

COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL EDUCATION
REPORT TO MEMBERS
Cardiovascular, Pulmonary II Course – Year 2
2005-2006 Academic Year
Class of 2009

The report on the Cardiovascular, Pulmonary Year 2 Course was presented to the Curriculum Steering Council (CSC) by William Stewart, M.D., Core Course Director. Overall, 74% of students rated the course as good or excellent. Faculty individually received high ratings. Drs. Michael Lincoff and Carol Farver were particularly well received. 91% of students felt that the CAPPs emphasized integration of Core concepts. Students were most positive about clinical correlations and histology labs. There was good balance between basic and clinical science. Dr. Stewart noted a need to develop a more cohesive required reading list, improve the SAQs, and solicit more proactive input from thread leaders or their representatives. He also indicated the need to rewrite a few CAPPs but otherwise was satisfied with the course.

In response to student evaluations, faculty feedback, and focus group input, Dr. Stewart recommended the following changes in the course for the coming year:

1. Add seminar on interstitial lung disease.
2. Delete pharmacology seminar on pulmonary artery hypertension with objectives covered in other session on pulmonary hypertension.
3. Reorganize endocarditis and pericarditis seminar.
4. Add seminar on restrictive lung disease.
5. Rewrite PBL case #8.
6. Revise SAQs to ensure orientation to learning objectives in seminars and PBL cases.
7. Eliminate stem cell lab.
8. Utilize physician faculty in lung mechanics seminar.
9. Limit research component to seminar on lipoproteins.

The Curriculum Steering Council discussed these recommendations with Dr. Stewart and suggested that research experience in basic science should be covered elsewhere freeing up another seminar time slot. Dr. Stewart will review this recommendation. The Curriculum Steering Council thanked Dr. Stewart for his efforts and recognized the leadership and effort of Dr. Alex Arroliga as Co-director of the course. Dr. Arroliga is leaving the Cleveland Clinic and will be replaced by Loutfi Aboussouan, M.D. from the Department of Pulmonary, Allergy & Critical Care Medicine. The Curriculum Steering Council accepted the recommendations from the Cardiovascular, Pulmonary Course with the caveat noted above and asked Drs. Stewart and Aboussouan to update the CSC in late fall.

Respectfully submitted,



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