

# Planning Your Chief Resident Year

**APPD Chief Resident Forum**


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# OBJECTIVES

- **By the end of this session chiefs will:**
  - Identify major **professional** and **personal** goals of chief year
  - Construct a basic **timeline** for tasks
  - Recognize specific **barriers** and review **strategies** for handling them

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1. Change chief year brings
  2. What is going to get done
  3. When is it going to get done
  4. How is it going to get done

# Change Chief Year Brings

# Ready, Get Set, Go!



# Chief Resident Roles- Scope

- Administration
- Teaching / education
- Scholarship
- Clinical knowledge and skills
- Personal development

# Chief Resident Roles-Control

- More flexibility
- Endless opportunities
- Self-Initiative
- Timeframe



What is Going to Get Done?



# Goals:

## Administration

- Scheduling and organizational tasks
- Conflict resolution
- Motivation and morale building
- Creating collaborative opportunities
- Faculty connections
- Recruitment

# Goals:

## Teaching

- Explore curriculum development
- Plan conferences, grand rounds, morning reports
- Informal and formal presentations
- Improve evaluation and feedback skills

# Goals:

## Clinical Skills

- Service opportunities
- Supervision
- Additional exposure and procedures
- Further exploration of current literature and practice guidelines

# Goals:

## Scholarship/QI

- Research project
- Institutional systems
- Delivery of care
- Expand knowledge base
- Unique opportunity for multidisciplinary projects
- Public health/advanced degrees

# Goals:

## Personal

- Pass boards
- New relationships
- Family expansion
- Identify mentors
- Local networking

# Goals:

## Consider

- Expectations
- Career thoughts
- Co-chief(s)



(5 minute Brainstorming)



When is it Going to Get Done?



# Implementation:

Planning

↓  
Orientation

↓  
Start Projects

↓  
(Boards)

↓  
Recruitment

↓  
Finish Projects

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Transition

# Implementation:

Planning

New Baby

Orientation

Quality Initiative

Start Projects

Start Research

Service Weeks

(Boards)

Recruitment

Service Weeks

Finish Projects

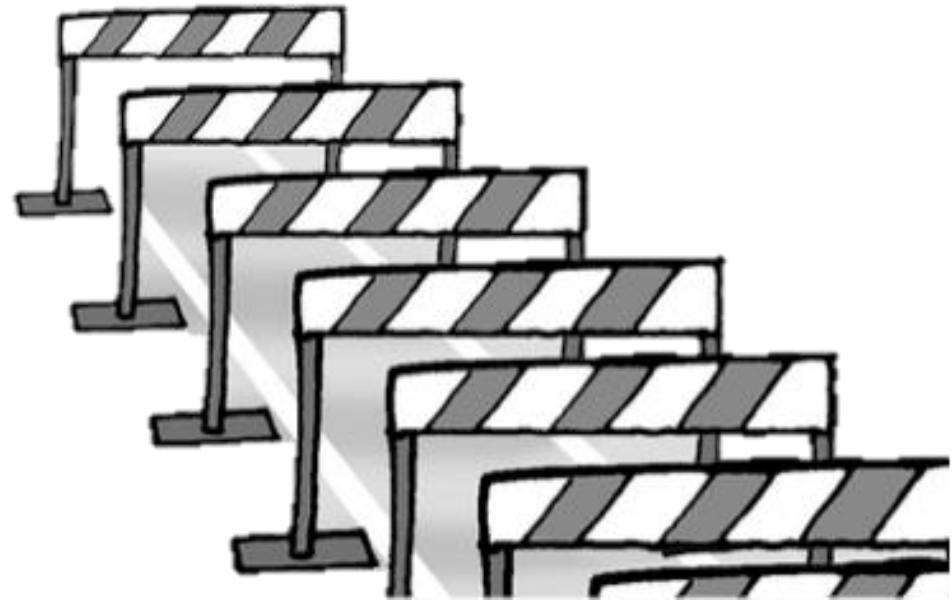
Subspecialty Reading

Transition

(5 minute Brainstorming)

How is it going to get done ?!?

# Barriers?



# Barriers:

## Distractors

- Manage meetings
- Email
- Delegate
- Communication

“If you don’t prioritize your time, someone else will!”

—Greg McKeown

# Barriers:

## Saying “No” Gracefully

Acknowledge -> decline -> alternative

- Commit to audience, but not a decision

I would be interested to hear more about it after conference

- Pull in other people

That sounds interesting, let me talk it over with \_\_\_\_

- Defer but don't deny

I appreciate your request, but have x priorities now

# Barriers:

## Saying “No” Gracefully

- De-prioritization

Should completing this take priority over finishing X?

- Shared understanding

This sounds great, but I need to say no because

- Go for a “mini” yes

I can’t do that but I can do this

- Let me think about it

and I’ll get back to you on X



# Barriers:

## Resident Issues

- Availability
- Fostering individual problem solving
- Focusing on urgent & important vs routine

# Barriers:



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## The *Wrench*

- Anticipation
- Proactively addressing interviews, leaves, remediation
- Padding time
- Staying ahead to account for unexpected delays
- Flexibility

Thank you! You'll do Great!

**READY.  
SET.**



**GO!**