



CPT Sudip Bose (right) scored highest in the nation on the exam for third-year emergency medicine residents, while CPT David Coffin (left) had the second-highest score. Both are in training at Fort Hood, Texas, MEDDAC.

Hood emergency residents earn top scores in nation

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Residents in Fort Hood, Texas, MEDDAC's emergency medicine residency program scored the *highest in the nation on the annual in-training exam* given by the American Board of Emergency Medicine.

This is the third year in a row the program has earned top honors by scoring the highest of 122 civilian and military emergency medicine residency programs, including programs such as Yale and Harvard.

Two third-year residents scored highest and second highest in the nation. CPT Sudip Bose scored the highest average of 3,650 residents who took the test by correctly answering 97 percent of the questions. CPT David Coffin followed closely behind by missing only two more of the 227 questions.

Bose credits his fellow residents and the faculty for helping him earn the top spot. He lives next door to Coffin, who said the two have been studying throughout the year for the exam.

"This just shows what a great program we have here. This isn't an exam you can cram for. It takes regular dedication and focus. On any given day, any one of us could be number one;

we learn a lot from each other," said Bose.

Bose also helped first and second year residents score the highest in their class by organizing review sessions and spending much of his free time helping them prepare.

"Dr. Bose really helped our class out and he did most of it on his own time," said CPT Jake Roberts, a first year intern who scored the second highest in the nation on the first-year exam.

Almost all emergency medicine residency programs take the exam, said MAJ Ben Harrison, program coordinator.

"Although this is just a test, it's really a reflection of their clinical skills and core knowledge base. Many people think these residents are just trainees, but they are doctors and an integral part of (the) health-care team. This test shows they're able to translate what they've learned into superior patient care," he said.

"We have a top-notch residency program because we provide great training and our residents work hard. With the busiest community hospital in the Army, you have to know your stuff and you have to be on your toes," said Harrison. (Fort Hood MEDDAC)