

AAOT Committee of Residences and Equivalent Systems

Our Committee is aimed at acknowledging medical residents' conditions in terms of income, activities and preferences during their formative years. There have been several attempts and, along these lines, diverse surveys have been seeking to collect these or similar data. In the 2014 AAOT Congress, we carried out a preliminary survey with the result of 111 medical residents' answers. In the 2015 Congress, we conducted the survey again improving contents for all those who attended the Residents Congress and succeeding with greater participation: 299 answers, what means a 63%-increase as compared to the previous year.

We used a self-administered form that was handed out among the residents who attended the AAOT Residents Congress. We pursued to gather information about: institutional jurisdiction, geographical area, pre-graduate average marks, way of access to the position, motivation and selection criteria, previous options, number of exams taken, Residence duration, validation and satisfaction, as well as possible under-populated Residences.

Out of this survey we pursued to gather information about the Residences acknowledged by the AAOT and, therefore, within the framework of Departments of Orthopedics already acknowledged. In these records there currently are 101 Orthopedics Residences acknowledged by the AAOT, which are made up of 1034 residents. In view of this information we concluded that Orthopedics training is received within public institutions in 70% of the cases, and that fewer than 30% of the residents get training at public centers.

Finally, although the analysis of these data is encouraging, it is worrying that sometimes residents are lacking at some training stages—Residences fully populated represent only 55%. Reasons vary, from resignations to lack of applicants.

This year we used the yearly pre-enrollment for the 2016 Argentine Orthopedics Congress to carry out the survey again—this time it was an online survey with a result of 495 answers. Moreover, we will be working at the Residents Congress for those ones who have not responded to the survey yet.

We ask for all the residents to participate in the survey, because the spread of the information we can gather will allow us to acknowledge all our members. Moreover, it will be possible for the AAOT authorities to somehow get acquainted with our youngsters educational status—that of our future specialists in Orthopedics.

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