

Summary of the PALT track for New Residents

I. Application

A. Applicants submit a one page statement of interest - Two interns from each incoming class are selected to participate in the track.

II. Expectations

A. NYSAFP commissions - PALT residents will be assigned to one of six commissions of the NYSAFP and will be expected to participate in three cluster meetings per year and an Albany lobby day for which the residency will help support financially and allow protected time off from rotations.

B. Longitudinal community medicine project - Residents should expect to contribute to the enhancement of the track.

1) Contribute to the goals and objectives of the track as they develop using Black board as mechanism of curriculum development, common communication tool, and method of passing leadership along to subsequent residency classes

2) Resolution writing

3) Intern presentation during Community Medicine - education of peers regarding lobbying, NYSAFP involvement and political process

C. Rochester Chapter of NYSAFP - PALT residents are responsible for communicating and involving community mentorship of the Rochester Chapter of NYSAFP.

1) The chapter is open to non-PALT residents and is intended to involve a broader base of residents in local healthcare issues.

D. Resident Updates – After cluster meetings, lobby days and national conferences, PALT residents are expected to report on activities to the residency via email and FRIC.

III. Inspiration

The PALT track is intended to inspire ongoing involvement among Family Medicine physicians in their local, state and national AFP and government for the purpose of improving our health care system. We are unique in the medical field in Family Medicine due to our commitment to patient centered care, and in that capacity called to represent our patients and our specialty during this time of health care change. The above list of expectations and seemingly mundane proceedings of committee meetings are a mechanism for building alliances in order become a stronger force for healthcare reform.