

**UPSOM Curriculum Committee
Minutes of the 431th Meeting
Nov. 2, 2020**

Jason Rosenstock, MD, Chair
Bill Yates, PhD, Vice-Chair

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was held virtually using the Zoom platform. All members and guests remotely participated.

Voting Members Present: A. Brown, MD; A. Doshi, MD; B. O'Donnell, MD; B. Yates, PhD; C. Yanta, MD; E. Ribar, MS4; E. Ufomata, MD, MS; G. Hamad, MD, FACS, FASMBS; G. Null, MA; H. Hohmann, MD; J. Waxman, MD, PhD; J. Rosenstock, MD; J. Zimo, MS4; J. Duehr, MS2; J. Mocharnuk, MS1; K. Duffy, MS4; L. Knepper, MD; L. Borghesi, PhD; M. Perreti, MS2; M. Defrances, MD, PhD; M. Schmidt, PhD; M. Granovetter, MSTP; M. Nanni, MS3; M. Sergent, MPH; N. Douglas, MS1; P. Campos, MS4; P. Drain, PhD; R. Maier, MD, MA; S. Herrle, MD, MS; S. Sweat, MS1; T. Bui, MD; V. Agarwal, MD

Ex-Officio Members Present: A. Gonzaga, MD, MS; A. Thompson, MD, MHCPM; B. Piraino, MD; C. Pettigrew, EdD; C. Lance-Jones, PhD; R. Buranosky, MD, MPH

Invited Colleagues and Guests: A. Biller, MD; A. James, MD, PhD; A. Shoukry, MD; A. Dakroub, MD; A. Serra, MD, MPH; A. Klein, MD; A. McCormick, MD, FAAP; B. Littleton, PhD; B. Abramovitz, DO; C. Standaert, MD; D. Becker, MD; E. Bonifacino, MD, MS; E. Moore, MD; E. Reis, MD, FAAP; F. Yates, MLIS; F. Modugno, MS, PhD, MPH; H. Cheng, MD, MPH, MS; I. Sultan, MD, FACS, FACC; J. McGee, MD; J. Glance, MD; J. Suyama, MD, FACEP; J. Maier, PhD, MD; J. Szymusiak, MD, MS, FAAP; J. Williams, MD; J. Childers, MD, MS; K. Scott, MA; K. Maietta; K. Fish, PhD; L. Shutter, MD, FNCS, FCCM; M. Korytkowski, MD; M. Tavarez, MD, MS; M. Nance, MD; M. Landau, MD; M. Madigan, MD; M. Elnicki, MD; M. Massart, MD, PhD; N. Sheenai, MD; O. Torres, MD, MS; P. Zahnhausen; R. Powers, PhD; R. Codario, MD; S. Gabrielson, MSLIS; S. Truschel, PhD; S. Templer, DO, FACP, FIDSA; T. Oberbarnscheidt, MD, PhD; T. Painter, MD; R. Schuchert, MD; W. Walker, PhD

Dr. Rosenstock opened the meeting at 4:00pm.

Standing Committees

CCES: Reviews on COVID preparations, defining segment review needs, study space, and exam options continue.

CCQI: Domain 6 Graduate Outcomes were reviewed and discussed.

Social Medicine Theme update: Dr. Alaina James reported on progress with the Racism in Medicine course. Themes were compared with Population Health for coverage. Faculty and senior medical student recruitment is underway to build a cadre of skilled facilitators. Guest speakers from across the University, Health Plan, and community are lining up for this winter's sessions. Anyone interested in facilitating for this course should contact Drs. Bui, James, or Ufomata. Clarity of facilitator role was also discussed.

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Content Change Request

Clinical Experience (CE) requested that this year's piloted optional book club become a mandatory requirement for the course for August 2021. The course will cover *Medical Apartheid*.

A motion to approve this requirement was brought to the committee for a vote. The Committee APPROVED the requirement unanimously.

Curriculum Committee Schedule Changes

In order to continue meeting at least once per month, the Committee reviewed possible December and January meeting dates. The January meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 4, 2021.

Surgery Clerkship

Dr. Rani Schuchert reviewed clerkship goals, structure, clinical sites, and didactics strategies. Clerkship challenges covered included long, irregular hours, patient care (not just doing surgeries), team structure, and the OR as a foreign environment. Action steps to address the issues found in student evaluations included assessment questions matching the learning objectives, no mandatory lectures, creation of a Resident Clerkship Committee, and a Week two check-in.

Surgery objectives match up with assessment questions. Changes in content delivery include non-mandatory weekly conferences, resources provided for all core topics over workshops and Friday lectures, although attendance is low. In clinical performance assessment, students identify supervisor with near 100% return. Honors Shelf cutoff was eliminated. Graded assignments were changed. Students receive formative comments, not on Dean's Letter, via Amp-Up.

Due to COVID-19, many restrictions are hindering the clerkship. The clerkship would like to bring back overnight call, pilot hands-on workshops, and continue to use the checklist app. The clerkship wishes for N95 provisions independent of UPMC and a longer clerkship experience.

MS3 Segment Review

Dr. Raquel Buranosky split the segment review into four sections: Quality, Learning Objectives, Preparation for Next Phase, and Review of MS3 Report. Clerkship GQ quality data compared against other schools. Basic science integration was reviewed from both student evaluations, MS3 report, and GQ data. Comparison of mid-clerkship feedback and sufficiency showed areas for improvement. Grade turnaround continues to be 100% on time. Other metrics shared include residency/fellow effective teaching and learning environment.

Students report receiving learning objectives and generally feel that objectives are met during clerkship. Areas of improvement include reinforcing clear grade procedures and assessing performance against learning objectives. Students achieve all clinical conditions via Learning Log, although data-gathering must improve. NBME shelf scores mostly continue to be at or above the national mean.

Step 2CK exam information was shared for the academic year. AI and Sub-I course directors felt incoming students excelled at presentation, efficiency, team-based care model awareness, and

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communication skills. Students need to improve on succinct calls, concise progress notes and discharge summaries, and role as an essential team member.

A review of COVID-19 adjustments and telemedicine initiatives were explained. MS3 Report takeaways included overall satisfaction with clerkships, a wish for a longer OBGYN experience, and more transparency and standardization. The Clerkship Grading Subgroup was formed and their work is ongoing.

The next Curriculum Committee meeting will be Nov. 2 at 4pm. Dr. Rosenstock closed the meeting at 5:31pm.

Respectfully submitted by Gregory Null, recording secretary. Approved by: Jason Rosenstock, MD