Outline

- Unique Perspective
- The Site Visit Experience from Different Vantage Points
- Suggestions from Experience
Unique Perspective

• 10.5 Years of Residency
  • Straddled the Introduction of the 80 Hour Workweek

• Participated in Site Visits
  • General Surgery Resident
  • Thoracic Surgery Resident
  • Faculty / Associate Program Director

• ACGME Thoracic RRC Member/Reviewer
• ACGME Council of RC Residents
• ACGME Board of Directors

• UTHSCSA GME Committee
  • Q&A Committee
Site Visit is Not a Pejorative Term

• STSA – J. Kent Trinkle Lectureship

• Time to Showcase the Program

• Highlight What Your Division/Dept, Center or Institution Does Well

• Best Face Forward but not a Time to Camouflage the Program
PREPARATION IS THE KEY

Prepare your Paperwork

- Resident Case Logs
- Institutional Case Summary
  - \( 1 + 1 \neq 3 \)
- Conference Sign Ins
- Journal Clubs
- Simulation Labs
- Meetings Attended
- Research Publications
- ***Resident Evaluations
PREPARATION IS THE KEY

- If it is not documented it did not happen or is not happening on a regular basis

- The PC & PD must ensure that there is an adequate paper or electronic trail of all activities
PREPARATION IS THE KEY

- Prepare your Faculty, Staff and Residents
  - Explain the Purpose of the Site Visit
  - Explain What is in Your PIF to Your Faculty
  - Explain What is in Your PIF to Your Residents

- “The PIF is the CV for your Program” JHC
The Site Visit

- Prepare your Schedule
  - Not the day for major cases or other meetings

- Make arrangements for Residents and Faculty
The Site Visit

- Be Prepared to Address Citations

- Have Ample Documentation
  - Easy and Organized Format
  - Prepare Binders and Summaries
Common Citations from the Site Visit

- Inadequate Call Rooms
- Inadequate Resident Space
- No evidence of Conference or Didactic Activity
- Poor Evaluation Methodology
- Resident work hours

Ernest Shackleton’s 1907 ad in London’s Times, recruiting a crew to sail with him on his exploration of the South Pole.
80-Hour Work Week

- *One of the most common Citations*
- Need to have work hour logs
- Residents need to be given written work hour policies - document this
- Call schedules have to reflect this
- PD must have a system to monitor
Recap

- Ideal Site Visit is a Showcase for the Program
- Preparation Is Key to Success
  - Ample Lead Time
  - Ample Resources
- Utilize Your DIO, GME Office and Fellow PDs to Enhance your Preparation
The Site Visit

There will come a time when you think everything is finished. Yet that will be the beginning.

Louis L’Amour