Early Specialization Committee

• Goals
  • Obtain baseline data from programs and residents
    • Current resident experiences in cardiac, thoracic, general surgery, critical care
    • Are resident needs being met?
  • Define gaps
  • Identify best practices
  • Disseminate best practices back to programs
Methods

• Survey
  • Program directors/coordinators
    • Block schedules + brief survey
  • I-6 residents
    • Survey
  • 4/3 residents
    • Survey

• All surveys developed by committee and built in REDCap
  • Beta testing complete
Preliminary data

• What non-CT rotations were least useful to you?
  • Trauma surgery, non-operative rotations

• What general surgery experiences would you like to add or increase?
  • Vascular surgery, ortho, any operative rotation
Do you feel that you and/or your fellow residents could safely care for cardiac/thoracic ICU patients at the end of your third year?

- Yes
- Yes, but I wish I had more time
- No
Preliminary data

• Are there patient care topics that are not adequately taught in your conferences?
  • Pacemakers/ICD’s, curriculum is geared towards fellows would be helpful to have content targeted for junior residents

• Are there non-patient care topics you are not currently taught you would like to learn about?
  • Research opportunities, conference presentation opportunities, billing/coding
Next steps

• Survey will be launched live soon
  • Goal is to have results before AATS
  • Please respond to the PD portion and encourage your residents to fill this out