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Update from the Organization of Neonatal Training Program Directors (ONTPD) Council

The council met at breakfast on May, 6th at the PAS meetings in Honolulu. Several items were discussed:

1. Overall, the electronic residency (ERAS) and matching (NRMP) process have been proceeding smoothly and there have been strong positive comments about these. However, there have also been isolated reports of positions being offered to applicants outside of the match. A letter was subsequently drafted by the council and sent to the program directors mentioning that in most cases this is not appropriate and not in the spirit of why we are doing the match.
2. The ONTPD web page is already partially outdated and will have several components archived and some new ones added, including a vital statistics page for all the programs that submit one. The purpose of this will be for prospective fellow applicants to obtain information about programs they may be interested in applying to.
3. The council for pediatric subspecialties (CoPS) is working on Core Curriculum issues. Apparently several web sites will be available that offer fellows opportunities to fulfill some of the Core Curriculum requirements. Links will be provided on the ONTPD web site as they become available.
4. Susan Guttentag provided a brief summary of the goals and objectives being used at U. Penn. Susan will provide a summary on this at the ONTPD meeting in October.
5. The following is a tentative schedule for the ONTPD meeting to be held in Boston on the afternoon of Oct. 10th.

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