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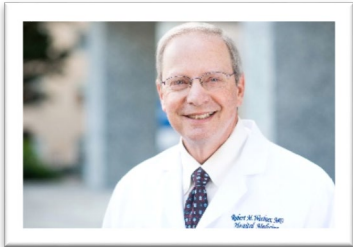
Surgical Outcomes Club (SOC) is a consortium of surgeons and scientists interested in advancing health services and outcomes research in surgery. SOC provides a virtual and real meeting place for investigators addressing some of the most pressing clinical and policy issues facing the surgical profession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

SAVE THE DATE
2019 Annual Meeting and Scientific Session
Sunday, October 27th



San Francisco, California

2019 John R. Clarke Keynote Speaker



Robert M. Wachter, MD
Professor and Chair of
Medicine
University of California, San
Francisco

Annual Meeting Updates

Early Registration

Early Registration Deadline: June 28, 2019. After Friday, June 28, the cost of membership dues will increase to \$50 for trainees and \$275 for physicians and non-physicians. **Remember that membership dues support SOC's missions and includes registration for the meeting.**

This Year's Panel Speakers

Surgical Disparities: Surgical disparities research is imperative for mitigating well-documented inequities in the receipt and outcomes of surgical care in the United States. Both the American College of Surgeons and the National Institutes of Health have prioritized research into understanding and addressing disparities that exist along the patient care continuum. Our panelists will discuss their unique approaches to investigating disparities in their extramurally funded health services research programs in Gynecologic Oncology, Readmissions and Older adults, and Transplant Surgery

- Kemi Doll, MD;** University of Washington
- Amy Kind, MD;** University of Wisconsin School of Medicine
- Rachel Patzer, PhD, MPH;** Emory University School of Medicine

Mobile Technology: Mobile technology is revolutionizing healthcare by providing innovative patient-provider communication pathways and pushing new frontiers in healthcare delivery. Research in how to best integrate these promising tools to effectively improve outcomes is needed. Our three panelists are leading the way in utilizing mHealth to advance scientific discovery and enhance health services research. We are excited to hear their unique perspectives on collecting patient reported data, monitoring of patient activity and developing post-surgical recovery programs using digital health.

- Oliver Aalami, MD;** Stanford University
- Matthew Corriere, MD, MS;** University of Michigan
- Heather Evans, MD, MS;** Medical University of South Carolina

Dr. Wachter is Professor and Chair of the Department of Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, where he is the Holly Smith Distinguished Professor in Science and Medicine and the Benioff Endowed Chair in Hospital Medicine. The department leads the nation in NIH grants and is generally ranked as one of the nation's best.

Wachter is author of 250 articles and 6 books and is a frequent contributor to the *New York Times* and *Wall Street Journal*. He coined the term "hospitalist" in 1996 and is often considered the "father" of the hospitalist field, the fastest growing specialty in the history of modern medicine. He is past president of the Society of Hospital Medicine and past chair of the American Board of Internal Medicine.

In the safety and quality arenas, he edits the U.S. government's leading website on patient safety and has written two books on the subject, including *Understanding Patient Safety*, the world's top selling safety primer. In 2004, he received the John M. Eisenberg Award, the nation's top honor in patient safety. Twelve times, *Modern Healthcare* magazine has ranked him as one of the 50 most influential physician-executives in the U.S.; he was #1 on the list in 2015. His 2015 book, *The Digital Doctor: Hope, Hype and Harm at the Dawn of Medicine's Computer Age*, was a *New York Times* science bestseller. In 2016, he chaired a blue-ribbon commission advising England's National Health Service on its digital strategy.

A Special Thank You

The Surgical Outcomes Club graciously thanks Dr. Julie Sosa, Dr. Emily Finlayson, and University of California San Francisco for agreeing to host the 2019 scientific session on their campus. The Scientific Session will be held at:

Mission Bay Conference Center at UCSF
1675 Owens Street Suite 251
San Francisco, CA 94158

**Trainees from UCSF who are interested in attending the Scientific Session should contact Ashley Duby (agay@umich.edu) directly.*

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Board of Director Positions

Beginning in the Spring of 2019, the Board of Directors will be soliciting nominations for individuals to fill three at-large 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, which **must** coincide with a two-year research fellowship (or other non-clinical roles).

We appreciate your assistance in identifying individuals, including yourself, who are interested in serving the SOC membership through this leadership role. Please contact a current SOC board member with any questions about their experience in serving in this capacity.

2018 – 2019 Surgical Outcomes Club, Board of Directors



2018-2019 Board of Directors. (from left to right); Susan Pitt, University of Wisconsin; Angela Ingraham, University of Wisconsin; Rachel Kelz, University of Pennsylvania; Amir Ghaferi, University of Michigan; Benjamin Brooke, University of Utah; Nader Massarweh, Baylor College of Medicine; Shipra Arya, Stanford University; Karl Bilimoria, Northwestern University; Heidi Overton, Johns Hopkins University. Not pictured: Farhood Farjah, University of Washington, Ryan Merkow, Northwestern University; Thomas Varghese, University of Utah;

Surgical Outcomes Initiatives

AcademyHealth Travel Scholarship

The Surgical Outcomes Club AcademyHealth Travel Scholarship provides an avenue for young investigators to attend the AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting (June 2 – 4, 2019), and gain experience and knowledge in the fields of surgical outcomes and health services research.

Scholarship Highlights

Two applicants will be provided a one-time travel scholarship, which will provide them an opportunity to attend the upcoming AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting (ARM), as well as the Surgical and Perioperative Care Interest Group (IG) Annual Meeting in June.

For more information, please visit the Surgical Outcomes Club website.

DEADLINE EXTENDED: Tuesday, April 30

Previous Awardees:

- Jennifer Robles, MD; Vanderbilt
- Yasmin Zerhouni, MD; Brigham and Women's Hospital
- Ravinder Kang, MD; Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center
- Kathryn Engelhardt; Northwestern University

JAMA Surgery

Relationship with JAMA Surgery

As official journal of the Surgical Outcomes Club, JAMA Surgery provides SOC members with free access to high-quality articles, multimedia, and learning tools. Visit the [JAMA Surgery](#) section of our website for more information.

Given the marked popularity and success of the dataset series, we have begun work on a new Methodology series. Topics include qualitative research, decision analysis, cost-effective analysis, and more! Look out for this series in the Fall 2019.

Be on the lookout for the Viewpoints from the 2018 Annual Meeting & Scientific Session:

- Smith A, Brooke B, This is How We Do It. *JAMA Surgery*. In Press.
- Massarweh N, Kelz R. From Policy to Patient Care—The Cycle of Health Policy Research. In Press.

Michael Zinner Health Services Research Fellowship

The Michael Zinner Health Services Research Fellowship is designed to provide 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. 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.

As part of the fellowship each fellow will be provided a travel scholarship, which will allow them to visit their mentor's institution. Check the SOC website for additional details about the program. Applications are now available. We encourage trainees and junior faculty to apply.

Zinner Fellowship Event at Academic Surgical Congress



Shipra Arya, MD and Benjamin Brooke, MD co-directors of the Zinner Fellowship, organized an event at Academic of Surgical Congress in for the 2018-2019 mentors and mentees. The event was a great success at fostering relationships.



(from left to right); Michael Egger, University of Louisville; Hari Nathan, University of Michigan; Benjamin Brooke, University of Utah; Shipra Arya, Stanford University; Alex Haynes, Harvard University; Ugwuji Maduekwe, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Christopher Childers, UCLA; Daniel Abbot, University of Wisconsin; Lyen Huang, University of Utah. Not pictured: Jennifer Waljee; University of Michigan

Membership Renewal

The growth and success of our organization relies on expertise and participation from its members, including you. The SOC currently has over 200 active members, which is the largest membership since its inception back in 2005. To renew or become a member in the SOC, please visit our website www.surgicaloutcomesclub.org



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