For this e-bulletin, we highlight the work of the Council on Medical Student Education in Pediatrics (COMSEP).

For other disciplines of medicine, COMSEP has been the leader in providing a standard curriculum in pediatric medicine relevant for every medical student. Members of COMSEP have been actively involved with ACE since its inception.

COMSEP has some interesting programs and activities they are highlighting for you in this e-bulletin. Of note, their monthly journal club is the model for a forthcoming ACE Journal Club.

Take some time to read what they have accomplished and what they plan to do.

ACE Member Spotlight: Council on Medical Student Education in Pediatrics (COMSEP)

For more than 20 years, the Council on Medical Student Education in Pediatrics (COMSEP) has been a vibrant organization focused on excellence in medical student education in pediatrics. The original leaders of COMSEP came together at meetings of the Ambulatory Pediatrics Association and, for many years, COMSEP has served as a "council" under the pediatric department chairs.

Currently COMSEP has nearly 500 members representing over 150 member institutions. Included in this is COMSEP's growing clerkship administrator membership. The COMSEP membership also includes many clerkship directors and clinical teachers from Canada - as part of the Paediatric Undergraduate Program Directors of Canada (PUPDOC).

COMSEP's mission is to improve the health of children and their families by advancing the art and science of medical student education
in pediatrics. Our core values are:

1. Teaching excellence, innovation, and scholarship
2. Collaboration, support, and exchange of ideas among members
3. Mentoring of members at all stages of professional development
4. Personal, professional, and leadership development and success
5. Each individual’s contributions to the organization
6. Collaboration with other organizations dedicated to pediatric education or children’s health
7. Celebrating the joys of teaching and learning.

Please visit our website www.comsep.org and make note of our upcoming meeting, March 27-29, 2014 in Ottawa ON, "Reaching Your Peak: Leadership in Medical Education," where we have planned numerous poster and platform presentation as well as more than 30 educational workshops for medical educators and clerkship administrators.

**COMSEF Programs & Activities**

Notable COMSEP programs include our grant program, a national awards program which recognizes teaching excellence and scholarship, the COMSEP annual survey which serves as a mechanism for research, and our publications which consist of a monthly COMSEP Journal Club, a quarterly newsletter and a quarterly feature in the journal *Pediatrics* focusing on medical education.

Major activities in COMSEP occur through a series of task forces and committees. Since 2009, COMSEP has been specifically focused on education across the continuum. During this time, we have collaborated on joint meetings, curriculum development, and the creation of student advising materials with such organizations as the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the Academic Pediatric Association (APA), and the Association of Pediatric Program Directors (APPD). COMSEP task forces include: Research and Scholarship, Faculty Development, Learning Technology, Assessment and Evaluation, and Curriculum.

**ACE Electronic Health Record Study Cited**

The October 2013 edition of *Healthcare IT News* published an editorial questioning the training medical students receive using electronic health records. The work that ACE published in *Teaching and Learning in Medicine* was cited as part of this editorial.

To read the article by Mike Miliard, use the following link:


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### 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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