



Spring 2017 Newsletter

Greetings! Below you will find an update on important SPCTPD issues including those discussed at our March session at the American College of Cardiology meeting in Washington DC.

We are moving to a Fall match!

Programs recently completed an electronic vote whether to stay with our current spring NRMP match, or move to a fall match, and >80% of programs voted to change to fall match for 2018 -- which means we are moving! We join virtually all other pediatric subspecialty fellowships who have gradually moved to a fall match, and as discussed at the meeting a recent survey of our applicants through ERAS showed >80% of residents would prefer a fall match. Precise dates for 2018 will be posted soon, but ERAS will open in July, NRMP opens in September, rank list due end of November and the match occurs in mid-December.

New SPCTPD website is launched!

Our new website is largely complete, check it out at www.spctpd.org ! Thanks to Boston's Fellowship AA Jennifer Cookingham, our new website has some great new functions including links to each of our programs and the ability to customize the material that appears under your program's link. Also nearly complete behind the website interface is contact information for all Program Directors, associate PDs, administrators and ALL US fellows – giving us the ability to target communications to specific audiences! The database should be complete by the end of May 2017. Contact Jen for further information (jennifer.cookingham@cardio.chboston.org, (617) 355-1954.

PREP-Cardiology: FREE to fellows that join AAP!

Antonio Cabrera recently announced at the AAP has agreed to provide our cardiology fellows free access to the PREP program with their AAP membership.

Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs)

The curricular components for the EPAs were recently completed for Pediatric Cardiology and have been published. These are available on the ABP website: <https://www.abp.org/subspecialty-epas#Card>

Delayed Fellowship Start Date

CoPS, AAP and other bodies have recommended a delayed fellowship start date for fellows beginning this July 2017, although this is not be mandatory. This is to allow new fellows time to move/transition from residency to fellowship. About 75% of programs plan on doing this, and most of those surveyed are doing it this July. This change will require a 1-time coverage gap of clinical services for current fellows, as the end-date will be adjusted a similar amount.

Match and common timeline for 4th year fellowships?

As discussed at the ACC meeting, ERAS does not support programs that are not accredited by the ACGME, so currently none of the 4th year fellowships can have an ERAS-administered match. Attempts to develop a commonly adhered to timeline for senior fellowship acceptances has had mixed success.

Update from Cops

Rob Ross presented the update from the Council of Pediatric Subspecialties. Making MOC more readily available was discussed at CoPS in November; they are considering part 2 credit for CME, re-instituting an open book exam, and expanding part 4.

Workforce Project

The AAP has graciously agreed to set up a Workforce Committee for Pediatric Cardiology under the AAP structure, overseen by SPCTPD. The ABP is no longer able to allow us access to their contact lists for surveys. Currently we are revising the survey to be administered this year through the AAP and hopefully ACC electronic contact lists. If you want to help, contact: **David Brown** (david.brown@cardio.chboston.org)

Finance Report

Lowell Frank presented the SPCTPD finances. Our FY2016 closing account balance was over \$12,000. We have collected approximated 83% of FY2014 dues, 88% of FY2015 dues, and 74% of FY2016 dues. If you have not yet paid, please connect to link sent by Lowell (link) or send your check for \$100 payable to the Society of Pediatric Cardiology Training Program Directors to:

Lowell Frank
Division of Cardiology, Children's National Health System
111 Michigan Avenue NW. Washington, DC 20010

Fellow Resource and Development Committee (FRDC)

Sonal Owens provided update. FRDC aims to be a platform to facilitate access to resources to fellows. They have generated a list of FAQ posted on spctpd website. Interested in supporting this effort?, please contact Sonal: sthakkar@med.umich.edu

Fellow representation at the SPCTPD: The SPCTPD will support a fellow participation at the ACC or AAP SPCTPD meeting. The fellow representative will be involved in the board meetings and help with planning the workshop sessions. SPCTPD will contribute 500/- towards meeting attendance costs, the rest would have to be supported by the sponsoring institution. Details about the application process will be posted on the website.

Fellowship Quality Metrics Project/Evaluation revisions committee update

This effort is led by Lowell Frank. Metrics are in the process of being refined and reviewed. Work groups are planned to develop each metric. If interested in helping with these, contact Lowell: lfrank@cnmc.org

SPCTPD Board elections

We are approaching the end of this 2 year cycle for the Board. **We are now accepting nominations for the Secretary position.** Board membership can involve an 8-10 year commitment to the organization as the positions are sequential and rotate every 2 years. Those interested please contact David: david.brown@cardio.chboston.org. The vote ballots will be sent at the end of the summer. The new board term begins at the AAP meeting 9/17.

Next SPCTPD Meeting

Please join us in September for the AAP meeting in Chicago Sept 15-18. Details to follow!
Thank you for your support!

Your SPCTPD board,

David Brown (President)

Antonio Cabrera (Vice President)

Lowell Frank (Secretary/Treasurer)

Shubhi Srivastava (Immediate Past President)