

dear residents

Summer is Here

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Dear Residents,

The **end of the academic year** is fast approaching. Several exciting **events** are planned before June 30. ACP Residents' Day is May 19 (thanks to those who are presenting their work), DDW is also next week. The Graduation Party is on June 18, and the Med-Psych Graduation Party is on June 19. The Chief Residents will begin handing over operations to the incoming chiefs. Interns' Day Off is this weekend. The Senior Dinner and the Tri-Generational Chief Dinner are both being planned. The **new interns** will be here in mid-June and orientation will begin in late June. I will sneak away for vacation from May 20-30.

In-person conferences have injected new life in our learning. I hope that this is sustained. I met with 5 other UT Southwestern program directors (surgery, neurology, obstetrics/gynecology, pediatrics, and anesthesiology). We are all facing the same pressure to ensure that you have protected time for learning. We are all committed to redesigning those rotations that serve as impediments to structured learning. GME continues to advocate with Parkland for a salary increase. I will keep you informed. Many of you have reached out regarding the Catch-22 of increasing rents in your current apartments and the cost and impracticality of moving.

The **last week of June** will be tight as those who are graduating will be utilizing their remaining PTO to move/transition to their next stage. Two new fellowships will begin on July 1 – GIM/Health Equity and Medical Informatics. Other new fellowships being planned include Congenital Heart Disease and Interventional Pulmonology. Pursuant to your feedback, Dr. Colleen Sam has made the following change to PRIME Pre-Op:

"It is agreed going forward in July 2022, that the pre-ops will NOT be done in PRIME unless it is the residents' own patient who is going to surgery. The VA Primary care (PACT) providers will do their own [pre-op evaluation] for any patient going to surgery."

Your feedback and suggestions work! Thank you for making useful observations and thoughtful suggestions. As you know, we piloted a new evaluation matching system for the Parkland MICU – known as RIS (residents identifies supervisor) to create a more logical match for a faculty member to evaluate you and thereby obviate erroneous automated evaluation delivery. Our initial data suggest that we had fewer evaluations completed than we usually do. I would like to speak to those of you who have rotated at the Parkland MICU to ascertain if RIS was any better than the automated delivery system. I will also reach out to the faculty to gauge their satisfaction with RIS. The evaluation system is a beast to manage, and we are continuously looking for better solutions with the aim of providing you timely and constructive feedback.



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It is getting warmer but it's still fun to be outdoors. I hope you are enjoying your days off.

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