

David C. Leach Award



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About the project:

RITE Review Activity: We identified areas for improvement on the yearly RITE exam, and used this to develop 3 “questions of the week” using graphics, EMGs, EEGs. This year's RITE scores will be our outcome metric for this project.

Neurology Boot Camp: Consisting of a one-week intensive training period, which includes didactics, simulations, and reviews led by a variety of senior residents and faculty were developed and implemented in the first week of July 2018. PGY2s (first year neurology residents) were exempt from clinical responsibilities during this week. Surveys were distributed to both residents and faculty several months after the boot camp was held to assess comfort level, utility of the week, and faculty perception of preparedness of these residents in comparison to residents in prior years of training. Among responding residents (n=6), impressions were positive. All felt more comfortable in the topics discussed, with greater benefit derived from interactive sessions (such as those for the neurological exam) than from lecture-based sessions. Faculty (n=16) reported an improvement in preparation for the wards, clinics and consults, with particular gains in exam quality and knowledge of neuroanatomy.