
Council of Emergency Medicine Residency Directors/*Academic Emergency Medicine* Supplement - The Inaugural Edition

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of you to the first Council of Emergency Medicine Residency Directors (CORD)/*Academic Emergency Medicine* (AEM) supplement. This inaugural edition is the culmination of more than 2 years of investigation and work. It is through the cooperation of members of CORD and AEM that this was made possible.

The entire process started at dinner in New Orleans at the 2007 CORD Academic Assembly. I had mentioned to a few of the CORD board members that I felt CORD and its members had matured substantially and that we should have our own peer-reviewed journal. I tried to justify my request by reiterating some of the facts. Emergency medicine (EM) had grown as a specialty, not only in numbers of practicing physicians, but also in numbers of residency programs. The amount of private and public funding of EM research had grown exponentially over the years, resulting in more and higher quality manuscripts. The number of training programs (149 at the time of this writing) and CORD membership had also grown substantially. However, the numbers of EM peer-reviewed journals had not grown at the same pace. As a result, educators were finding it more challenging to publish education-related materials in the existing EM journals.

The following day, the CORD Board of Directors met and discussed my proposal. Phil Shayne called me later that day and charged me with the task of investigating the feasibility of starting a new CORD journal. Over the next year, I spoke with multiple publishing companies in the United States and Europe. It soon became evident that the best route was to join with an existing journal. Several were interested, but it soon became evident that AEM was the best choice. AEM is a highly respected EM journal, with a long history of commitment to academics, research, and education. I, along with several CORD board members, David Cone (AEM Editor-In-Chief), John Burton (AEM Senior Associate Editor for Education), and several AEM staff finalized the agreement at the 2009 Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Annual Meeting in New Orleans. The announcement was made public at the CORD meeting that same week.

The goals of the supplement are to highlight selected abstracts from the CORD Academic Assembly and to publish consensus and position papers that reflect the collective wisdom and vision of CORD members. In addition, we hope to highlight education-related research, concepts, and editorials. The Clerkship Directors of Emergency Medicine (CDEM) have also expressed an interest in contributing to the supplement. In addition to the supplement, AEM will continue to highlight education-related research in AEM periodically. (Editor's Note: see the September 2009 issue for focus on educational research.)

I, along with the CORD Board of Directors, would like to thank David Cone, John Burton, and the AEM staff for being so supportive of this concept. EM educators now have an avenue to publish our work in a prestigious journal. I would also like to thank all the authors who sent in manuscripts for this supplement on such short notice. Enclosed you will find several excellent manuscripts and abstracts. Should you have any suggestions on how to improve the supplement, please feel free to contact the AEM editorial staff, a group that now includes a position for a CORD-designated liaison: the CORD Consulting Editor.

The CORD/AEM supplement is a wonderful opportunity for educators. The CORD community looks forward to a long and productive relationship with AEM.

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