American College of Emergency Physicians

Emergency Ultrasound Section
October 9, 2012
1:00pm-4:00pm
Meeting

MINUTES

Participants

More than 300 section members; section officers; and Marilyn Bromley, RN, Staff Liaison.

Agenda

Introduction and Welcome
Reports from Section Award Winners from 2011
Award Announcements
ACEP Ultrasound Exam Update
Sonocloud
Sonoguide Update
CORD-AEUS-ACEP and ACGME Update
Transesophageal Echo Didactic
ACEP EUS App Project
SAEM-AEUS Update
Message from Incoming Section Chair
Move to Breakout Sessions

Major Points Discussed

Dr. Mike Stone welcomed everyone to the section meeting and asked that members respond to the educational needs assessment questions sent via the elist. Dr. Stone reported that Dr. Chris Raio was elected chair-elect and Dr. John Bailitz was re-elected secretary-newsletter editor. There was considerable interest in this position. As a result Dr. Bailitz will be contacting those that expressed interest in the position to serve on an editorial panel. Dr. Stone reported the section was one of the largest and over 1,000 members and was the recipient of an award for service to the College. Dr. Stone encouraged the members to review the reports submitted by the 15 subcommittee chairs and encouraged members to contact Dr. Geria or a sub-committee chair if they are interested in serving on one of the committees.

Dr. Blankenship gave an update on ACEP Ultrasound Exam and noted that this program gives permission to learn from mistakes. The ACEP Ultrasound Exam program represents new advances in e-learning.

Drs. Mallin and Dawson reported on the new Sonocloud. This bank of images is growing rapidly. A demonstration of how quickly and easily images could be uploaded was demonstrated. The audience was cautioned when entering an image to make sure all patient identification information was redacted.

Dr. Mallin also provided a brief update on the activities to date on the Clinical Ultrasound Accreditation Program (CUAP)

In Dr. Beatrice Hoffman absence a brief update on the Sonoguide was provided. It was noted that industry support continues, new chapters and updates were completed. And the number of visitors increases each year.
Dr. Lewiss updated everyone on CORD-AEUS-ACEP and ACGME project. The audience was reminded that last year a survey indicated overwhelming support to pursue certification. Work continues in developing relationships with ABEM and ACGME to obtain guidance and support in the application writing process. Work continues to develop criteria for POC ultrasound fellowships.

Dr. Blaivas provided an update on WINFOCUS and AIUM. His lecture on Transesophageal Echo was informative. It was emphasized that this is an extremely accurate test, provides immediate information and is less costly than other modalities.

Dr. Jones reported on the ACEP EUS App Project. He noted that this project would be a significant benefit to EM and would be available at no cost to members.

An update on SAEM-AEUS activities was given by Dr. Nova Panebianco.

Dr. Stone presented a plaque of appreciation for outstanding service to the section to Dr. Vicki Noble. Dr. Geria presented a plaque of appreciation to Dr. Stone for his service to the section as chair.

Dr. Geria’s introduction as chair was preceded by a clever video showing him running toward the podium. Dr. Geria shared with section members his vision for his year as Chair.

The remainder of the section meeting was devoted to 4 breakout sessions: Ultrasound Fellowships and Resident Education led by Romolo Gaspari, Pat Hunt, Resa Lewiss; Designing EUS Research led by Srikar Adhikari, John Bailitz, Éitan Dickman; Image Archival and Workflow Solutions led by Mark Byrne, Matt Dawson, Mike Mallin; and Troubleshooting EUS Program Obstacles led by Rajesh Geria, Preston Wendell, Vivek Tayal.