State ACR Chapter Initiative to Engage Trainees in Advocacy, Quality Improvement and Healthcare Economics Education
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Trainee involvement in the ACR at the local and national level remains a high priority for the organization.

Trainees may not be aware of opportunities to engage or the importance of involvement.
Goal

Offer a novel model for ACR state chapters to cultivate trainee engagement with the ACR.
Methods

A state ACR chapter provided funding to a local academic institution.

A collaborative team of members of the academic institution and state chapter leadership was formed.

The team recruited nationally recognized speakers with ties to the ACR to deliver presentations on the high priority topics, which were presented virtually. All residents from the state were invited to attend.

Attendance was recorded and post-lecture evaluation data were collected through voluntary anonymous surveys.
Presentation Topics

- The ACR and how residents can get involved
- Billing and payment models in radiology
- Advocacy and leadership
- Quality improvement and peer learning
Results

+ To date, two of four planned sessions have been completed.

+ The session “ACR/resident involvement” was attended by 37 individuals; 9 completed the survey. **89% would recommend** the session to a colleague, **100%** felt the material was **appropriate for level of training**, and **78%** were **likely to pursue additional learning** in the area.

+ The session “Billing and Imaging Economics” was attended by 20 individuals; 8 completed the survey. **100% would recommend** the session to a colleague, **100%** felt that the material was **appropriate for level of training**, and **78%** were **likely to pursue additional learning** in the area.
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Survey Results

- Total survey respondents: 9
- Number of respondents likely to pursue additional learning on topic: 8
- Number of respondents agreeing material was appropriate for level of training on topic: 9
- Number of respondents who would recommend session to a colleague: 9

Legend:
- Session 1: Intro to ACR (37 total attendees)
- Session 2: Billing/Payment Models (20 total attendees)
Survey respondents were given the opportunity to list areas of interest for future presentation topics, including:

- “minimizing waste”
- “contract negotiation”
- “midlevel/RA use”
- “the state of radiology with corporate radiology vs private practice.”
Conclusions

- Trainees are eager to learn about the ACR and its initiatives.
- State chapters can provide support to in-state training programs to increase ACR engagement at the local and national level.
- Education in partnership with ACR-affiliated field experts on a quarterly basis is a feasible method to incorporate non-interpretive skills education into the radiology residency curriculum.
Questions?

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