Attention: Directors-In-Training!

The Director Training Review and Credentialing Committee (DTRC), in addition to its role in evaluating future HLA Laboratory Directors, provides general follow up and guidance to candidates at different stages of their training. One important aspect of any HLA Laboratory Director Training Program is the preparation of a portfolio of clinical cases to be submitted to the DTRC for assessment of the candidate’s competency as a future HLA Laboratory Director. Although the DTRC provides candidates with a standardized and comprehensive template to be used for detailed case submission, differences in case contents exist from one candidate to another. The quality of cases submitted by candidates is often a major factor that will shape the oral interview by committee members who review portfolios.

In an effort to help directors in-training prepare their portfolios, the DTRC has asked newly-approved candidates, who submitted outstanding portfolio cases to share them. Some of these cases are presented in a new ASHI-U module, named “Volume 6” at https://www.ashi-u.com/. They are intended to provide directors in-training with examples of case build-ups that meet or exceed portfolio reviewer expectations.

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