

Dear Ms Stivers and the members at ICPI,

I want to thank ICPI for allowing me to have the opportunity to attend the CAP 2009 meeting. I was especially interested in the resident forum meeting so that I could interact with residents from various programs across the country to discuss how each program approaches resident education. As chief resident at the University of Virginia (UVA) I have had the experience of organizing the resident's schedules, attending education committee meetings, troubleshooting various problems, recruiting resident candidates, and scheduling lectures. At the resident's forum I discussed many topics derived from these responsibilities with residents from programs in Indiana, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, California, Texas, and North Carolina. Through the presentations I learned how programs across the country evaluate the RISE exam results, how the job market outlook currently is, and how healthcare reform could effect this field. During a networking session I met a pathologist interested in hiring a soon-to-be graduate, whose information I will be brining back to UVA. I will be making a presentation to the residents that will address the issues I took away from the resident forum that I think should be discussed among our resident group.

I also had the chance to attend various educational sessions while at CAP09. I attended a medical liver talk and a diagnostic dilemmas in cervix and uterine pathology talk. Finally, I had the opportunity to hear Tom Daschle and Doris Kearns Goodwin talk about health care reform and leadership respectively. All talks were worthwhile and enjoyable. I even was able to get a pen with flashing lights to take home to my son at the exhibits session, where I met a practicing pathologist from California and discussed what it is like in practice for an hour.

I again want to point out how grateful I am for this opportunity. With budget constraints, departmental allowences for meetings are scarce. With this grant I was able to cover all major expenses to attend the meeting without having to request funds from the department. Thank you again.

Sincerely
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