Progressive Evaluation of Competency (PEC) Committee

Description: The Progressive Evaluation of Competency (PEC) Committee updates and monitors the sequential examinations offered to cytopathology fellows (PEC for Fellows) and pathology residents (PEC for Residents).

Responsibilities
- Perform an annual inventory of the pool of questions.
- Complete an audit of the pool of questions and eliminate or ameliorate flawed questions.
- Increase the question pool by approximately 150 questions per year (aim for at least 10 questions per committee member per year).
- Disseminate and follow guidelines for developing and writing good questions.
- Solicit questions from sources outside of committee members (e.g., Annual Scientific Meeting faculty, Cytoeconference presenters, members of other committees) as needed.
- Monitor the effectiveness of the PEC exams by evaluating exam metrics.
- Survey participants and implement improvements based on feedback.
- Declare and avoid conflict of interest by ensuring there is no overlap of PEC members with those on certifying organization examination committees or board review courses.
- Provide an annual summary to the Executive Board that lists how the PEC for Fellows and PEC for Residents exams are assembled; an inventory of the pool of questions (total number of questions, number of questions by category, number of new questions, etc.); the number of new questions added in the last year, a summary of the evaluations by participants; a summary of exam metrics, and the results of the audit of the pool (number of questions deleted vs. retained).
- Consider having committee members volunteer to take the examinations and provide feedback to the committee.

2018-2019 Initiatives
- Design a practice examination for cytotechnologists using existing resources to be provided at a reduced cost (in coordination with Product Innovation Committee).
- Continue evaluation and re-formattting of questions to ensure compliance with current concepts of adult education and evaluation.
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