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Winter AAP Update



UCSD Pediatric Residency Program

Life After Residency Series: Focus on Contracts

Resident Involvement in the AAP

Congratulations to
Michelle Roy who
was elected District
IX District
Coordinator at the
NCE!

Melissa Bauserman
has been named
the back-up
resident
representative to
the State
Government Affairs
Committee.

On January 31, 2007 we were fortunate to have Dr. Donald Miller (President, San Diego Chapter AAP) and Dr. Ken Morris (Chief Medical Officer, North County Health Services) offer perspectives on how to find a job in general pediatrics and tips for contract negotiation. The handouts for the meeting will be available to all residents by email and we have included some other tidbits below:

Resumes:

Good Tip 1: Have someone read your CV who is familiar with the kind of job for which you are applying (a primary care pediatrics job has a different CV than an academic based practice).

Good Tip 2: Consider a "long" and "short" version of your CV. This creates a running list of accomplishments but can be altered as needed.

Good Tip 3: Start preparing a resume now and update as you go.

Looking for Leads:

Good Tip 1: Word of Mouth is the best lead. Keep in mind people you

already know, i.e.: Louise, Preceptors, etc.

Good Tip 2: It is okay to send out CVs to practices even unsolicited. It is a good idea to make the cover letter somewhat personal to that practice. Also, this could get your name forwarded to someone else who is hiring.

Good Tip 3: "Be reassured that you CAN piece together enough work to figure out where to go next (in your first year out of residency)." This will not negatively affect you later (i.e.: if you spend a year or two working in an urgent care so you can travel abroad, etc).

Points on Interviews:

Good Tip: Have specific questions about the practice and contracts. One good one is "What were the circumstances that lead to this position becoming available."

Job Description:

Good Tip: Procedural Skills go away quickly. If you want to stay on your game with suturing but never see 3-0 Prolene, it might be harder to do that some day. (Likewise for circumcisions, intubations, etc.)

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Upcoming Opportunities

Want to be the UCSD Program Delegate? We are looking for people to get involved. Those of you who have already responded have not been forgotten. We will meet later this spring.

ATTENTION RESIDENTS ROTATING ON COMMUNITY PEDIATRICS: The California Legislative Day in Sacramento is planned for April 2007. One of the residents on the Community Pediatrics rotation will have the opportunity to travel to Sacramento to meet with State Representatives about pertinent pediatrics health issues. It is a great opportunity and a lot of fun.

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Thanks to our Local AAP Chapter

We are very fortunate to have such a supportive local chapter. As you may know, our San Diego Chapter sponsors the Life After Residency Series. Additionally they sponsor the Resident of the Month awards, including book money to the monthly winners.

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THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF
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