Participants

Approximately 245 members and guests attended the section meeting.
Board Liaison: Andrew Sama, MD, FACEP
Staff Liaison: Marilyn Bromley, RN

Agenda

Introduction
Results of Election
American Board of Radiology Foundation Summit (Report)
Research Updates
  a. Clinical Sonography Research Consortium (REASON – Real time Emergency Assessment with Sonography: Outcomes research Network)
  b. EMF Ultrasound Research Grant Report
  c. Carotid Intima-Media Thickness (IMT)
Section Grant – Online Examination
Subcommittee Reports
Liaison Reports
Awards – Outstanding Web Page
New Chair Comments
SAEM Meeting

Major Points Discussed

Larry Melniker, MD, FACEP, chair of the section welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced the results of the elections. Vicki Noble, MD, FACEP, chair-elect, Gary Quick MD, FACEP, Secretary/Newsletter editor, Rajesh N. Geria, MD, FACEP becomes Councilor and Robert J. Tillotson, DO, FACEP will serve as alternate councilor for 2 years and then move to councilor.

Dr. Melniker gave an in-depth report on the proceedings of the American Board of Radiology Foundation Summit that he attended.

Dr. Andy Sama thanked the section for all the excellent service they provided to the College and the outstanding efforts to further the emergency ultrasound agenda in the healthcare community.

Research updates were provided on the following:
Clinical sonography Research Consortium (REASON – Real time Emergency Assessment with Sonography: Outcomes Research Network. Dr. Raio spoke about the utility of emergency ultrasound in cardiac arrest. A protocol is being finalized. Work is being done with the NIH and its ultrasound imaging and trials group.

EMF Ultrasound Research Grant Report. Dr. Dickman reported on emergency ultrasound being used to mitigate pain in hip fractures in the elderly. A video demonstration was provided on the ultrasound guided nerve block to provide pain relief and reduce the need for narcotics which can be poorly tolerated in the elderly.
Carotid Intima-Media Thickness. Dr. Melinker explained the enrolled criteria for this study.

Section Grant – Online Examination. Dr. Stone reported that many models had been completed for most all applications.

Verbal presentations from subcommittee chairs were provided. More detailed written reports will be filed in the section newsletter.

- Accreditation – Dr. Chiricolo: Web design for accreditation is ready for testing.
- Community Practice – Dr. Tillotson: materials have been developed for presentations to support emergency ultrasound in community hospitals.
- Critical Care – Dr. Dean: Work continues with Critical Care Section and other entities involved in critical care.
- Industry Roundtable - Dr. Moore: The meeting with vendors will focus on work flow issues. A white paper may be developed on this issue.
- International - Dr. Price: Issues such as what machines to use, privileging and fellowships are under discussion.
- Media/Government Relations – Dr. Sierzenski: Government continues to look at usage of imaging. It would be of benefit if the section had a representative from each state that could report on activities.
- Medical Student - Dr. Stone: Provided information in his report regarding the grant and on-line modules for testing.
- Military and Tactical – Dr. Ferre: Create a platform for education and share ideas and research on EUS in the battlefield and in civilian disasters.
- Pediatric – Dr. Tsung: Difficulties encountered in the getting EUS in pediatrics, suggest a joint statement on EUS with the pediatric specialties.
- Reimbursement-Dr. Resnick: Paper on EUS reimbursement has been completed. Work continues with Coding and Reimbursement on EUS.
- Safety - Dr. Nagdev: Discussed safety of the EUS equipment and noted the work currently being done on probes.
- EUS Management Course - Dr. Foster: Planning on conducting the course next year in Las Vegas. Currently looking at the possibility of CME for the course.
- EUS Section Web Page – Dr. Mailhot: EUS Section received an award for outstanding webpage.
- Subspecialty Development – Dr Tayal: Efforts to obtain subspecialty certification have not been successful; however will continue to pursue this issue.
- Sonoguide – Dr. Hoffman: Number of visitors to sonoguide continues to increase, of note is the increasing number of international. The Sonoguide has been cited in the BMJ. New chapters have been written.

Dr. Blaivas reported on the work with WINFOCUS and WCU5 and noted that the international conferences continue to do well.

Dr. Melniker was thanked for his service to the section and Dr. Jerry Chiricolo, incoming Chair provided brief comments on his vision for the section and noted that section leaders and section subcommittee chairs would have regularly scheduled conference calls throughout the year.

The ACEP Emergency Ultrasound Section meeting adjourned at 3:45pm and the SAEM Special Interest Group meeting convened.