes a critical review of the current and pertinent medical literature (RTM appended 6-19-2002).

### **Attendance for conference (Updated 7/1/2010):**

The ACGME requires mandatory conference attendance of 80%. **All residents are required to maintain at least 80% attendance rate for AP conferences over a calendar month and 80% for CP conferences over 2 calendar months.** Attendance will be recorded by the chief or associate chief resident (or designee). Attendance to conferences is a measurable indicator of professionalism, and is reflected in the resident's 6 month evaluations.

A penalty system will be instituted as follows:

- Residents with attendance between 70% to 79% will be given one extra weekday call night for the subsequent month
- Residents with attendance between 60-69% will be given two extra weekday call nights
- Residents with attendance between 40-59% will be given an extra weekday call night and one extra weekend call.
- Residents with attendance less than 40% attendance will be given two weekday call nights and two extra weekend calls.

A reward system will also be instituted as follows

- Residents with the highest attendance rate will be the first to have their call replaced
- Coffee gift cards will be given to residents with perfect attendance for both AP and CP conference monthly.

After January 1, fourth year residents are only required to attend Monday CP conference and Wednesday AP conference. However their attendance to the other conferences is strongly encouraged.

Acceptable excuses for missing conference include:

- Pre-approved vacation or educational leave
- Sick leave
- Call duties or frozen sections
- Specialty conferences related to assigned rotations
- Case presentation at another conference

It is the resident's responsibility to insure that their time is properly accounted for. Prior notification **MUST** be made to the chief resident if conference will be missed. Additionally, the Monthly Internal Medicine and Pathology Morbidity and Mortality (M & M) Conference is optional for all residents whether AP/CP, AP, or CP. Residents may also be asked periodically to attend inter-departmental conferences such as Medical Grand Rounds, Hematopathology lymphoma conference, ENT tumor conference, renal conference, or morbidity/mortality conferences depending on their rotation or discipline.