Upcoming Important Residency Dates

- Track day: 8/6
- CLER Visit: 8/11 - 8/13
- Research Brown Bag: 8/20
- PGY 2,3,4 Followups Due: 9/4
- GMEC: 9/24

Congratulations

Be sure to congratulate Dr. Peggy Tseng on her wedding.

Resident Accomplishments

Drs. Ariel Bowman and Max Fitzgerald were selected to participate in the inaugural “20 in 6: EMRA’s Best Resident Lecture Competition” at the ACEP Scientific Assembly.

Drs. Erika Uribe Flores, Rebecca Scott, Todd Schneberk, Lee Plantmason, and Manny Montano had abstracts accepted for presentation at the ACEP Scientific Assembly.

Drs. Dan Joseph and Evelyn Lee had their article “Pulmonary Embolism in transit: direct visualization of a PE passing through the heart using bedside ultrasonography” published in the Canadian Journal of Emergency Medicine.

Drs. James Salway and Daniel Mindlin were recognized for their outstanding clinical care in our “Save of the Month” series.

Dr. Erik Berg was elected to serve on the AMA Legislative Advocacy Committee.

Grand Rounds

Grand rounds in July was a combination of looking back and looking forward. We started the month with an inspirational look at the history of LAC+USC. Thanks to Dr. Tabatabai we were able to bring a panel of LAC+USC residency alumni together to talk about the history of the department. Overall, Drs. Melissa Joseph and Carl Berdahl have brought a new look and feel to our weekly grand rounds. One of the highlights has been the weekly resident case presentations. Kudos to Drs. Neil Riftenbark, James Salway, Mary Cheffers, Melissa Joseph, Manny Montano, and Todd Schneberk who started off this new series with a bang. Be sure to go to www.uscemeducation.com for the lecture recordings.
Chief’s Corner

We are already off to an exciting year! I want to first thank everybody for being so open minded about the changes we are making to improve the program and experience here. Our goal is to create a culture of maximal involvement in problem-solving. We can all identify problems in our department; we want to help you to be part of the solution! Our program is filled with the most dedicated and intelligent people I’ve ever met, together we can accomplish incredible things.

We are excited about the changes we have already been able to implement with your help. In an effort to promote resident wellness, we have significantly decreased resident work hours by changing our staffing. Similarly, in an effort to improve patient care, we have implemented the first phase of the LEAN flow changes in North.

As we move forward this academic year we would like to highlight some specific opportunities for resident involvement with the administration division. Residents are invited to participate in the LEAN committee, which meets twice a month on Tuesday mornings. The committee will continue to review how the changes are affecting patient flow and will implement new changes in the other areas. We also encourage resident participation in the Admin track where we will continue to work with leaders in hospital administration, physician groups, and business start-ups.

We have many opportunities to work on longitudinal QI/QA projects to improve our ED. If interested, please email me at dzharrison@gmail.com so I can add you to the LEAN committee and Admin track mailing lists!

David Harrison

Consultants of the Year

Congratulations to the Department of Ophthalmology and Dr. Nate Heckman from Orthopedics for their recognition by the Emergency Medicine Residents as the Consult Service and Consultant of the Year.