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In Training Exam to replace Newly Graduated DPM Competency Survey?

Could an in-training exam, such as the current ABPM or ABFAS exams, replace the COTH Newly Graduated DPM Competency Survey to evaluate the effectiveness of the educational process in preparing graduates for residency?

Yes

No

APMSA Needs Suggestions for Educational Videos

American Podiatric Medical Students Association (APMSA) has planning underway for a new website. They are looking for content suggestions from residency program directors for the educational videos planned for the new site. You may send your suggestions to the APMSA liaison to COTH, [Marissa Venero](#).

Upcoming COTH Leadership Changes

On June 30, 2017, Dr. Randall Dei completes his term as COTH Chair though he will remain on the COTH Administrative Board as the Region 3 Representative. Dr. Clint Lowery will begin his two-year term as Chair with Dr. Kerry Sweet serving as the new Chair-Elect.

Many Thanks to Drs. Dei and Geter



We want to recognize and extend our deepest thanks to Dr. Randall Dei as he completes his term as COTH Chair. Dr. Dei has brought his passion for residency director and faculty development to his tenure as Chair for the betterment of COTH membership and the profession. We know that he will continue to make a strong contribution to the COTH as the Region 3 Representative. Dr. Dei is pictured above (L) accepting his plaque for service from incoming Chair, and current Chair-Elect, Dr. Clinton Lowery (R) .

On June 30, 2017, Kirk Geter, DPM, completes nine years of service on the COTH Administrative Board representing the COTH member institutions in Region 6. Dr. Geter will leave the board having served the maximum number of terms. His commitment to graduate medical education through service to COTH's membership is exemplary. We hope he will continue to contribute by serving on COTH committees. In a letter of farewell, Dr. Geter thanked the Board "for making my time on the board one of my greatest experiences."

Promote Podiatry! Become a Mentor

The American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine (AACPM) DPM Mentors Network is now live and accepting mentor registrations 24/7. Mentoring is a simple, easy way for podiatric physicians to give back through becoming involved in career awareness activities in their communities. The Network is an innovative platform that matches podiatric physicians with undergraduate students eager to explore careers in podiatric medicine. The Network also allows pre-health advisors at your local college or university an opportunity to request a DPM Speaker for their on-campus events.

You may register yourself as a mentor at <http://www.dpmnetwork.org/membership/become-a-mentor/>. Registration is free and required to take advantage of the new features of the Network. Questions or



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Network**

comments can be sent to podinfo@aacpm.org.

Some Changes You'll See in the 2018 CASPR Cycle

Some changes to look for with the upcoming CASPR cycle:

- CASPR Orientation presentations for programs and students will be done via webinar.
- Applicants and programs will be notified of their Match status (matched or unmatched) on the Monday of Match Week, March 19, 2018. However, the specific detail of those matches, who matched with what program, will be announced at the conclusion of Match Week, on Friday, March 23, 2018. This change to Match announcements is the result of a request from APMSA to align the DPM Match Week calendar and announcements with the DO and MD Match Week. Assessment is underway to determine if it is feasible to align the calendars.

More detail will be shared as the cycle goes on.

Interactive Biomechanical Evaluation on ACFAOM 'Live Learning Center' fulfills Resident MAVs!

American College of Foot and Ankle Orthopedic Medicine (ACFAOM) has developed a 'Live Learning Center' (LLC) to bring current education to both its member and nonmembers. It will be an ongoing project meant to grow over time. Its emphasis is biomechanics and medicine, the cornerstone of contemporary podiatric practice. AND, it's free!

To view the biomechanical evaluation, enter the [LLC here](#). After selecting "Click Here" on the page, you will see a series of Featured Sessions and below them are a series of 'channels,' select the College Channel" and then click on "ACFAOM Lower Limb Biomechanical Examination Form" to download the Excel based form. This form has instructions and tips in any cell with a red triangle in the upper right corner. The form fulfills the requirement for a biomechanical exam for your residents' MAVs. While you are there, check out the other offerings!

COTH Dues & the Value of Membership

The 2018 COTH membership fee has increased by \$125 (16.7%) from \$750 to \$875. This is the first year of a two-year increase process approved by the COTH Administrative Board. A second 6.7% increase of \$75 will be implemented next year for a total COTH membership fee of \$950 for the 2019 Cycle.

These two planned increases are needed to improve COTH's faculty development programming. There are also plans to increase member participation in COTH activities and to re-design the COTH website for improved content and functionality. COTH membership continues to provide a program with complimentary participation in CRIP and free attendance for two program faculty at the CRIP CME workshops. The increases further support the costs of adding a COTH liaison to the Council of Faculties.

Do you know your COTH Regional Representative?

If you don't, reach out and introduce yourself. Your COTH Regional Representative wants to hear about your activities and concerns. They are there to serve as a resource for you. The Council of Teaching Hospitals oversees the administration of the COTH, CASPR and CRIP programs and associated websites.

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