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IPAP Class 2-09 Graduation

Points of Interest

- Class 2-09 Graduation/ Commissioning Ceremony
- "One-On-One" preceptor interview
- Hot Topic: Research
- "Just for Fun" - Hail and Farewell
- Professional Development
- Medical Topics
- May/Jun Birthdays:
 - LT Latham—30 MAY
- Upcoming (Jul/Aug) Birthdays:
 - OC Allmon-30 JUL
 - OC Allman- 06 AUG
 - Oc Hyten -17 AUG

Fayetteville, North Carolina –

The Interservice Physician Assistant Program Womack Army Medical Center (IPAP WAMC) Class 2-09 graduation was conducted on the 13th of May 2011 at the Airborne & Special Operations Museum in Fayetteville, North Carolina. There were five graduates who received a Master's in Physician Assistant Studies from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. There were also four graduates who were commissioned during the ceremony. The graduates and their first assignments as PA's are:

- CPT Michael Craig – Fort Lewis, Washington
- 1LT Keith Harris –Camp Stanley, Korea
- 1LT Timothy Pekari – Bamberg, Germany
- 1LT Roger Rinehart – Fort Carson, Colorado
- 1LT Allan Thomas – Fort Bragg, North Carolina

The graduation was attended by COL Brian Canfield (WAMC Commander), COL Frank Christopher (WAMC Deputy Commander of Clinical Services), and Dr. Y. Sammy Choi (IPAP WAMC Medical Director). COL Canfield congratulated the graduates and emphasized the vital role of their family members who supported them during their two-year training program. The guest speaker was Mr. Joseph Cohen, the orthopaedics preceptor who talked about a core checklist for the graduates to know throughout their careers as physician assistants.



The preceptor of the year award was given to Dr. Neelima Kaminieni, the VA hospital Internal Medicine preceptor. The rotation of the year was awarded to Ear Nose and Throat (ENT). The reception was conducted at the Huske Hardware House Restaurant and Brewery where the new graduates spent more time with their families and friends to celebrate the occasion.

Congratulations Class 2-09!

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“One-on-One”

with Mr. Joseph Cohen, Orthopaedics Preceptor
Interview by OC Matthew Hyten, Class 3-09



Keys to success during the Orthopaedics/Podiatry Rotation:
Be an avid reader, have willingness to learn, and aggressively take advantage of all learning opportunities.

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This interview was with Mr. Joseph Cohen, PA-C, from Orthopaedics. Mr. Cohen has been a PA since 1994.

1. What do you like about your job?

-The autonomy and responsibilities I am afforded in order to free up time for the surgeons.

2. What do you feel about the PA profession?

-Physician assistants are medical force multipliers. The profession is one that has many rewards and opportunities.

-A concern is that PA's need to do a better job at advertising the profession.

3. What is rewarding about being a PA preceptor?

-Reflecting back to the earlier days of being a medic and young

PA, Mr Cohen remembers those who have provided him mentorship and appreciates the ability to give back to his profession. He also takes pride in being able to assist PA's in personal and professional issues that arise.

-Having the opportunity to challenge students to become providers that provide top quality patient care. Knowing that the BN PA is the “point man” on the orthopaedic team, Mr Cohen reflected on several times that he has seen these skills put to practice.

4. Do you feel our Orthopaedics/Podiatry rotation is meeting expectations to produce competent PAs?

-Yes. Academically IPAP students from WAMC score in the top 1% of the orthopaedic sec-

tion of the PA National Certification Exam.

5. What are the keys to success during their Ortho/Pod rotation?

-“Tough skin! Be aggressive with questions and procedures and don't leave any stone uncovered.”

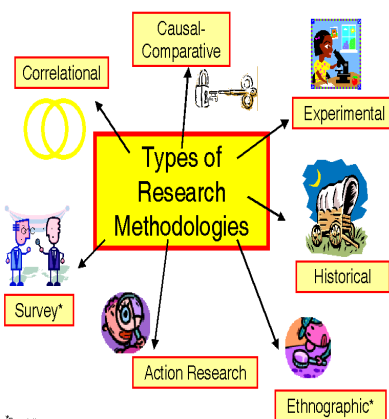
6. What do you recommend they should have for equipment?

-A receptive brain and positive attitude.

7. What do the students need to know prior to coming to their Ortho/Pod rotation?

-“It is not the knowledge base you come with, it's the knowledge base that you leave with.”

Thank you Mr. Cohen for your continued support of IPAP!



HOT NEWS!: The “Way Ahead” in Research

MAJ Amelia Duran-Stanton attended the Mary Lipscomb Hamrick Research Course where she presented her study titled “Just a Click Away: Capturing Tobacco Cessation Counseling in Orthopaedic Patients.”

Additionally, in order to improve SP Corps research endeavors by developing new researchers now, she

and CPT Charles Jennings (IPAP Phase 1) recommended a competition for students for future MLH Conferences. The senior leadership during the senior track meeting liked this idea and it will be implemented starting next year. MAJ Duran-Stanton and CPT Jennings were also selected as the course project officers for next year.

The WAMC-IPAP is spearheading improvements in research by requiring abstracts, posters, and publication manuscript preparation. Furthermore, MAJ Duran-Stanton along with MAJ George Barbee and MAJ Aaron Cronin are joining forces in providing a basic curriculum in research for the PA students to improve their research interest and success.

“Just For Fun”

We had our first “Hail and Farewell” to welcome our new Class 2-10 students and congratulate our Class 2-09 graduates. We had a great turnout where the students and their families were able to spend time with each other in a relaxed atmosphere. It was a great time to bond and learn about each other outside of the hospital setting.



Professional Development Topics

Army Physician Assistants are often required to perform in stressful environments. It is important for PA students to perform tactical and medical operations in a controlled simulated setting so that they can hone their skills before they are put into real combat situations.

In order to improve the skills they will need, the students

were encouraged to utilize the medical training assets they had available in Fort Bragg. On 01 JUN, OC Sandoval conducted his professional presentation topic on Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) where he utilized the Taylor/Sandri Medical Training Center to incorporate the

concept of TCCC in a simulated combat environment. CPT Smedick also presented his professional topic on the Military Decision Making Process. Additionally, LT Latham shared his knowledge on how to transport patients using one-man, two-man and litter carries that were also incorporated during the patient care evacuation scenarios.



Medical Topics

CPT Bret Lehman, an optometry resident, gave the first “brown bag” lecture to the PA students regarding the diagnosis and treatment of red eye. CPT Lehman emphasized the importance of proper diagnosis and when to refer patients to optometry and ophthalmology. He also provided resources to the students regarding ophthalmology medications.



Investigators from CID visited the PA Students to provide them an update on what types of illicit drugs Soldiers are taking. They discussed the importance of properly diagnosing patients who are under the influence of these drugs. Since PA’s are vital in keeping commanders informed, the students learned on what needs to be reported in a timely manner.





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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 29 JUN—5th Wednesday—Golf Outing, Fort Bragg Golf Course
- 01-04 JUL Independence Day Weekend
- 13 JUL—Mrs. Kuntz lecture (librarian); Dr. Horowitz Lecture on Peds Critical Care
- 27 JUL—our 3rd Journal Club, location TBD
- 23-26 AUG—IPAP Site Assisted Visit
- 31 AUG—5th Wednesday— location TBD
- 02 or 03 SEP—Hail and Farewell, location and time TBD
- 04 SEP—Class 3-10 Arrive to Phase 2
- 09 SEP— Class 3-09 Graduation, Weaver Auditorium, 1300h, Reception McKeller’s Lodge 1430h
- 28 SEP—our 4th Journal Club, location TBD
- 06-12 OCT—PA Week



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DID YOU KNOW?

The Office of Quality Management has several tools you can use as a student and future practicing physician assistant.

The ones I frequently use are the Clinical Practice Guidelines and the Musculoskeletal Screening and Referral Tools.

We are on the web:

<http://www.wamc.amedd.army.mil/dme/GME/ipap/Pages/default.aspx>

<http://www.gmo.amedd.army.mil>

Phase 2 Students

Phase 2 Preceptors

These are our current students:

Class 03-09

- OC Lucas Allmon—Student Leader
- OC Matthew Hyten
- OC Sandra Milton

Class 01-10

- OC Marshall Healy
- CW2 William Kilgore-Class Leader
- OC Luar Sandoval
- CPT August Seeber
- 1LT Brian Smedick
- CPT Christopher Smith

Class 02-10:

- OC Andrew Allman
- 2LT Steven Davis
- 2LT Garrett Latham -Class Leader
- OC Christopher Mueller
- OC Brandon Penebacker
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- Upcoming Class 03-10:
arrive Sept 2011
- OC Jason Adams
- LT Mandi Breyman
- OC Donald Grambusch— Class Leader
- OC Stephen Witte

- Allergy—Dr. (LTC) Bruce McLenathan
- Anesthesia—LTC Anthony Peverini, CRNA
- Cardiology—Dr. (LTC) Daniel Gates
- Dermatology— Dr. (LTC) Denise Ladd
- Emergency Medicine—Dr. Paul Kleinschmidt
- ENT—Dr. (MAJ) Matthew Grafenberg
- FM— Dr. Jennifer Yates
- GI—Dr. (COL) Joseph Perry
- Internal Medicine—Dr. Neelima Kaminieni
- Long Term Care—Dr. Kimberly Baptiste
- Neuro—Dr. (MAJ) Steven Lewis
- OB/GYN—CPT Jennifer Byer, PA-C
- OMFS— Dr.(COL) Jeffery Almony
- Ophthalmology—Dr. (COL) Robert Carroll
- Orthopaedics— Mr. Joseph Cohen
- Pediatrics— Dr. (CPT) Nichelle Maraventano
- Podiatry—Dr. Asim Raja
- Pulmonology—Dr. (LTC) Carol Young
- Behavioral Health—Dr. (CPT) Al Tsai
- Radiology—Dr. (MAJ) William Hwang
- General Surgery— Dr. (LTC) Peter Deveaux
- Urology—Dr. (MAJ) William Kizer