

COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL EDUCATION
REPORT TO MEMBERS
Hematology 3 Course – Year 2
2005-2006 Academic Year
Class of 2009

The report on the Hematology Year 2 Course was presented to the Curriculum Steering Council (CSC) by Alan Lichtin, M.D., Course Director. The Hematology course was highly rated by students with overall course quality rated as good 22% or excellent 78%. All aspects of the course including goals and objectives, required readings, integrated curriculum, organization, PBL cases, and faculty were highly rated. Dr. Lichtin reviewed the course content for the CSC and noted concern that an overview of oncogenesis is needed by students prior to entering the Hematology Course. There was no such overview on oncogenesis provided in the Foundations of Molecular Medicine Year 1 Summer Course for the class of 2009. The new chairman of Cancer Biology will be asked to champion this effort.

In response to student evaluations, faculty feedback, student focus group session, and Dr. Lichtin's personal observation the following minor adjustments to the course are recommended:

1. Identify new faculty for Plasma Cell Biology seminar.
2. Consider altering aspects of Bladder Cancer seminar.
3. Seek a more broad, general overview of radiation physics for the Radiobiology Seminar rather than an historical perspective.
4. Consider broadening Iron/B12 seminar to include metabolic pathways other than the blood.
5. Consider increasing the number of cases utilized to discuss hemolysis.
6. Consider minor revisions to PBL cases that could alter the flow of text so that Wednesdays are less overloaded.
7. Revise CAPPs to ensure that they require assimilation and integration of knowledge gained throughout the week.

The Curriculum Steering Council thanked Dr. Lichtin for his efforts in organizing, leading, and delivering an outstanding course. The Council particularly noted Dr. Lichtin's personal involvement in providing all students a clinical correlation experience in the Hematopathology lab and on hospital rounds. The Council accepted Dr. Lichtin's recommendations for curriculum revision for the coming year. There will be further discussion regarding providing a more basic overview of oncogenesis prior the Hematology Course.

Respectfully submitted,



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