

2008 Resident Roundup Events

The Family Health Foundation of Illinois is in the midst of three resident workshops on professional development issues specific to family medicine residents in 2008. Because of our successful 2007 Resident Roundups, the Foundation was able to secure a grant from the AAFP Foundation Family Medicine Philanthropic Consortium to fund another round of programs this year.

The first two were held in April. The first was April 17th in Springfield in conjunction with the SIU Family Medicine Practice Management Seminar. IAFP vice president of government relations, Gordana Krkic, and Bruce Kinnett from our lobbying firm of Cook-Witter, Inc. provided education on the critical role that government relations plays in the success of our specialty and the health of our patients. Attendees from the four Southern Illinois University residency programs (Springfield, Carbondale, Decatur and Quincy) saw the “Doctor’s Orders” *Academy in Action* video and got a bird’s eye view of the legislative process at the state level.

On April 26th the Roundup returned to Chicagoland for an afternoon lunch in Oak Park to talk about the job search and interview process. Attendees from several Chicago-area programs also learned first-hand about physician programs offered by the U.S. active duty and reserves military programs. Former IAFP Board member Michael McGarry, MD – only a few years removed from residency himself - also joined the panel to talk about his experience transitioning from residency into practice and his current employment as a civilian physician and sports medicine director at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station in North Chicago.

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“The Resident Roundups have been a great way to meet fellow family medicine residents from around the state, enjoy some delicious food, and learn about managing our future practice and how to go about finding the perfect opportunity after residency,” says Ravi Shah, MD, resident president.

One more Resident Roundup this October

The Foundation will hold our final Resident Roundup in October at O’Brien’s restaurant downtown on Wells St. We need Chicago area residents to let us know a few things to help us plan this dinner event. By showing up in great numbers, you can help IAFP

demonstrate how well we serve the needs of our resident members – which will help us in future grant applications.

Please take a moment to answer the following:

1. What date and time frame works best? For example – are Tuesday nights the best day of the week? Would a 7:00 p.m. start time work or should it be 7:30?
2. What topics would you like to see covered? Last year's Chicago attendees suggested the following: Interviewing, CV writing, steps and methods for Job Search, leadership development, Practice Management for private practice (sole proprietorship vs. LLC, etc), steps in preparing to get a job, debt management and payment

Send IAFP your responses to Ginnie Flynn, director of public relations at gflynn@iafp.com.