

Northwestern Emergency Medicine Residency Alumni News Update

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FICA Refund for the Classes of 2001-2005

In 2001, the University of Minnesota sued the IRS claiming that residents are students, not employees, and are therefore not subject to FICA taxes. The IRS recently announced it will issue refunds for FICA taxes paid on resident and fellow stipends for tax periods ending before April 1, 2005. McGaw began filing claims on January 1, 2001, thus all McGaw residents who trained between January 1, 2001 and April 1, 2005 are eligible for the refund. For more details about the IRS decision, click [here](#).

What's Next?

Right now you do not need to do anything to receive your refund. McGaw is working with Ernst and Young to facilitate FICA claims, and you will be contacted in September regarding the details of your payment. Please feel free to contact Ernst and Young at (888) 449-0016 with any questions.

What you *can* do right now is **help us track down your missing classmates**. These alums may have changed mailing or email addresses since graduating and we are unable to reach them. Without current contact information, they will not receive their FICA refund. If you are in contact with any of the following alums, please ask them to contact Residency Coordinator Jill Craig at emedres@northwestern.edu with their current information:

Sara Flora (Dyer)	Trevor Hamilton	Jeff Klein	Swagata Mandal
Kendall Hall	Jennifer Kolodchak	John Leung	Scott Nagely

Looking Ahead—Refunds for 2005 to the Present

Together, The Mayo Foundation and the University of Minnesota have brought *Mayo v US* to the US Supreme Court for review. A ruling in favor of Mayo would exempt residents and fellows from FICA taxes from April 2005 to the present and, since McGaw has continued to file protective claims, this would mean a refund for all post- April 2005 residents. Please keep us updated if your contact information changes. We are keeping our fingers crossed for a refund!

Five Year Reunion: Attention Class of 2006!

The Northwestern EM Residency is excited to establish a new alumni tradition. Each year, the program will host a table of alums from the graduating class of five years prior at Residency Graduation. We hope the event will serve as an opportunity for alums to stay connected to their classmates as well as the faculty, students, and alumni of our program. More details are soon to come. For our first annual five year reunion, we look forward to celebrating the Class of 2006!

Please join us for these upcoming events:

ACEP Scientific Assembly

Sept. 28– Oct 1
Mandalay Bay Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, Nevada

September Grand Rounds

Wednesday, Sept. 15 2010
Dr. Alan Jones
Carolinas Medical Center

October Grand Rounds

Wednesday, Oct. 20 2010
Dr. Gus Garmel
Stanford University

Grand Rounds will be presented at:
Northwestern Memorial Hospital
251 East Huron, Feinberg Pavilion
Pritzker Auditorium, 10a-11a



ACEP Dinner — Please join us!
Tuesday, September 28, 7:30pm
Diego— Fine Dining Mexican Cuisine
MGM Grand Hotel & Casino
3799 Las Vegas Boulevard South
\$50—All are welcome
Please make checks payable to
'Northwestern Emergency Medicine'
Please RSVP to Jill Craig by Sept. 21
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