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NEW POLICY FOR REQUESTING ENROLLMENT CERTIFICATES:

Starting 1st November 2011 all students must go to the school website under Downloads to obtain the Enrollment Certificate Request Form. This form must be filled out in its entirety and either mailed to the Chicago, e-mailed to info@mail.sjsm.org, or faxed to 847-298-2539. Please allow a processing time of 3-5 business days.

RESIDENCY

We are very proud to announce that this year we have 62 students applying for residency through ERAS and 12 students applying in Canada through CARMS. We wish them good luck in the match!

The Clinical Department reminds students to take clinical evaluation exam within a week of completing every core rotation. Please contact Oscar Andrade at oscar@mail.sjsm.org to set up your account in order to take this exam.

STUDENT RECORD RELEASE FORM

Student's privacy is a priority at SJSM. In order to help prevent the misuse of student's information and records, SJSM has introduced a Student Record Release Form. This form can be found on the student portal and is required to be filled out by a student who would like their financial and academic records released to a third party (parent/guardian, family member, etc). Please notify anyone calling the school on your behalf, that before we can discuss any of the individual student's information, this form must be submitted, by the student, to the Registrar's office.



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SJSM SPONSORS LITERACY PROJECT IN ANGUILLA

The Government of Anguilla's Ministry of Health and Social Development has an ongoing campaign to promote literacy among the population and to encourage people within the community to read more books. This is done by displaying literacy messages on large billboards and posters that are displayed in prominent locations in and around the capital of Anguilla, The Valley. SJSM is pleased to announce its support of this endeavor by sponsoring a billboard that is now on display along the Longpath Road.

STUDENT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Aside from spending a lot of time studying and passing exams, students of SJSM still find time on daily basis to participate in the local community and give back to the people on their respective islands. An example of such involvement in Bonaire is a research project being conducted by an SJSM student. The project monitors changes in body mass and other dimensions while the patients eat a modified (high fish-content) diet. This research is being conducted in collaboration with the Bonaire Diabetic Clinic. In addition, SJSM-Bonaire students have been invited by the Health and Hygiene Department in Bonaire to participate in a clinic aimed to help the elderly population of Bonaire.

In Anguilla, SJSM students are active volunteers at Red Cross Foundation. Students have also participated in the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk-A-Thon and have organized field trips to become more familiar with fellow students and Island life in general. All clubs (Student Government, AMSA and Adventure-Anguilla Club) are fully active and functional, as well as various bake sales which are organized to raise funds for future Student Government/School activities.

SJSM SALUTES US VETERANS ON VETERANS DAY

Friday the 11th of November was Veterans Day and Saint James salutes all veterans among its staff and student body. This day is especially meaningful to us this year because SJSM is now approved for VA loans, which opens the doors for veterans to pursue their dream of becoming a physician with financial assistance from the VA. We expect to see a marked increase in veterans in the student population in the coming years. Also, we'd like to salute our own Director of Planning, Fred Weyer, who is himself a veteran, for his many years of service in the US Army.

CASE OF THE MONTH

A 63 year old man experienced burning pain in the extremities for three months punctuated by bouts of vomiting and diarrhea. He was married to a woman whose first husband died under mysterious circumstances. Examination revealed glove and stocking sensory loss affecting all modalities but no weakness. Ankle jerks were absent. Examination of his nails ([Figure 1](#)) was diagnostically helpful. Which of the following statements is/are false?

- A:** The hand changes are pathogenic.
- B:** Sensory symptoms usually precede motor deficits.
- C:** Laboratory confirmation of the diagnosis is straightforward.
- D:** Treatment is of proven benefit.

Click [here](#) for the answer



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