A novel didactic method for specialist presentations to emergency medicine residents

“Consultant Chat”

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BUT some specialists have little appreciation for the challenges inherent in EM practice

- Presentations may address topics that are relevant to their practice (but outside the scope of EM)
Activation of factor X initiates the first step of the common pathway.

- ** Intrinsc Pathway**
  - Damaged Surface
  - Kininogen Kallikrein
  - XI → XII → XIIa
  - IX → IXa → X

- **Extrinsic Pathway**
  - Trauma
  - VIIa → VIIIa
  - Va
  - Prothrombin (II) → Thrombin (IIa)
  - Fibrinogen (I) → Fibrin (Ia) → XIIIa

**Final Common Pathway**
- Cross-linked fibrin clot
EM Residency leaders feel challenged in giving constructive feedback to speakers from outside departments.

Many specialists are contributing their time without contractual requirements or personal benefit.
Objectives

- Create a novel didactic format for expert consultants that are frequently consulted by the ED
- Motivate specialists to share knowledge with our residents that will impact patient care (and may even prevent unnecessary phone calls from the ED)
- Meet the educational needs of our EM residents without delving into issues outside the scope of EM
Expert consultants are selected by the senior EM residents. Invited to come have a “chat” with our residents.
No presentation is prepared
They simply answer questions from our residents
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- How would you expect us to approach “x” presentation?
- Under what circumstances would you want to be called in the middle of the night?
- What is your biggest “gripe” about things that you have seen from the ED?
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- Greatly fostered collaboration with our specialists from other departments
- Specialists feel honored to be selected by the residents and there is minimal time commitment on their part
- Informal atmosphere is engaging for all parties
- Residents drive the discussion to meet their education needs and derive maximal value from the session
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- Collaborator
- Communicator
- Professional
- Medical Expert
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