

SURGICAL OUTCOMES CLUB



Quarterly Newsletter - March 2016

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.

Board of Directors Positions

The Board of Directors of the Surgical Outcomes Club will be soliciting nominations for individuals to fill three at-large vacancies. Board members serve three-year terms and may be re-elected for a second 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 16.

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.

Upcoming Didactic Sessions

Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. (ET)

"PATIENT ENGAGEMENT IN SURGICAL OUTCOMES RESEARCH"



Danielle C. Lavalley, PharmD, PhD
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Information regarding the didactic session will be posted on the SOC website. If you missed a previous session, a recording is available on our website. If you are interested in presenting at a future didactic session, please contact the SOC Administrator, Ashley Duby, at agay@umich.edu

Future Didactic Session Dates for 2016:



Thursday, April 21; featuring Rob Meguid, MD; University of Colorado

SAVE THE DATE!

2016 Annual Meeting

Sunday, October 16th
8 am – 3:00 pm (ET)
Lunch will be served

Location Washington, DC

Venue Association of American Medical Colleges
655 K Street, NW, Suite 100
Washington DC, 20001-2399



Two Themes Identified for the 2016 Annual Meeting

Two themes have been identified for the 2016 Annual Meeting and Scientific Session, which will be held on Sunday, October 16, 2016 in Washington, DC. Each theme will be the focus of a panel of speakers lasting about 90 minutes each. The two themes identified by the Board are:

- 1. Appropriateness** – research that examines or intervenes on overuse of underuse, and
- 2. Patient Reported Outcomes** – Innovations in measurement by patients and other related patient-level stakeholders used to evaluate the quality and effectiveness of surgical outcomes.

2016 Annual Meeting Keynote Speaker



John Spertus MD, MPH, FACC is a cardiologist and the Lauer/Missouri Endowed Chair and Professor of Medicine at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, where he serves as Clinical Director of Outcomes Research at Saint Luke's Mid America Heart Institute. His research activities led to his induction into the American Society of Clinical Investigation

in 2006, his receipt of the AHA Quality of Care and Outcomes Research Council's Distinguished Achievement Award, being named by Thompson Reuters as one of the most influential scientists in the world in 2014 and again in 2015, and being awarded the AHA QCOR Lifetime Achievement Award in 2015. He founded the Cardiovascular Outcomes Research Consortium and CV Outcomes, a non-profit corporation dedicated to advancing healthcare quality and outcomes research in cardiovascular disease and Health Outcomes Sciences, a biotechnology start-up to support the implementation of evidence-based, personalized medicine throughout the country. Dr. Spertus and his collaborators have published over 600 peer-reviewed articles and hold 6 patents.

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Michael Zinner Research Fellowship

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. **Application Deadline: Friday, May 27, 2016**

AcademyHealth Surgical and Perioperative Care Interest Group

AcademyHealth is the professional home and leading national organization for health services researchers, policymakers, and health care practitioners and stakeholders. Together with its members, AcademyHealth works to improve the health and the performance of the health system by supporting the production and use of evidence to inform policy and practice.

The Surgical and Perioperative Care Interest Group aims to bring together thought and opinion leaders in anesthesia, surgery, and nursing to share their ideas and ongoing research. This group can help build relationships outside our specialty societies and stimulate new, fruitful collaborations. **Please join us on Saturday, June 25, 2016 6:30 – 8:30 in Boston, Massachusetts**

New Opportunities

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

Fully Funded Outcomes & Health Services Research Fellowship Program through the Surgical Outcomes and Quality Improvement Center (SOQIC) Northwestern University's [Surgical Outcomes and Quality Improvement Center \(SOQIC\)](#) is offering a funded two-year onsite fellowship in surgical outcomes, health services, and health care policy research for surgical residents to pursue during their research years. The goal of the research fellowship is to help prepare surgical residents for a successful career in academic surgery by developing an expertise in surgical health services and outcomes research. Research fellows will spend a minimum of two years with the SOQIC research team conducting research, taking advanced degree courses, and working on developing a robust, meaningful research agenda. Research fellows will earn a Master's or PhD degree that best suits their needs through one of the programs offered at Northwestern. For additional information, please contact Remi Love remi-love@northwestern.edu, or visit the [Research Opportunities with SOQIC](#) link. **Applications are due May 15, 2016.**

Michigan Mixed Methods Research and Scholarship Program, Spring 2016 Mixed Methods Workshop.

The University of Michigan has created a new mixed methods research program called the Michigan Mixed Methods Research and Scholarship Program (M³RSP). This is an interdisciplinary program bringing together several scholars at Michigan with national/international expertise in mixed methods.

The following workshops will be held in Ann Arbor:

- March 31 – April 2, 2016; "Designing a Mixed Methods Project: An Interactive-Participatory Mixed Methods Workshop"
- July 14 – July 15, 2016; "Writing your Mixed Methods Research for Publication"
- November 10 – November 12, 2016' "Mixed Methods Research in Clinical Trials"

For more information, please contact Satoko Motohara (smotohar@umich.edu) or visit our website: <http://is.qd.michiganmixedmethods>

Registration is now open for the 2016 Ann Arbor Health Services Research Symposium.

The Symposium will be held on September 19 and 20, 2016 in Ann Arbor. This is the third biennial HSR Symposium. The theme this year is "Defining Excellence: Performance measurement in healthcare" with a particular focus on clinician measurement. The Symposium has an exciting agenda this year that will focus on why clinician measurement is important, innovations in measuring clinician quality, cost, and appropriateness, and how we will move from measurement to improvement.

Speakers already committed include:

- Caleb Stowell, MD; UCHOM
- Rob Glasgow, MD; University of Utah
- Paul Chan, MD; St. Luke's
- Skip Campbell, MD; University of Michigan
- Brian Jacobs, an expert on performance measurement of teachers

Please visit www.hsrsymposium.com for more information and to register for the Symposium.

Post-doctoral Position Available within the Michigan Mixed Methods and Scholarship Program.

The goal of this post-doctoral training position is to prepare future mixed methods research leaders. This 2-year position will involve working closely with Dr. Michael Fetters, Dr. John W Creswell and faculty and staff in the Mixed Methods Research Scholarship Program (M³RSP). The M³RSP has three aims: 1) to provide consultation to faculty who seek to use mixed methods research and evaluation; 2) to provide training in mixed methods research (MMR) through national and international MMR workshops; 3) to provide MMR and evaluation methodology consultations to scholars and researchers. For additional information, please review the job posting. [Job Posting](#)