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## M.D. Program Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

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**Date:** April 17, 2020

**Time:** 2:00 PM – 3:10 PM

**Chaired by:** Dr. Richard Pepler

### In Attendance

Drs. Berman, Casey, Castiglioni, Cendan, Daroowalla, Davey, DeCampi, Dexter, Dil, Gorman, Gros, Harris, Hirumi, Husain, Kay, Kibble, Klapheke, Lambert, Mehta, Pepler, Rahman, Rubero, Selim, Thompson, and Verduin. Ms. Berry, Ms. Borges, Ms. Corsi, Mr. Larkin, Ms. Orr, Mr. Vorhees, Erickson (M2), Lessans (M2) Maag (M1), Mikhail (M3), Pumilia (M3), and Wilhelm (M1).

### Approval of Minutes

- March 20, 2020 and April 9, 2020 minutes were approved as circulated.

### Student Updates

- M1s: All is well.
- M2s: Students are wanting to schedule the Step 1 exam and putting it behind them.
- M3s: Completed first week of the M4 elective.

### M3/M4 Subcommittee

- The members approved the following:
  - Transition to Core Clerkship for Class of 2022  
This 12-week required rotation is intended to give M3 medical students an in-depth transition to the core clerkships, building clinical knowledge and skills that will be directly applicable in the clinical settings of each clerkship. The rotation will include teaching by many different disciplines (including all the core clerkship disciplines). Because of the COVID-19 pandemic precautions, especially early in the rotation, teaching will consist of independent completion of online modules—including working through cases--associated quizzes and assigned clinical exercises. There will be frequent Zoom meetings

with the faculty to answer questions and review the completed exercises and quizzes. If COVID-19 precautions allow, the later parts of the rotation will include face-to-face sessions and live patient interviews.

- Non-Clinical Advanced Surgery four-week elective
- Orthopaedic Research elective available for April and December.

## **M1/M2 Subcommittee**

- Dr. Kibble thanked Dr. Dil and her team for their flexibility with the completion of the Health and Disease Module.
- On-line assessment bugs have been worked out and hopefully all should go well next week.
- Dr. Zayat is ready to begin Hematology and Oncology.
- M1/M2 Subcommittee will be building a plan B should students be unable to begin in the Clinical Skills Center in August.

## **National Updates**

- Dr. Pepler shared the AAMC Resident readiness Survey, which provides a standardized process for program directors to provide feedback on the readiness of their students for PGY-1 training.
- Prometric Testing Centers where students take Step 1 and 2 CK exams are closed through April 30<sup>th</sup>. The centers are anticipated to reopen on May 1<sup>st</sup>; however, centers will only allow 50% of the test takers to take the exam to comply with social distancing.
- The National Board Step 2 CS centers are closed through end of May. The earliest they anticipate in opening is June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The Visiting Student Learning Opportunity (VSL0) System Organization has suspended operations for the next two weeks.

## **Student Outreach Calls**

1. The AAMC is recommending bi-weekly outreach calls to all 480 medical students to maintain connectedness and reduce risk (loneliness, depression, food insecurity etc.). It is vital and recommended that students receive a variety of support from their numerous mentors, administrators, faculty and staff. Dr. Daly is currently working on a proposal to accomplish this task. There are approximately 70 faculty and staff members interested in helping. Those interested will need complete a brief training session.