

# SURGICAL OUTCOMES CLUB



## Quarterly Newsletter - September 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.*

### 2015 Annual Meeting

Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>  
8 am – 3:00 pm (CT)  
Lunch will be served

#### Location

Chicago, IL

#### Venue

Northwestern University  
Robert H. Lurie Medical Research Center Building  
303 E. Chicago Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60611



### Michael Zinner Health Services Research Fellowship

Please join us in congratulating this year's research fellows. The four applicants selected for the program include:



**Joshua Brown, MD, MSc**  
University of Pittsburgh  
SOC Mentor: Joel Weissman, PhD



**Lesly Dossett, MD, MPH**  
University of South Florida  
SOC Mentor: Arden M Morris, MD, MPH



**Ryan Macht, MD**  
Boston Medical Center  
SOC Mentor: Amir Ghaferi, MD, MS



**Tullika Garg, MD, MPH**  
Geisinger Health System  
SOC Mentor: Matt Nielsen, MD, MS

### Annual Meeting Updates

#### Sneak Peak at the Annual Meeting Agenda

The 2015 Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions will be held from 8:30 am - 3:00 pm on Sunday, October 4th in Chicago, Illinois at Northwestern University in the Robert H. Lurie Medical Research Center Building.

This year's meeting will include two themes: (1) research aimed at improving safety and (2) changing surgical culture. A full agenda will be posted on the SOC website.

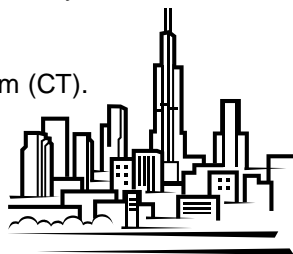
If you plan to attend, please renew your membership dues and complete the brief registration form available through the SOC website. Remember that membership dues include the cost of registering and attending the annual meeting.

[www.surgicaloutcomesclub.com](http://www.surgicaloutcomesclub.com)

#### Networking Breakfast

Conference check-in begins at 8 am (CT). 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 (CT).



### 2015 Board of Director Ballot

Below is the ballot for the 2015 Board of Director At-Large and Resident positions. The ballot was based on nominations, several years of being part of the membership, eligibility, and if membership dues were up to date in the last year. A one paragraph biosketch describing the nominee's background and qualification for serving this role will supplement the ballot shared with members at the Annual Meeting.

#### At-Large Nominees

- David Cooke, MD, FACS; UC Davis
- Rachel Kelz, MD, MSCE; Hospital of University of Pennsylvania
- Christopher Manthyh, MD; Duke University Medical Center
- Angie Smith, MD, MSCR; University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
- Jonah J. Stulberg, MD, PhD; Northwestern Medicine
- Joel S. Weissman, PhD (re-election); Brigham & Women's Hospital

#### Resident Nominees

- Andrew M. Ibrahim, MD; University of Michigan
- Luke V. Selby, MD; Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

## Transition in Leadership



Following the annual meeting, the Surgical Outcomes Club will be under new leadership. Karl Bilimoria, MD, MS, from Northwestern University will begin his two-term as President. This term is renewable once. Dr. Bilimoria has served on the Board since 2011, and was elected Secretary in 2013.

Dr. Bilimoria is a surgical oncologist and a health services and quality improvement researcher at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine. He is also the Vice Chair for Quality in the Department of Surgery. His clinical practice is focused on melanoma, sarcoma, and breast cancer.

## AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting Special Interest Group Reception

The Surgical Outcomes Club has joined with colleagues from Anesthesia to form the [Perioperative Care and Pain Management Interest Group](#) at Academy Health, America's preeminent HSR organization. The interest group held its first meeting on June 13, 2015 in conjunction with the Academy Health's Annual Research Meeting (ARM), in Minneapolis, MN. The meeting included a networking reception, for the approximately 30 attendees followed by some very interesting presentations (speaker) that included: **Overview of Interest Group** (Lee Fleisher, University of Pennsylvania); **Multivariate Template Matching as a Means of Assessing Quality and Value** (Jeffrey H. Silber, University of Pennsylvania); **Mixed Methods analysis of Handoffs and Transitions in Critical Care** (Meghan Lane Fall, University of Pennsylvania); **Innovative Approaches for Improving Surgical Quality** (Justin Dimick, University of Michigan) and **Mixing Methods and Patient Preferences to improve the ED Experience for LGBTQ individuals: The Equality Study** (Adil Haider, Harvard Medical School).


## 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>

## Upcoming Abstract Deadlines


### ASCO Quality Symposium

Abstract Deadline: Tuesday, October 27

February 26-27, 2016 | Phoenix, AZ |  #ASCOQLTY

### Society of Surgical Oncology (SSO)

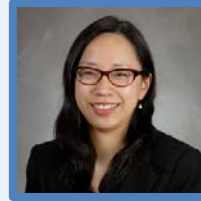
Deadline: Monday, September 14

March 2 – 5, 2016 | Boston, MA |  #SSO

## Upcoming Didactic Sessions

Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. (ET)

### "QUALITY IMPROVEMENT: IS THERE A SCIENCE TO IT?"



#### Lillian Kao, MD, MS

Professor, Department of Surgery  
Division of Acute Care Surgery  
The University of Texas Medical School

Meeting information 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](mailto:agay@umich.edu)

### Future Didactic Session Dates for 2015:

- **Thursday, October 22** featuring **Sara Fernandes-Taylor, MD**; University of Wisconsin
- **Thursday, November 19** featuring **Matt Hutter, MD**; Harvard Medical School
- **Thursday, December 17** featuring **Julie K. Johnson, MSPH, PhD**; Northwestern University

## 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](mailto:agay@umich.edu)

### CLINICAL TRIALS METHODS COURSE ACS Headquarters, Chicago IL November 6 – 10, 2015

The Clinical Trials Methods Course provides a five-day intensive course based on four successfully conducted and published clinical trials. Expert faculty will use a combination of didactic lectures and hands-on approaches, including break-out sessions, to apply concepts learned throughout the course. The course is designed to provide surgical investigators with the concepts necessary to:

- Develop a protocol for a clinical trial that is fundable by a peer-reviewed agency
- Understand the statistical concepts necessary to design a clinical trial
- Understand the design and implementation issues unique to performing surgical trials
- Foster the collaborative efforts necessary to conduct a clinical trial

Additional information can be found on the [Opportunities](#) section of the Surgical Outcomes Club website.