

**APPD Learning Technology Task Force
Conference Call
3/06/07**

Attendees: P Hicks, M Ward, G Williams, E Guzman, L Aschenbrenner, T Sectish, J Mahan

1. The LT TF Resource Center Prototype was reviewed by J Mahan. The group looked at the format and discussed the process of adding reviews to the Resource Center. The issue of whether the site should be restricted to members only was debated. TF members preferred the concept of open access at the start. It appears that the initial site will be limited to members only (due to design features) but this can be re-addressed in the future as needed. The need for an APPD official disclaimer was stressed and is already part of the site.
 - The LT TF Resource Center should be officially launched in late March 2007. Members can view the site now - the way to access the LT TF Resource Center is: http://www.appd.org/members_only/login.cfm - this starts in the Member's only section, log in, click on the share warehouse link and then navigate to the LT section and follow the links to search for specific items or for all items.
 - J Mahan asked members to please consider adding a review of some type of LT to help populate the site and make it immediately useful to members. He will send out a reminder/request email to TF members for this action when the site is launched. Abhay Dannekar will serve as LT TF Resource Center Coordinator.
 - TF members proposed 2 next stages to this site:
 - add a list of published articles/studies on LT to this site as a cumulative bibliography (with hyperlinks, if available) and make this a section that can be updated by members as new studies are published.
 - request that members identify what LT they use to develop user groups and help catalyze opportunities for multi-center problem solving and studies.

2. An update on ACGME Procedure Log/Continuity Log issue was provided by P Hicks. The fall meeting with with ACGME (APPD represented by Rob McGregor and Patty Hicks) was very positive. A collaborative framework to address issues with the ACGME and program needs for procedure logs and continuity clinic activity is emerging. Challenges for this ongoing process are to identify the goals (e.g., establish competency) for procedure and CC activities and to develop systems that allow the ACGME and programs to meet these goals.
 - In terms of present activity, the ACGME will allow programs to utilize alternative methods instead of the ACGME case log system for tracking CC activity. The program must have an effective method in place that will provide the ACGME with information at the site visit regarding CC patient numbers, distribution and continuity per resident.
 - For future activity, a proposal is being developed for ACGME and APPD to collaborate to develop a procedural competency process that will involve curriculum, evaluation and web based documentation. This will be an exciting opportunity and will involve meaningful engagement of multiple PD's with expertise in curriculum development, training, evaluation and technology

to help develop and test the processes. There will be further information provided to the members through Rob McGregor as this project progresses – LT TF member engagement will be crucial to the success of such a project.

3. An update on Clinical Gestalt Project project developed by David Price was presented by J Mahan. The project (funded in part by a APPD Special Projects Grant) will develop web based cases for pediatric residents to teach and test medical knowledge, evaluation and management. Once developed and tested, this project can be a wonderful shared resource for all programs and PD's. David has developed a useful method to tutor authors through WebEx and has tutored several authors in creating cases. More PD's are needed to help author or test cases. **Interested PD's should contact David Price at David.Talmadge.Price@Duke.edu.**
4. The need for more LT vendors for the APPD Spring meeting was presented by J Mahan. The group defined several leads:
 - Myevaluations (www.myevaluations.com)
 - Amlon
 - Challenger (www.chall.com)
 - Angel
 - Med Study Guide
 - PDA software (StatCoder.com)
 - UpToDateIf any members have any other suggestions or leads, please contact John Mahan(jmahan@chi.osu.edu) or Laura Degnon (Laura@Degnon.org)
5. Possibilities for LT TF Research/Collaborative Project ideas were presented by J Mahan. The value of surveying the members to identify specific LT in use at the programs was defined (see #1 above) – ideally identifying and posting user groups would promote collaborative problem solving and research. This will be further discussed and developed at the Spring LT TF meeting. Potential projects, such as electronic sign outs vrs paper sign outs (in terms of medication errors, patient safety) and the effects of sleep study module completion on knowledge acquisition and safe behaviors will also be discussed at our Spring meeting.
6. Outstanding items:
 - AAP Pedialog issues to be explored: methods to use PREP questions as remediation tests for residents; SBP and PBLI modules for use with residents; improved tutorial for creating and using ILP; EQUIP for residents at an “affordable” rate. PediaLink will again be presented to the members at the APPD Spring Meeting.
 - Incorporation of an APPD IT staff person into the LT TF for select deliberations will be further pursued.

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