Chapter Success Stories

Engaging the Next Generation of Surgeons

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2017 ACS Leadership Summit
Uniting Surgeons to Advance Patient Care in Connecticut℠
2016 Summit – The Team

At the 2016 Leadership Summit the Connecticut Chapter was represented by:

- Kimberly Davis, MD, MBA, FACS, FCCM – President-elect, AAST Governor
- Jennifer Bishop, MD, FACS – Program Chair
- Shea Gregg, MD, FACS – Councilor
- Philip Corvo, MD, MBA, FACS – Governor-at-Large
- **Ann Friedrich, MD** – Resident (St. Mary’s)
- **Adam Iddriss, MD** – Resident (Yale)
- **Swathi Reddy, MD** – Resident (Yale)
- **John Tackett, MD** – Resident (Yale)
- Christopher Tasik – Executive Director
2016 Summit – Setting Goals

- **Quality:** To make the Enhanced Recovery (ERIN) data in NSQIP more customizable and actionable for members of the statewide collaborative.

- **Education:** To refine the annual meeting agenda, incorporating the CT Quality Collaborative into the meeting structure.

- **Membership:** To engage surgical trainees in the activities of the Chapter and the College.
Objective 1: Quality

• Widely disseminated ERAS for CRS across the state
• Vetted several companies / databases to facilitate ERIN variables in NSQIP, including NSQIP itself
• Partnered with NSQIP / AHRQ for the pilot program of the next generation of NSQIP, which will allow customizable fields for all ERAS / NSQIP data points
Objective 2: Education/Annual Meeting

- Partnered with the Connecticut Chapter of the American Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgeons.
- Added a resident paper competition slot for Surgical Quality, ERAS and NSQIP.
- Include a speaker on Advocacy for residents.
- Changed the resident paper competition prizes to Amazon gift cards.
- Discussed preliminary plans for a meeting of the State’s Residency Program Directors at the 2017 meeting.
Objective 3: Membership

- Applying a tiered discount to group practices
  - 4 to 9: 10% discount
  - 10 to 19: 15% discount
  - 20+: 20% discount
- Recruited additional active fellows of the College to membership with an aggressive membership drive.
- Educated the surgical residents on the benefits of membership within the College
- Encouraged resident participation in the Chapter and on the Council
Bonus Round: Resident Engagement

- Resident participants were inspired by the Leadership Summit experience
- Began discussions on Sunday that continued through the next 2 days on how they could come together in CT
- Before the trip was over plans were made to establish a Resident Council.
- Chapter Executive Director helped guide the discussions in DC and liaise with the Chapter Council upon return.
Initial Structure

Resident Council was formed over the summer:

- Resident Council ("RC") to be led by the ex-officio resident member on Chapter Board
- Each program to have one delegate on RC
- Delegates responsible for both co-leading RC & communicating information to their programs
- Chapter to provide funding to RC in the form of an initial budget
Resident Council took over planning for the Resident Panel at the Chapter meeting:

- Repeated the How to Choose a Fellowship panel by popular demand
- Added a panel on the importance of legislative advocacy
- Added a panel on how to do research on Quality Improvement initiatives in CT
- Held a moderated session on plans for the upcoming year
How to Choose a Fellowship Workshop
Other RC Programs

- Hosted an ABSITE review session that drew over 50 residents on a Saturday during the first snowstorm of the season
- Recruited resident participants for 2017 Leadership and Advocacy Meetings
- Planned a social event at a “Panic Room”
- Looking to add video recording to the 2018 ABSITE review.
- Working to help enhance and expand an existing New England wide mock orals review program.
- Taking over the Resident pages on the Chapter website.
ABSITE Workshop – Jam 2017
CT Chapter Lobby Day – March 2017

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Lessons Learned

• “Eighty percent of success is showing up.”
  - Woody Allen

• Tremendous success can come from annual strategic planning sessions – even if executed on a small scale.

• Sometimes the home runs come from the least expected places.

• Success breeds success – having an active resident participation at Council led the RC learning about the Mock Orals program already in existence in New England.

• A little bit of mentoring goes a long way!
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