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a monthly bulletin from the Coordinators' Communication Committee

June 2013

Announcements, Events and Accomplishments

- Annual Program Evaluation forms are due soon; check with your GME office for requirements.

- GME Track program survey opened May 23. GME Track

- Mentoring groups should be well underway to starting their group projects. Group lists and contact info is attached.

- Good read: Ann Burke's 2012 APPD address

- Happy birthday June babies! June is National Candy Month and National Dairy month...froyo with gummy bears, anyone?

Milestone Reporting Delayed

On May 3, the APPD drafted a letter to the ACGME outlining the pediatric community's support of delaying milestone reporting until June 2014, six months later than the original December 2013 reporting date.

ACGME responded with support of "phasing in" the new reporting process in June 2014 and requiring program directors to report semiannually thereafter. This timeline change will be implemented to allow "program directors and faculty members the time to thoughtfully and properly familiarize themselves with reporting milestones data."

This new reporting date will affect general pediatrics (Phase 1) programs only.
See the letter here

Regional Updates

Mid-America

Indiana University will offer a two-day pediatric chief resident workshop for current and future chiefs. Topics include professionalism, leadership, effective morning report, dealing with problem residents, personal goals, and small group discussion topics.
More information.

Coordinator Scholarly Activity

Patel SJ, Len K, DiRocco J, **Andrade-Vallarta A**, Saito C, Hino J, Chan D. "New Life-saving Devices: The Tablet Computer Across the Pediatric Continuum." Workshop presented at APPD Spring Meeting, April 2013, Nashville, TN. See all APPD Spring Meeting presentations

Ashley J, Keenan T, **Luckett B**, **McKinley T**, Ratanapool L, Penna Rife H, Boland K. "Program Coordinator Leadership Council Receives Big Rewards with a Little Effort." Poster presentation at Association for Hospital Medicine Education Institute, May 2013, Las Vegas, NV.

Tools & Best Practices

Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI)

IHI is a not-for-profit organization that focuses on Quality Improvement. The group offers a wide range of educational opportunities, from conferences to online learning modules. Institutional membership is offered for a fee, but Open School courses are available to trainees for no cost. More information.

New Innovations

New Innovations now offers users the ability to map questions and categories to specific milestones and competencies, respectively. Once mapped, question responses can be viewed directly from each resident's online milestone portfolio. For additional information and instructions, visit NI's help page.