

Medical Students, Residents Receive Insufficient EHR Training: AMA

Medical students and residents are not effectively using electronic health records because they continue to receive insufficient training on the systems as part of their formal professional education. That's the contention of the American Medical Association, whose policymaking body—AMA's House of Delegates—met recently at its annual meeting and adopted a new policy that encourages medical schools and residency programs to “design clinical documentation and electronic health records (EHR) training that provides evaluative feedback regarding the value and effectiveness of the training, and, where necessary, make modifications to improve the training.”

In addition, the nation's largest physician group wants to see medical schools and residency programs “provide clinical documentation and EHR training that can be evaluated and demonstrated as useful in clinical practice” and to “provide EHR professional development resources for faculty to assure appropriate modeling of EHR use during physician-patient interactions.”

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ASPMA Provides Educational Opportunities for Its Members

The ASPMA (American Society of Podiatric Medical Assistants) is an organization of podiatric medical assistants with over 1400 members whose purpose is to improve the profession of podiatric medical assisting by providing educational opportunities for its members, which allow them the privilege of attaining certification in either the clinical or admin-

Podiatrists Serve on Medical Mission Trip to Honduras



Honduras Medical Mission

Drs. Neal Kramer (Bethlehem, PA), Brittany Mayer (PGY-2 Resident at DVA Maryland/Rubin Institute for Advanced Orthopedics) and Shaun Latshaw (MS4, TUSPM) recently joined a team of physicians, wound care specialists, an oral surgeon, nurses, and support staff on a medical mission trip to La Entrada de Copan, Honduras. In one week, the medical mission team saw and treated over 600 patients throughout the villages of La Entrada de Copan and at the Manos Amigas Clinic, while the podiatric surgery team provided patients with all aspects of podiatric care, including surgical intervention and wound care.

Partnering with “Serving at the Crossroads” and the Honduran NGO, the mission's purpose is to not only treat and serve those less fortunate, but to also educate the physicians and staff at the Manos Amigas clinic for long-term patient care and sustainability. With the generosity of product donations from gSource Surgical Instrumentation, MiMedx, Organogenesis, local sponsors via monetary donations, and the First Presbyterian Church of Allentown, the mission was a great success.

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