

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

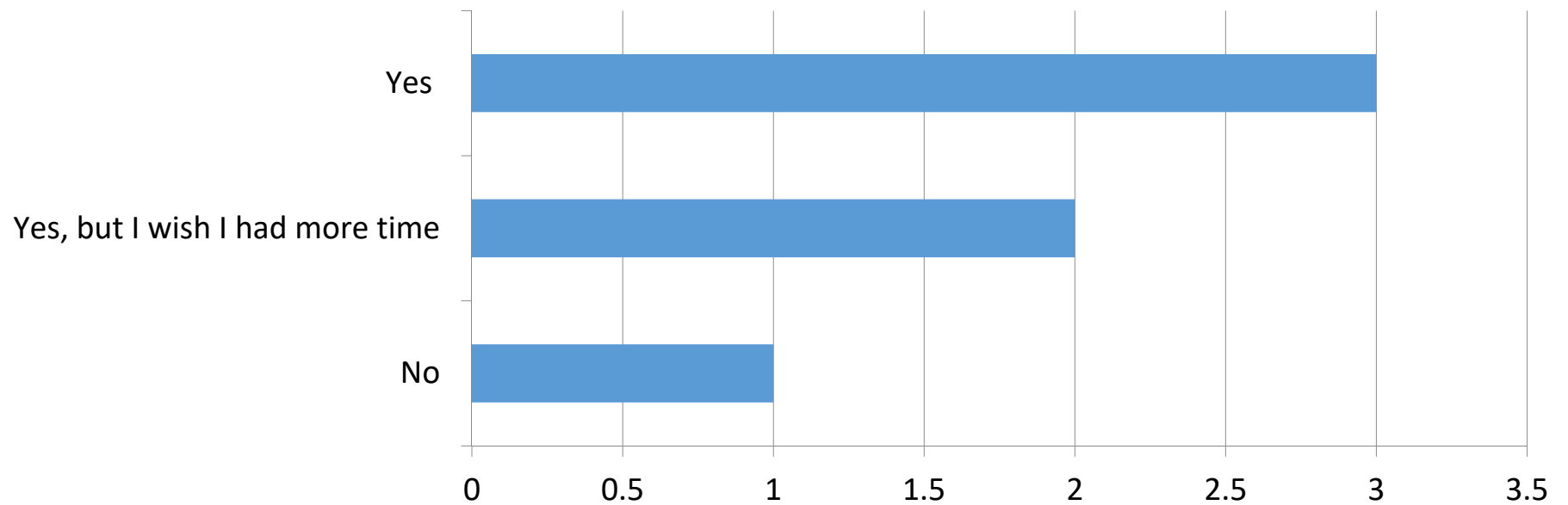
- Survey
 - Program directors/coordinators
 - Block schedules + brief survey
 - I-6 residents
 - Survey
 - 4/3 residents
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- All surveys developed by committee and built in REDCap
 - Beta testing complete

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

Preliminary data

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?



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