

SURGICAL OUTCOMES CLUB



Quarterly Newsletter - July 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.

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

Agenda Available on the SOC Website



Landmark contribution will generously endow the Keynote Lecture



The Surgical Outcomes Club received a generous contribution to endow the keynote lecture as the “John R. Clarke Keynote Address.”

Over the past decade, Dr. Clarke has had a significant impact on the success of the Surgical Outcomes Club. His financial support over the years has allowed us to attract high quality keynote speakers to

share their expertise at the Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions. The keynote address remains the highlight of the meeting and a significant component of the continued success of the meeting. This tremendous endowment from Dr. Clarke will ensure the continued success of the keynote address. Dr. Clarke is Professor of Surgery, Emeritus, at Drexel University. Over a 39-year career he was a trauma surgeon, surgical critical care specialist, acute care general surgeon, and director of a level 1 trauma center. He was also a researcher focused on the effective delivery of surgical care.

In 1983, he won the Samuel Gross Prize for surgical research by an American citizen, subsequently published as a monograph: *Surgical Judgment Using Decision Sciences*. From 1982 to 1998, as an Adjunct Professor of Computer Science at the University of Pennsylvania, he worked on TraumAID, a federally funded application of decision sciences to the management of trauma resuscitations, resulting in techniques for real-time quality assurance, integration of disparate practice guidelines, and combining anatomical and physiological information with three-dimensional representation using virtual reality.

He was a member of the Institute of Medicine's Committee on Patient Safety Data Standards that issued the report *Patient Safety: Achieving a New Standard for Care*, the basis of the national Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005, which established Patient Safety Organizations and the Network of Patient Safety Databases. From 2003 to 2014, he was the first Clinical Director of the Pennsylvania Patient Safety Authority, supervising the analysis of approximately 1000 reports of medical errors per day from over 1400 Pennsylvania healthcare facilities. In 2006, the Authority was awarded the Eisenberg Patient Safety Award by the Joint Commission. He is now Clinical Director Emeritus. Dr. Clarke has over 150 publications, focusing on the broad topics of surgical decision making and patient safety.

We whole-heartedly thank him for his generous contribution and continued support of the Surgical Outcomes Club.

Annual Meeting Updates

Final Agenda Available on our Website

The 2016 Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions will be held from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm on Sunday, October 16th in Washington, DC, at the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC).

This year's meeting will include two themes: (1) appropriateness - research that examines or intervenes on overuse or underuse, (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. A full agenda has been posted on our website.

If you plan to attend, please complete the brief registration form available through the Surgical Outcomes Club website. www.surgicaloutcomesclub.com

Networking Breakfast

Conference check-in begins at 8 am. We encourage all members to attend the networking breakfast before the annual meeting begins. This will give you a chance to meet new colleagues or reunite with your colleagues.

Breakfast runs from 8 am – 9 am.

Early Registration

Early Registration Deadline: August 14, 2016. After Sunday, August 14, the cost of membership dues will increase to \$100 for trainees and \$275 for physicians and non-physicians. Be sure to register early and save on your dues this year! **Remember that membership dues include the cost of registering and attending the meeting.**

AcademyHealth Surgical and Perioperative Care Interest Group

The Perioperative Interest Group session was held at AcademyHealth in Boston last month. There were several outstanding talks from speakers representing surgery, nursing, and anesthesia and whose work spanned qualitative and quantitative investigations and policy making.

There is a strong momentum to evolve the session from an evening to a half-day program that can include abstract presentations. The session would still have a selected "expert" panel, which attendees have enjoyed in the past years.

Planning for next year's session will start soon. If you are interested in working on the advisory panel, please contact Amir Ghaferi, MS, MS (aghaferi@med.umich.edu) or Joseph Hyder, MD, PhD (Hyder.Joseph@mayo.edu) via email, with the subject line: Surgical and Perioperative Interest Group.

American College of Surgeons Health Services Research Methods Course

The Health Services Research Methods Course has been redesigned in 2016 for clinical and health services researchers with varying degrees of experience in the field. Participants will take part in didactic lectures and skills-based labs. In addition, participants will be able to select modules appropriate to their skill level and interest. Methods focus will be on quantitative, qualitative, mixed methods, and implementation science. Personalized consultations will be scheduled for participants around a specific research idea or project with leading experts for critique and advice. Breakout sessions will focus on writing R-award proposals, K-award proposals, and securing a first faculty position. Participants will be exposed to scientific and practical aspects of ongoing surgical health services research from leaders in the field.

The next offering of this educational activity will be held December 8-10, 2016 at the ACS Headquarters in Chicago, IL. Additional details will be posted on the American College of Surgeons website as they become available.

Upcoming Didactic Sessions



Thursday, July 21
Brian T. Bucher, MD
University of Utah



Thursday, August 18
Thomas Varghese, MD
University of Utah



Thursday, September 15
Waddah Al-Refaie, MD
Georgetown

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 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.

Strong preference will be given to candidates with prior research experience. One-year fellowships will not be considered. To apply contact: Remi Love remi-love@northwestern.edu

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

The University of Michigan has a mixed methods research program called the Michigan Mixed Methods Research and Scholarship Program (M²RSP). 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:

- November 9 – November 11, 2016' "Designing a Mixed Methods Project: An Interactive-Participatory Mixed Methods Workshop"

For more information, please visit www.mixedmethods.org

2016 Ann Arbor Health Services Research Symposium.

The third biennial HSR Symposium will be held on September 19 - 20, 2016 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. 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.

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

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