

SURGICAL OUTCOMES CLUB



Quarterly Newsletter - February 2015

Surgical Outcomes Club (SOC) is a consortium of surgeons and scientists interested in advancing health services and outcomes research in surgery. SOC provides a virtual and real meeting place for investigators addressing some of the most pressing clinical and policy issues facing the surgical profession today. This quarterly newsletter is meant to be a forum through which SOC members can communicate items of interest to fellow members.

Research Fellowship Program Named in Honor of Michael Zinner, MD, FACS



The Research Fellowship Program is now named in honor of Michael J. Zinner, MD, in thanks for his outstanding mentorship of the Surgical Outcomes Club.

Ten years ago, Dr. Zinner generously sponsored our first organized meeting, which led to development of bylaws and creation of a leadership committee.

In our second year, Dr. Zinner again sponsored what has come to be our annual meeting, which permitted the group to launch successfully as an independent club. The Michael Zinner Health Services Research Fellowship provides an avenue for young investigators to acquire the skills and knowledge to develop, execute and publish research studies in the field of surgical outcomes and health services research under the guidance of high quality mentors and advisors, external to their home institutions. This one-year fellowship will match awardees with an established SOC member who will provide mentoring and guidance in the completion of an outcomes research project.

Check the SOC website for additional details about the program. We encourage trainees and junior faculty to apply. <http://www.surgicaloutcomesclub.com/fellowship-program>. Application Deadline: Friday, May 29

SOC-GBI Representative Added to The Board of Directors

Following a vote by the Board of Directors, bylaws were changed to stipulate that the President will appoint a representative member of our sister group, the Surgical Outcomes Club of Great Britain and Ireland (SOC-GBI) to a 2-year term on the board. We are pleased to announce the addition of Wendy Craig, BSc, MPH, MD, FRCS, as a member of the SOC-USA Board of Directors. This position is renewable once.

Board of Directors Positions

The Board of Directors of the Surgical Outcomes Club will be soliciting nominations for individuals to fill two vacancies, including one at-large member and one resident member of the Board. Board members serve three-year terms and may be re-elected for a second term. The resident member serves a two-year term.

We appreciate your assistance in identifying individuals, including yourself, who are interested in serving the SOC membership through this leadership role.

Nominations will be vetted by the SOC Board of Directors, and all active members will vote on the election of the new Board Members at the SOC Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 4.

To submit a nomination, please contact the SOC Administrator for the appropriate forms. Nominees must be an active member and confirm their willingness to serve prior to submitting the nomination.

2015 Annual Meeting Keynote Speaker

The Eleventh Annual Meeting and Scientific Session of the Surgical Outcomes Club will be held October 4, 2015 in Chicago, IL.



Jane L. Holl, MD, MPH is the Mary Harris Thompson, MD Professor, Professor of Pediatrics and Preventive Medicine at the Feinberg School of Medicine where she directs the Center for Healthcare and Medicine. Dr. Holl also is a faculty member of the MS in Healthcare Quality and Patient Safety and the MS in Health Services and Outcomes Research, is PI of an AHRQ-funded, post-doctoral and Co-PI of an

AHRQ-funded, pre-doctoral, training programs, and co-directs the Integrated Fellowship in Health Services and Outcomes Research. Dr. Holl has extensive patient safety and quality of care experience as the Medical Director and, now, Senior Advisor for Patient Safety at the Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, for over 8 years. Dr. Holl has been PI and co-PI on numerous federally-funded patient safety and healthcare quality grants.

Upcoming Didactic Sessions

Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. (EST)

“Fulfilling the Promise of Surgical Outcomes Research: Using Implementation and Improvement Science to Improve Surgical Care”

Brian Mittman, PhD

Senior Advisor, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Center for Implementation Practice and Research Support, and Senior Scientist, Kaiser Permanente Department of Research and Evaluation.

Meeting information will be posted on the SOC website. If you missed a previous session, a recording is available on our website.

Upcoming Didactic Sessions:

- Thursday, April 23, 2015 featuring **Mayur Patel, MD, MPH**; Assistant Professor of Surgery; Assistant Professor of Neurological Surgery; Vanderbilt University and **Shipra Arya, MD, SM**; Assistant Professor of Surgery; Assistant Professor of Epidemiology; Emory University

Follow us on Twitter

Surgical Outcomes Club is now on Twitter and welcome followers. Please follow the subsequent link and keep connected with the latest discussions and thoughts regarding Surgical Outcomes Club.

<https://twitter.com/SurgOutcomes>

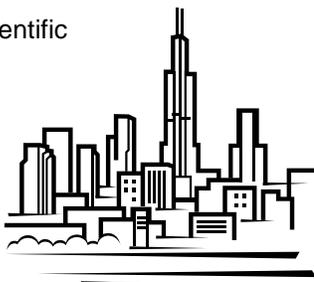
2015 Membership Dues

Membership in the SOC continues to grow and the success of our organization relies on expertise and participation from its members, including you. Payment can be made via credit card through SOC website or via check with instructions on the site <http://www.surgicaloutcomesclub.com/members>

If you have any questions, please contact SOC Administrator, Ashley Gay (agay@umich.edu).

Save the Date

The 2015 Annual Meeting and Scientific Session will be held **Sunday, October 4th in Chicago, Illinois**. The Board of Directors is already discussing plans for a great agenda and we welcome member suggestions!



New Opportunities

The opportunities page on the website is dedicated to posting of faculty position, leadership positions, fellowship opportunities, and analyst recruitments. To post an ad on this page, please contact the SOC Administrator, Ashley Gay, at agay@umich.edu

South Carolina Surgical Quality Collaborative Champion (posted 2/2015)

The Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, SC is recruiting a General Surgeon at the associate professor level to serve as Surgical Champion and lead the South Carolina Surgical Quality Collaborative (SCSQC), a newly funded statewide project whose mission is to utilize evidence-based process and outcome measures to develop best practices and improve outcomes in the stakeholder hospital group.

Interested candidates should visit the MUSC jobs page to apply online.

Chair and Professor, Department of Health Services, School of Public Health, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington (posted 1/2015)

The University of Washington School of Public Health seeks a visionary and effective leader to become the next Chair of the Department of Health Services. This department prepares future health practitioners, managers, and researchers to improve the well-being of communities in the U.S. and around the world. It collaborates with partners in public health and health care to train leaders, design solutions, and conduct innovative research that is translated into practice and policy.

Surgical Health Services Research Faculty (posted 01/2015) (Assistant or Associate or Full Professor)

The Department of Surgery is seeking a tenure track (or tenured) faculty member to join the rapidly growing Wisconsin Surgical Outcomes Research Program (WiSOR). The incumbent will be expected to have a strong research profile with funded research or demonstrated ability to acquire funded research. The ideal candidate will have experience in health services or outcomes research including administrative and other large database analyses, epidemiology, policy evaluation, quality measurement and improvement, cost and decision analysis, health-related quality of life and/or patient-centered outcomes.