

SURGICAL OUTCOMES CLUB



Quarterly Newsletter - December 2017

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.

2017 Annual Meeting Highlights

With record attendance, the Thirteenth Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions of the Surgical Outcomes Club was held October 22nd in San Diego, CA, at the Hard Rock Hotel. The day focused on two themes: (1) global surgery research – our three panelists discussed the methodology of surgical needs assessment, sustainability of surgical safety research and the ethics of conducting surgical research in low income countries, (2) health information technology– three national leaders in health IT health services research shared their academic journeys to funded research projects, and visions to put information technology to work in transforming health care.



John Birkmeyer, MD, from Sound Physicians gave the John R. Clarke Keynote Address “Reflections on leadership Paths and Impact.”

2018 John R. Clarke Keynote Speaker

The Board of Directors is excited to announce that **Atul Gawande, MD, MPH** has accepted our invitation to be the John R. Clarke Keynote Speaker for the 2018 Annual Meeting and Scientific Session.



SAVE THE DATE! The 2018 Annual Meeting, which will be held on Sunday, October 20th in Boston, Massachusetts.

Transition in Leadership



The Surgical Outcomes Club is under new leadership. Amir Ghaferi, MD, MS, from the University of Michigan began his two-year term as President in November. This term is renewable once. Dr. Ghaferi has been an active member since 2009, and has served on the Board since 2010, and was elected Secretary in 2015.

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.



In addition, Benjamin Brooke, MD, PhD, from the University of Utah was elected by the Board of Directors to serve as Secretary. Dr. Brooke began his two-year term in November. This term is renewable once, and serves as President-elect. Dr. Brooke has been an active member since 2013, and has served on the Board since 2016.

Dr. Brooke is a vascular surgeon and a health services researcher whose work focuses on patient safety and patient-centered care coordination during transitions of surgical care. He leads surgical health services research efforts at the University of Utah Department Of Surgery, where he serves as section chief of the Health Services Research Section and director of the Utah Intervention Quality and Implementation Research (U-INQUIRE) group. He is also an investigator in the VA Salt Lake City IDEAS 2.0 Center and Specialty Care-Center of Innovation.



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Special thanks are due to the following presenters at the 2017 Annual Meeting:

- John Birkmeyer, MD; Sound Physicians
- Sabha Ganai, MD, PhD; Southern Illinois University
- Alex Haynes, MD; Massachusetts General Hospital
- Gretchen Jackson, MD; Vanderbilt University
- Catherine Juillard, MD; University of California, San Francisco
- Amelia Maiga, MD; Vanderbilt University
- Winta Mehtsun, MD; Massachusetts General Hospital
- Genevieve B. Melton-Meaux, MD, PhD; University of Minnesota
- Susan Moffatt-Bruce, MD, PhD; The Ohio State University
- Benedict C. Nwomeh, MD; The Ohio State University
- Rupen Shah, MD; Henry Ford University

We'd also like to thank the Hard Rock Hotel for hosting our event. Also, a special thank you to the Board of Directors, Ashley Duby, and Remi Love for efforts toward an outstanding and successful annual meeting!

Board of Directors

Three new board members were selected by the membership at the Annual Meeting. Please help us welcome the following new Board Members:



Nader Massarweh, MD, MPH
Baylor College of Medicine
(At-Large Board Member, 3-year term)



Ryan Merkow, MD, MS
Northwestern University
(At-Large Board Member, 3-year term)



Heidi Overton, MD
Johns Hopkins Hospital
(Resident Board Member, 2-year term)

Relationship with JAMA Surgery

As the official journal of the Surgical Outcomes Club, JAMA Surgery provides active SOC members with free access to high-quality articles, multimedia, and learning tools.

Check out this publication from the 2016 Annual Meeting & Scientific Session:

- Smith AB, Schwarze ML. [Translating Patient-Reported Outcomes From Surgical Research to Clinical Care](#). JAMA Surgery, 2017; 152(9):811-812.
- Weissman JS, Kelz RR, Lee CN. [Appropriateness, Health Care Reform, and the Surgeon: Perspectives from the Surgical Outcomes Club](#). JAMA Surgery, 2017; 152(9):813:814
- Spertus JA, Ghaferi AA. [Transforming the National Surgical Quality Improvement Program to the Delivery of Precision Medicine to Improve the Value of Surgical Care: Summary of the John R. Clarke keynote Address for the Surgical Outcomes Club 2016 Annual Meeting](#). JAMA Surgery, 2017; 152(9):815:816

Board of Director Positions

Beginning in the Spring 2018, the Board of Directors will be soliciting nominations for individuals to fill two at-large members of the Board.

We appreciate your assistance in identifying individuals, including yourself, who are interested in serving the SOC membership through this leadership role.



Pictured above, Geoffrey A. Flick, Associate Publisher from The JAMA Surgery Network



2016 – 2017 Board of Directors from left to right; Karl Bilimoria, Clara Lee, Benjamin Brooke, Amir Ghaferi, Rachel Kelz, Luke Selby, Tom Varghese, Angie Smith, and Melinda Maggard-Gibbons, Not pictured: Arden Morris, Joel Weissman and Farhood Farjah.

Thank you for your Leadership!



Karl Bilimoria, MD, MS from Northwestern University served as the Surgical Outcomes Club President from November, 2015 – November, 2017. On behalf of the Board of Directors, and the Surgical Outcomes Club membership, we'd thank you for your outstanding leadership!

Under Dr. Bilimoria's leadership, the Surgical Outcomes Club membership reached a new record high! In October, Dr. Bilimoria was voted in by the Board of Directors to serve another 2-year term as an Ex-Officio member.

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, the Board of Directors has decided to provide each fellow with a travel scholarship, which will allow them to visit their mentor's institution.

Check the SOC website for additional details about the program. Applications will be available starting in March 2018. We encourage trainees and junior faculty to apply.



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

Stanford University “Designing Your Mixed Methods Research Project: An Interactive Workshop” This 3-day intensive workshop was created for individuals who wish to design or analyze a mixed methods research project using qualitative and quantitative methods. Participants will complete the workshop with a personalized design and implementation plan for their project.

The following workshop will be held at Stanford University:

- March 15 – March 17, 2018 “Designing Your Mixed Methods Research Project: An Interactive Workshop”

Early registration discount, Limited seats available.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



John W. Creswell, PhD
Co-Director, Michigan Mixed Methods Program
Professor, Department of Family Medicine
University of Michigan

For more information, please visit <http://med.stanford.edu/spire/mixed-methods-course.html>

NRSA T32 Training Opportunity at the University of Washington The University of Washington (UW) Centers for Comparative and Health Systems Effectiveness (CHASE Alliance) and the UW Department of Surgery’s Surgical Outcomes Research Center (SORCE) are pleased to offer a NRSA T32 training opportunity in gastrointestinal surgery outcomes research. As part of the UW CHASE Alliance, the SORCE training program will focus on the development of well-trained clinical, outcomes, and health services researchers with an emphasis on digestive disease interventions.

This 2-year training program combines research experience and rigorous graduate level didactic training. Trainees will work closely with clinical content and research mentors and a three to four-person advisory committee.

UW is currently accepting applications for the 2019 – 2021 cohort, which will start July 1, 2019. All University of Washington applications, please apply via the CHASE Alliance catalyst site:

<http://catalyst.uw.edu/collectit/dropbox/chaseall/11289> (must have UW NetID). All non-University of Washington applicants, please submit all materials via email to sorce@uw.edu (<https://www.uwsurgery.org/sorce-intro/postdoctoral-fellowship/>). **Application Deadline: January 15th, 2018**



The American College of Surgeons has issued a call for abstracts to be presented at its 2018 Quality and Safety Conference, July 21-24, at the Hyatt Regency Orlando, in Orlando, FL. **The deadline for submitting abstracts is January 26, 2018.**

Individuals at participating sites are encouraged to submit a 250-word abstract for poster and/or podium presentation. The abstract should relate to surgical quality improvement initiatives; including the development, implementation, or validation of best practices. We are also interested in operational best practices relating to workflow around collecting data and reporting.

Medical students and medical / surgical trainees are encouraged to submit research for the Trainee Abstract Competition. The primary author will be awarded a prize and invited to present at the conference.

We welcome submissions from the following surgical quality programs:

- ACS National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (ACS NSQIP®)
- ACS Children’s Surgery Verification, as well as ACS NSQIP Pediatric
- Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program (MBSAQIP)

... In addition, new programs included in the 2018 submission process are:

- Cancer Programs, including the Commission on Cancer (CoC) and National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC)
- Trauma Quality Programs, including Pediatrics, Verification, Trauma Quality Improvement Program (TQIP), and Performance Improvement and Patient Safety

Please note that abstracts which have been submitted or recently presented at other meetings **are eligible** for presentation at the ACS Quality and Safety Conference. In the view of ACS, previous presentation of a paper does not prohibit the presentation or publication of the material at the Quality and Safety Conference.

For more information or to submit an abstract, please visit <https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/quality-safety-conference>. Inquiries may be directed to Email: acsqsconference@facs.org or Phone: 312-202-5319.

Happy Holidays!