

Committee on Educational Policy and Curriculum
SUNY Downstate College of Medicine
April 26, 2012
Seminar Room 2-1

Agenda

Invited Guest: Dr. Jeanne Macrae to speak on new two week electives

Old Business

1. Block Director Guidelines

The following suggestions for the **Block Director Guidelines** were made by the Dean's Council:

- a) Block Directors should distribute the Mistreatment Policy to their lecturers. An e-mail with this policy can be forwarded to Block Directors so they can distribute.
- b) There should be a Block Directors' handbook, preferably an electronic version, which can be referred to year round. This handbook would include the most updated information and new policies as they arise.
- c) Learning objectives for each block should be included on the first page of the syllabus describing the block.
- d) New Block Directors should meet with Dr. Friedman to go over their duties.
- e) Block Directors should report student issues such as mental health or personal issues as they become aware.
- f) Exam schedules should be coordinated with the ECM, MS1 and MS2 calendars to make certain they aren't scheduled at the same time.

2. USMLE 1 Scores

The mean was higher than the national average. There will be a comprehensive NBME given to students one week after MS2 ends to help them prepare for Step 1. The Communications portion of the USMLE Step 2 exam remains problematic for students. In an effort to improve students' performances, various suggestions were made on how to improve the value and predictability of the Einstein experience and its remediation process.

3. Match Results

Students who did not match had low Step 1 scores. The Step 1 score is becoming even more important as there are a decreasing number of Residency positions and an increasing number of graduates. Because the match process is becoming extremely competitive, Downstate will place more emphasis on preparing students to take Step 1. During this school year, 3 NBME exams are scheduled for the 2nd year students (Endocrine/Renal, Cardiovascular/Respiratory and Neuroscience).

4. Career Exposure Opportunity Update

5. Basic Science selective

Next Meeting: May 31 4PM Rm. 2-1 BSB

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