

Clerkship Committee

Minutes

DATE & TIME: Thursday, November 13, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: Undergraduate Medical Education Boardroom

PRESENT: Dr. D. Boone (Chair), Drs. G. Farrell, K. Tompkins, J. Harris, N. Duggan, T. Delaney, B. Curtis, Ms. M. Kent, Ms. M. Neary, Mr. N. Cheeseman (Student Representative), Mr. J. Stitham (Student Representative) and Dr. M. Moffatt (Invited Guest)

APOLOGIES: Drs. H. White, A. Drover and Ms. S. Ackerman

Core Rural Family Medicine Rotation

Dr. Moffatt provided a handout which was reviewed with members and noted that he is formally requesting support from this Committee to proceed with a plan to increase the length of the rural family medicine rotation from four weeks to eight weeks. Dr. Moffatt stressed that he was not requesting to lengthen the clerkship and was hopeful that the time could come from elsewhere, possibly fourth year.

Dr. Boone felt that it may be an issue with regards to the CaRMS match because rotations completed after the match seem to be of less importance to the students. An extended rotation would need to occur before the match and the only way this would be possible is if the pre-clerkship were to be shortened or if time were taken from other core rotations. Electives would still have to occur before the match.

After some further discussion, it was decided that this matter would be addressed again at the next meeting and Dr. Moffatt would be informed of the decision.

Business Arising

T-Clerk

Dr. Boone noted that at the last meeting there had been discussion regarding T-Clerk and the majority of members wanted to return to a paper-based system to record clinical experiences. However, since then, not all disciplines have reintroduced the form and now students are unclear with regards to the requirements. Upon review of student activity in the first month of clerkship

for the class of 2010, there appears to be a large increase in the use of T-Clerk to record information and there may also be a decrease in the problems encountered with using the program. For accreditation purposes and for ease of use, it would be preferable to have this information in electronic form. This would also provide the ability to do long-term planning that a paper version would not.

After further discussion it was proposed that students should continue to enter patient encounters into T-Clerk and the minimal requirements should also be documented on the paper form which can be downloaded from One 45 or distributed at the rotation orientation. As well, the possibility of sending reminders to clerks regarding encounters they have not seen will be investigated. Coordinators will have to ensure that students see everything that is required and that any weaknesses are addressed.

Dr. Boone will contact the disciplines not represented at today's meeting to advise them of this new process.

Update on Student Involvement in Patient Transfers

Dr. Farrell advised that if students are involved in patient transfers as a mandatory part of their rotation, they would be covered by insurance, however, if they are given choice and choose participate, they would not be covered.

New Business

There was no new business to report at this time.

Student Reports

Class of 2009

Mr. Cheeseman commented that members of his class felt that, from the point of view of the mandatory procedures booklet, it would be beneficial to have Emergency Medicine and Anesthesia rotations as part of the third year.

Class of 2010

Mr. Stitham had nothing to report at this time.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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