

SURGICAL OUTCOMES CLUB



Quarterly Newsletter - December 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 Highlights

The Eleventh Annual Meeting and Scientific Session of the Surgical Outcomes Club was held October 4, 2015 in Chicago, IL. The day focused on the topics of Improving Safety and Changing Surgical Culture. And Jane Holl, MD MPH from Northwestern University gave the keynote address on “Leveraging the Clinical Enterprise as a Healthcare Quality and Safety Research Laboratory.” Presentations from the meeting are available on the Surgical Outcomes Club website. <http://www.surgicaloutcomesclub.com/scientific-sessions>



The Annual Meeting took over Twitter with an average 30 tweets per hour. Check out #SurgOC15 numbers below:

1,762,361	Impressions
708	Tweets
135	Participants
30	Avg. Tweets/Hour

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Special thanks are due to the following presenters at the 2015 Annual Meeting:

- Darrell “Skip” Campbell, Jr, MD; University of Michigan
- Anne Sales, RN, PhD; University of Michigan
- Robert R. Cima, MD; Mayo Clinic
- Jane L. Holl, MD, MPH; Northwestern University
- Shipra Arya, MD, SM; Emory University
- Kristy Kummerow Broman, MD, MPH; Vanderbilt University
- John Rose, MD, MPH; Brigham and Women’s Hospital
- Heather Yeo, MD, MHS; NYP-Weill Cornell Medical Center
- Marty Makary, MD, MPH; Johns Hopkins University
- Steven Yule, PhD; Harvard University
- Amir Ghaferi, MD, MS; University of Michigan

Also, a special thank you to the Board of Directors, and Ashley Duby for efforts toward an outstanding and successful annual meeting!



We look forward to seeing you at the 2016 Annual Meeting, which will be held on Sunday, October 16th in Washington DC.

New Officers Were Installed

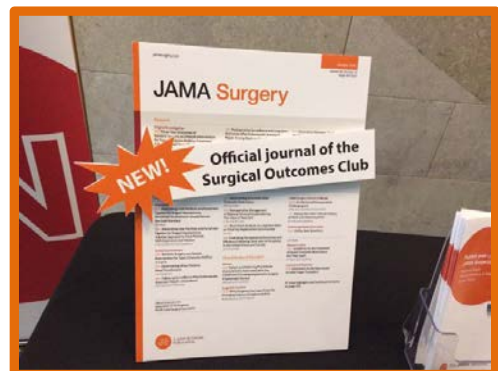
New officers were also installed. Karl Bilimoria, MD, MS from Northwestern University began his two-year term as President, and the Board of Directors has elected a new Secretary (president elect), Amir Ghaferi, MD, MS from the University of Michigan. Three new board members were selected by the membership: Rachel Kelz, MD, MSCE from the University of Pennsylvania; Angie Smith, MD, MSCR from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill; Luke Selby, MD from Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, and Joel S Weissman, PhD from the Brigham & Women’s Hospital.



2014 – 2015 Board of Directors From left to right; (back row) Gretchen Schwarze, Greg Sacks, Caprice Greenberg, Justin Dimick, Adil Haider, Tom Varghese, and Melinda Maggard-Gibbons, (front row) Karl Bilimoria, Arden Morris, Clara Lee, and Amir Ghaferi. Not pictured: Joel Weissman and Wendy Craig

Official Journal of the Surgical Outcomes Club

There has been considerable interest on both entities in entering into a relationship. As of October, JAMA Surgery is the Official Journal of the Surgical Outcomes Club.



Transition in Leadership



The Surgical Outcomes Club is under new leadership. Karl Bilimoria, MD, MS, from Northwestern University began his two-year term as President in November. 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.



In addition, Amir Ghaferi, MD, MS, from the University of Michigan was elected by the Board of Directors to serve as Secretary. Dr. Ghaferi began his two-year term in November. This term is renewable once, and serves as President-elect. Dr. Ghaferi has been an active member since 2009, and has served on the Board since

2010. Dr. Ghaferi is a bariatric and minimally invasive surgeon and his research focuses on understanding the relationship of organizational dynamics to quality and efficiency, with the ultimate goal of designing interventions to improve care locally, regionally, and nationally. He is also the Chief of General Surgery and Director of Bariatric Surgery at the Ann Arbor VA and Director of the Michigan Bariatric Surgery Collaborative.

Membership

Membership continues to grow and the 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 memberships since its inception back in 2005. Membership includes registration for the annual meeting, as well as participation in monthly virtual didactic sessions, and quarterly newsletters. If you or a colleague is interested in becoming a member, please visit the [membership](#) section of the SOC website.

AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting Special Interest Group Reception

The Surgical Outcomes Club has joined with colleagues from Anesthesia to form the [Surgical and Perioperative Care Interest Group](#) at Academy Health, America's preeminent HSR organization. The Annual Research Meeting features several pre- and post-conference meetings hosted by AcademyHealth's Interest Groups (IG). The Surgical and Perioperative Care Interest Group will take place on Saturday, June 25, 2016 in advance of the Annual Research Meeting official program. The committee is currently planning the approximately 2 hour session to include 3-4 excellent speakers. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Upcoming Didactic Sessions

Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. (ET)

"LEARNING FROM YOUR COLLABORATIVE: HOW AND WHY TO DO HOSPITAL SITE VISITS"



Julie K. Johnson, MSPH, PhD

Professor, Department of Surgery
Center for Healthcare Studies
Institute for Public Health and Medicine
Feinberg School of Medicine;
Northwestern University

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, January 21; featuring Oliver Varban, MD; University of Michigan



Thursday, February 18; featuring Alex B. Haynes, MD, MPH; Massachusetts General Hospital

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

Apply for an Arthur Tracy Cabot Fellowship at the Center for Surgery and Public Health The Center for Surgery and Public Health (CSPH) is pleased to announce the [2016-18 Arthur Tracy Cabot Fellowship Awards](#) for residents engaged in surgical health services/surgical care delivery, or education research. For more information regarding this award, please visit the opportunities section of the Surgical Outcomes Club website.

Upcoming Annual Meetings

ASCO Quality Symposium

February 26-27, 2016 | Phoenix, AZ | [#ASCOQLTY](#)

Society of Surgical Oncology (SSO)

March 2 - 5, 2016 | Boston, MA | [#SSO](#)