Delve Into the World of Anesthesiology

As medical students, being able to interact with not only residency program leadership, but also many current residents, provides an opportunity to ask questions and garner advice from anesthesiologists currently in the field.

The virtual Meet and Greet with Residency Programs in 2020 was a huge success and has been given its own day this year, so mark your calendars! The Meet and Greet with Residency Programs will occur on Saturday, October 2, 2021, one week before the annual meeting. This three-hour interactive session affords all medical student attendees the exclusive opportunity to introduce themselves and interact with residency program directors and learn about the respective program and its culture. Fellowship Office Hours is a new event added this year on October 2 to afford residents the opportunity to interact with fellowship program directors and representatives.

Starting off the medical student sessions during ANESTHESIOLOGY 2021 is the “ABCs of Anesthesia!” Back by popular demand, this session is an interactive presentation where Drs. Nicholas Yeldo, Tina Tran, and Elisha Peterson will quiz medical students on scenarios commonly seen by anesthesiologists. In addition, Drs. Nicholas Nedeff and Ambrose Rice will highlight what the virtual road to residency was like in 2020 and highlight tips to succeed for the class of 2022. Next, Dr. Gina Hendren will aim to answer a student’s most pressing question of how to differentiate themselves during interviews for residency. After medical students interview for residency, the next step for students is to rank programs. Speaking on this topic, program director Dr. Jack Buckley will offer tips for residency program ranking. Not to be missed is a panel presentation on why diversity matters for the specialty, providers, and patients, with insights shared by Drs. Crystal Wright, Ebony Jade Hilton, Felipe Perez, and Claudia Sotillo.

Dr. Roy Soto will begin the resident sessions with a guide on preparing for the APPLIED exam, including practical tips and preparation suggestions for both the OSCE and oral portions. Sharon Merrick, ASA Director of Payment and Practice Management, will share how coding, billing, and payment are essential to a successful transition into practice. Representatives from Annual Meeting Supporters will provide two panel discussions on how to navigate change in your early career and what employers expect from new anesthesiologists. Dr. Frank Gencorelli will explore how your relationship with food is one of the most important, impactful, and meaningful relationships as physicians. Dr. Annemarie Thompson will round out the day by discussing how changes to adult learner methodologies may impact the future of anesthesia residency training.

We know that each of us, regardless of our level of training, have a will and duty to serve and to grow. The ANESTHESIOLOGY annual meeting is meant to serve as grounds to develop relationships, create networks, and increase our knowledge and understanding of our specialty, all while enjoying the excitement of a national professional conference in sunny San Diego! You are not just an invited guest – you are our own. We are stronger and more effective when we all come together. We look forward to seeing you there! ■