



Caucus Spotlight



Name: Subspecialty Caucus

Chair: Carrie Ernst, MD

Charge: This group's role is to represent the needs of subspecialty programs. The caucus members liaise with subspecialty organizations and represent the opinions of fellowship directors from those organizations. The caucus also monitors trends in subspecialty applications and helps with recruitment to the specialties.

Initiatives and projects:

- Complete annual updates of the "How and Why to Apply" documents for subspecialty fellowships.
- Annual webinars for General PDs to provide updates on the subspecialty application process.
- Develop periodic webinars focused on subspecialty training issues.
- Create a "tip of the month" email series focused on subspecialty areas.
- Collaborate with AADPRT mentorship committee to expand one-time career consultations to subspecialty-focused topics, such as starting a new fellowship or improving fellowship recruitment.
- Continue to work with AADPRT leadership regarding concerns about subspecialty PD and coordinator support time.
- Continue to work with AADPRT Recruitment Committee to discuss strategies for increasing subspecialty recruitment.

How do you join the committee?

Since this is a caucus, not a committee, there isn't a specific process for joining. Feel free to come to any scheduled meetings and/or email the caucus chair [Carrie Ernst](#) if you would like to get more involved or have ideas for caucus activities.

What skills are you looking for in new members?

There is no specific skill set - only an interest in working collaboratively with residency training directors to represent the needs and viewpoints of the psychiatric subspecialties within the organization.

What is the time commitment for committee members?

No minimum time commitment - can be involved as desired.

What positions are available to committee members?

Future subspecialty caucus chair.