

## **How to Develop and Grow as a Program Director**

- **AAAAI** – the Program Director Assembly is the best avenue for involvement. The PDA meets annually in early January for a one-day meeting. Topics include learning strategies, review of previous match data, opportunities for small group discussions. Additionally, at AAAAI there is usually a ½ to full day devoted to Program Directors.
- **ACAAI** – There is a Program Director Committee at the ACAAI. This committee discusses creating opportunities for fellows and has liaison with the FIT committee.
- **ACGME** – The ACGME has an annual meeting that can be valuable. As it encompasses all training programs, there is an opportunity to get new ideas, see how large and small programs across the country deal with specific challenges.
  - All new PD/APDs should attend the ACGME annual meeting for orientation and education regarding the PD role.
- **Listserv** – All program directors are part of an email chain. This is an opportunity to quickly get the opinion of a large group of PDs. If you have a question about something, it is likely that several others have a similar question and that someone else has the answer!

### **Links:**

AAAAI PDA page: <https://www.aaaai.org/professional-education/program-directors>

AAAAI PDA Toolbox: <https://education.aaaai.org/tpdtoolbox/group/program-directors-assembly-toolbox>