



Discussion Forum Guidelines

The AFMRD discussion forum was created as a safe place for members of the organization to communicate with others facing the same issues, problems, experiences, celebrations, heartaches, and opportunities. It is one of the most valued member benefits.

Those with access to the discussion forum as approved by the AFMRD Board of Directors:

- All program director members
- All associate program director members
- All associate members (includes former program directors)
- All AFMRD staff
- Senior Leadership and Management in the AAFP's Division of Medical Education (AFMRD contracts with the AAFP for executive and staff services).

Rules & Etiquette:

Only information which can be expected to be of interest to AFMRD members by virtue of its relevance to either (1) issues in graduate medical education or (2) AFMRD related activities should be posted.

- Due to anti-trust laws AFMRD does not allow discussion forum posts related to:
 - Compensation
 - Prices
 - Discounts
 - Terms of sale
 - Profits or profit margins
 - Cost data
- Do not post any information, software or other material protected by copyright, patent, trademark, trade secret or other proprietary right without the permission of the rights owner.
- Do not post any false, inaccurate, misleading, defamatory, tortuous, abusive, threatening, harassing, profane, obscene, offensive, pornographic, hateful, infringing, anti-competitive, or illegal information or materials.
- Do not post messages selling products, political campaigning or endorsement, or promoting commercial or other ventures.
- Comments that are racist, sexist, abusive, profane, violent, obscene, or that libel, incite, threaten, make personal attacks, or otherwise fail to comply with the AFMRD Discussion Forum Guidelines are prohibited.

- Job postings are allowed only for positions in the family medicine residency program. Please remember there is a job board on the AFMRD website. To post job listings there click [here](#).
- Surveys are not allowed beyond those within standard AFMRD operations (periodic member surveys, salary survey, quick hitters, or surveys related to urgent issues impacting members). Surveys generated by AFMRD members, intended for external dissemination, should survey through [CERA: the CAFM Educational Research Alliance](#).
- The AFMRD accepts no responsibility for the opinions and information posted by users. If any inappropriate posting is brought to the AFMRD's attention, the AFMRD has the right, but not the obligation, to remove all or part of the posting and/or terminate a user's access to AFMRD Communities. AFMRD reserves the right to reveal your identity (or whatever information it may know about you) in the event of a complaint or legal action arising from any content posted by you.
- The AFMRD Executive Director may modify, suspend, or discontinue, on a temporary or permanent basis, any AFMRD community and discussion forum participation at any time for any reason. All rights of termination shall be within the sole discretion of the AFMRD.
- **Reply to the individual alone**, without contacting the entire membership when appropriate. Individual email addresses may be found by scrolling to the bottom of the email (see below) or by searching the [AFMRD Member Directory](#).

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