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Celebrating ACE's 20th Anniversary and Looking to What's Ahead: A message from ACE President Lynn Cleary



Lynn Cleary, M.D.

Colleagues,

As we celebrate our 20th year anniversary, ACE is committed to enhancing our service, partnership and leadership in the clinical education of medical students. Just a few days ago, the council of the Alliance for Clinical Education (ACE) met for a compelling strategic planning session and annual business meeting. Council members include representatives from each of the eight member national clerkship organizations. The council energetically and enthusiastically:

- Recommitted to ACE's mission: to foster collaboration across specialties to promote excellence in clinical education of medical students
- Updated the values that guide our activities: collaboration, innovation, leadership, passion, scholarship, and service excellence
- Clarified our core purpose: to be the unified voice of clinical educators in helping medical students become compassionate and wise physicians, and
- Defined our goal: to be the premiere resource for promoting collaborative and high quality clinical medical student education across disciplines.

Each council member committed to specific work plans to strengthen ties to member organizations, reach out to medical school deans and associate deans, and to expand services and resources we provide to clerkship directors and other clinical educators. Of our many accomplishments of special note are :

- The new, 4th edition of The Guidebook for Clerkship Directors has been extremely well-received; our thanks and appreciation go to **Bruce Morgenstern**, editor, and the editorial team for their great work putting this together. Print and electronic versions are available through amazon.com or a link from the ACE website (www.allianceforclinicaleducation.org).

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Upcoming Events

Conference on Medical Student Education

January 24-27, 2013
San Antonio, Texas

2013 CREOG & APGO Annual Meeting

February 27-March 2, 2013
Phoenix, Arizona

65th AAN Annual Meeting (CNCD)

March 16-23, 2013
San Diego, California

2013 COMSEP/APPD Annual Meeting

April 10-14, 2013
Nashville, Tennessee

2013 Surgical Education Week

April 23-27, 2013
Orlando, Florida

2013 SAEM Meeting (CDEM)

May 14-18, 2013
Atlanta, Georgia

2013 ADMSEP Annual Meeting

June 20-22, 2013
Williamsburg, Virginia

2013 CDIM Annual Meeting

October 2-6, 2013
New Orleans, Louisiana

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- The survey study and accompanying position paper about medical students and the electronic health record (EHR) are particularly timely and useful resources for medical schools as EHRs fully penetrate our hospitals and outpatient practices. Recognition for this work goes to lead author **Maya Hammoud** and colleagues. The ACE website has links to these publications.

Please contact us with your ideas about how we can best help you in that mission.

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In the Spotlight



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Treasurer, ACE

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Medical School Affiliation: University of Texas Southwestern, Austin, TX



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Why Does ACE Need a Newsletter?



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In this age of information overload via emails, Twitter, and text messages it natural to wonder why we need another newsletter cluttering our email system. The dictionary meaning of a newsletter is a "short informational periodical that is usually distributed to the members of an interest group". ACE is an alliance of clinical educator groups from several clinical specialties. The mission of ACE is to foster collaboration across disciplines to enhance medical student education. There is no collaboration without communication.

The Executive Council of ACE consist of leaders from its member organization who in turn report to the executive councils of their own organization. To fulfill its mission to the fullest ACE ultimately needs to be relevant to individual educators finding their way thru the massive changes in medical education that are brought upon external forces. It has never been more necessary that we learn from each other than finding answers to same questions repeatedly.

As Chair of the ACE Communications Committee along with my peers, I was charged with finding ways to enhance communication to and among individual members of ACE partners. Each issue of this newsletter will focus on one member organization. Our goal is to a) Introduce you to our colleagues from other specialty and b) Provide relevant information in a timely and succinct manner. I hope you find it useful and then are compelled to contribute.

I want to acknowledge other members of the ACE Communications Committee:

- Jodi Abbott, M.D., APGO
- Cheryl Al-Mateen, M.D., ADMSEP
- David Cheng, M.D., CDEM
- Vern Juel, M.D., CNCD
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Guidebook for Clerkship Directors, 4th Ed.

The Guidebook for Clerkship Directors, 4th Edition, offers both new and experienced medical school clerkship directors high-level and often detailed information and guidance on the best ways to organize a clerkship, develop and evaluate a curriculum, implement that curriculum and evaluate the students' performances within those curricula. Others interested in or already involved in undergraduate medical education will also benefit from the book's content, with its focus on professional development and personal career development.

In addition to updating the materials in chapters carried over from the 3rd edition, this edition adds chapters on advising and mentoring of students, nurturing professionalism, incorporating basic sciences into clinical experiences, developing residents as teachers, developing and teaching clinical reasoning, longitudinal integrated medical education, the fourth year and subinternships, simulation, and developing residents as teachers.

Editorial Board:

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Print version is \$55.00 U.S.A. (\$65.00 Canada); Kindle version is \$19.99.

You may order the book by going to Gegensatz Press at <http://www.gegensatzpress.com/4th-ace-guidebook.html>

About the Alliance for Clinical Education

The Alliance for Clinical Education (ACE) is a multidisciplinary group formed in 1992 to enhance clinical instruction of medical students. This brochure is an update on our activities. ACE's mission is to foster collaboration across specialties in order to promote excellence in clinical education of medical students. Its members include representatives of the groups which direct the core clinical clerkships in our medical schools, such as the following national organizations of clerkship directors:

- Association for Surgical Education (ASE)
- Association of Directors of Medical Student Education in Psychiatry (ADMSEP)
- Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics (APGO)
- Clerkship Directors in Emergency Medicine (CDEM)
- Clerkship Directors in Internal Medicine (CDIM)
- Consortium of Neurology Clerkship Directors/American Academy of Neurology (CNCD)
- Council on Medical Student Education in Pediatrics (COMSEP)
- Society of Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM)

ACE plays a key role in issues related to multi- and interdisciplinary undergraduate clinical medical education. It has worked cooperatively, within its membership and in conjunction with other public and private organizations, to develop policies, projects and publications that directly impact medical student education.

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