



FEBRUARY 2023

- Watch for ABS EPA app membership agreements slated to be coming from SIMPL Collaborative
- Encourage PDs and RAs to attend [webinar on mapping of EPAs to rotation structure](#) scheduled for **February 22**
- Encourage faculty and residents attending Academic Surgical Congress or ACGME meetings scheduled for this month to attend EPA sessions
- Remind PDs, RAs and faculty about Surgical Education Week (SEW) in April
- Continue to recruit [ABS EPA Program Champions](#) if not already in place
- Share background information about EPAs available on ABS website with faculty, including recorded introductory webinars and town halls from November 2022 and January 2023, video clips on key themes and questions, literature references for journal clubs and other purposes, and FAQs
- Consider scheduling a grand rounds or other event on EPAs — *ABS team can provide recommendations for available speakers*

MARCH 2023

- Encourage faculty and residents to attend [town hall](#) scheduled for **March 1**
- Encourage attendance at [EPA 'walkthrough' webinar](#) **overviewing all general surgery EPAs** scheduled for **March 22** — *Note: most virtual events are recorded and can be viewed asynchronously on the ABS website*
- Monitor progress with ABS EPA app membership agreements

APRIL 2023

- SEW programming to include two workshops, panel discussions, unopposed breakfast meeting on EPAs, presentation on EPAs to ARAS, and demonstration of app interface
- Approved full suite of general surgery EPAs will be available at SEW for review
- Encourage attendance at [PD/RA implementation webinar](#) scheduled for **April 19**
- Encourage attendance at [webinar on faculty, resident and program development materials](#) **scheduled for April 27**, and begin use of materials which will be provided to programs in April-June time frame
- *Note: beta testing of pre-launch version of app will be in progress April-May time frame at select sites*
- For programs who anticipate being unable to use provided app for legal reasons, begin process of developing an alternative strategy for data collection at your site using EPA suite developed and provided by ABS
- With Program Champions' help, map 18 EPAs to services where they are likely to be used in your program

MAY 2023

- Make sure app membership agreements are finalized
- RAs to get end users registered for app use — *Note: we hope to automate some of this from existing ABS and ACGME faculty and resident program databases if approved to do so*
- Use development materials provided by ABS for faculty, residents, RAs and PDs to prepare them for launch in July
- Encourage attendance at [EPA app technology webinar](#) which will detail app use and functions scheduled for May 3
- If unable to use ABS-sponsored EPA app at your institution, attend [webinar for programs in that scenario](#) (we hope and trust very rare) on May 17
- Possible 'train the trainer' session to be scheduled for Program Champions and others interested (virtual likely two-hour event)

JUNE 2023

- Encourage attendance at [webinar for new interns](#) scheduled for June 14
- Finalize any registration of end users for app use
- Continue use of development materials for faculty, residents, RAs, and PDs
- Possible repeat of 'train the trainer' virtual session as mentioned in May

JULY 2023 AND FOLLOWING

- Launch of general surgery EPAs nationwide
- Coaching and support on development and implementation will be ongoingly available from ABS, and app support from the SIMPL Collaborative
- **GOAL OF FIRST YEAR IS PROGRESSIVE ENGAGEMENT**
- ABS will monitor program utilization and assist with focused development and best practice efforts
- Provide feedback via Program Champions, PDs, RAs or other representatives to facilitate meaningful utilization
- As data accumulates, use dashboards for specific groups including faculty, residents, program overseers, and CCCs for cumulative formative feedback on and assessment of resident progress
- Watch for further timelines and updates from ABS via email and website and other announcements over course of 2023-24 academic year