

## Resident Conference policy 2014

### Residents attending Conferences-

Residents currently are allowed 10 days per year to attend conferences.

\$1,000 per year is available from the department to cover expenses that can be divided between multiple conferences within a single academic year, but may not carry over to subsequent years. In addition, each resident receives \$500 from the GME in the fall of each year included in their salary, for an educational fund to buy or use any way they like for something related to education.

Residents are to do their utmost to obtain grants to cover expenses to conference.

The \$1,000 may also be used by the 4<sup>th</sup> year residents who have decided to take their elective in Mozambique, to help offset the expense if grant money is not available. However, once again they are expected to show proof of an attempt to obtain funding from other sources. They will be expected to present at Grand rounds to be eligible for reimbursement.

In order to be allowed to attend conference they must be first author on a scientific exhibit, oral presentation or multiple (>=3) posters or electronic educational exhibits. All submitted work will be presented to the department prior to the conference. For the ARRS and RSNA, this will be 5 minutes at Radiology grand rounds, and for other conferences this will be at lunchtime conference.

Alternatively, they may have been elected to a committee of the association running the conference, which requires their attendance for committee meetings.

They may only attend for the days of the conference and one day either side of this for travel if outside of Western USA.

Residents, who submit scientific exhibit, oral presentation, posters and exhibits and attend the conference, would be expected to pledge to submit these for publication to a peer-reviewed journal. If they don't submit them, they would not be allowed to attend a conference the following year. This policy would not be dependent on having the article accepted, but a good attempt must be made, to multiple and later lesser journals if required. The Program Director would also have the ability to decide if a resident should not attend a conference based on poor academic performance, or inability to maintain an ACGME acceptable portfolio, including up to date "Practice quality improvement".

We also plan to track attendance at meetings with recording of CME, and will require residents to hand in CME certificate copies. At least 5 CMEs should be obtained per day of conference attended. A certificate copy of these must be submitted with the reimbursement receipts. Failure to do so will also result in no conferences the following year and no reimbursement.

Prior to major meetings such as RSNA and ARRS, there will be a meeting by the Chiefs and Program Director to determine exactly how many residents can attend a given conference and still maintain adequate coverage for all services. This may restrict the travel of those with only poster/electronic exhibits.