

COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL EDUCATION
REPORT TO MEMBERS
Hematology, Immunology, Microbiology - Year 1
2005-2006 Academic Year
Class of 2010

Gerri Hall, Ph.D., Co-director of the Hematology, Immunology, Microbiology Year 1 Course presented the report to the Curriculum Steering Council on October 6, 2006. Overall, the course was well received by students with 71% rating the course as good or excellent, although this was slightly decreased from the previous year rating of 81%. The reduction in course evaluation was felt in part to reflect the fact that fewer students in 2005-2006 had background in Immunology and Microbiology as compared to the previous year, emphasizing the need for more introductory type of material. The changes to the course from the previous year were well received. Immunology seminars were primarily left unchanged. Although an introductory 20 minute overview of the course helped to provide a framework for the "big picture" concepts, this was not as effective as had been desired. In the coming year, time will be utilized each week at the end of the POD sessions to provide an introduction for the following week's major themes and concepts. Hematology seminars were well received overall, particularly those that utilized lab sessions. Microbiology seminars had some mixed reviews. Students appreciated the use of cases to discuss specific topics in Microbiology. The Virology seminar was felt to be too clinically oriented with not enough time devoted to core concepts in Virology. Finally, Dr. Hull acknowledged that changes in the schedule and process for the summative portfolio lessened the impact that portfolio preparation had on the HIM course this year.

In response to feedback to students and faculty several modifications to the course will be implemented in the coming year:

1. The Chemotaxis seminar will be deleted since it is redundant to other seminars previously provided in Year 1.
2. An additional Microbiology seminar will replace the Chemotaxis seminar.
3. Effort will be made to increase the number of small group seminars in Microbiology.
4. Some Immunology seminars will be revised to provide a stronger broad foundation in general Immunology concepts. Clinical cases will be encouraged for correlation.
5. A new textbook for medical Microbiology has been recommended as a replacement for the Sherris textbook.

The Curriculum Steering Council thanked Dr. Hall and her co-directors Dr. Sekeres and Heeger for their efforts in organizing a complex course that successfully achieved its learning objectives. The Curriculum Steering Council acknowledged the important role that Dr. Heeger played in the design, development and implementation of this course and welcomed Dr. Tannenbaum as his replacement. The changes in the HIM Course designed for 2006-2007 as recommended by Dr. Hall were felt by the Curriculum Steering Council to adequately address issues raised by students and faculty. The Council accepted Dr. Hall's report and thanked her for her efforts.

Respectfully submitted,



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