Inspiring Quality in Surgical Health Care – Quality Improvement Programs that Improve Outcomes and Reduce Costs

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Welcome and Introduction
   David B. Hoyt, MD, FACS
   American College of Surgeons, Co-Host/Moderator

   L. D. Britt, MD, MPH, FACS, FCCM, FRCSeng (Hon), FRCSEd (Hon), FWACS (Hon)
   American College of Surgeons, Co-Host

Keynote Address
   U.S. Senator Mark Kirk, (R-Ill.)

Panelist Statements on Quality Improvement (in order of appearance)
   – Mark R. Chassin, MD, FACP, MPP, MPH: The Joint Commission
   – Alejandra Perez-Tamayo, MD, FACS: Mercy Hospital and Medical Center
   – Enrico Benedetti, MD, FACS: University of Illinois Medical Center at Chicago
   – Jeffrey B. Matthews, MD, FACS: University of Chicago Medical Center
   – Marleta Reynolds, MD, FACS: Children’s Memorial Hospital
   – Nathaniel Soper, MD, FACS: Northwestern Memorial Hospital
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**U.S. Senator Mark Kirk, (R-III.)**

Senator Kirk was elected to the U. S. Senate on Nov. 2, 2010, winning a special election to serve the final weeks of President Barack Obama’s Senate term in addition to winning a regular six-year term starting Jan. 3, 2011. He serves on the Committees on Appropriations; Banking, Housing and Urban Development; Health, Education, Labor and Pensions; and the Special Committee on Aging. Senator Kirk previously served in the U. S. House of Representatives for five terms representing Illinois’ 10th Congressional District.

**CO-HOSTS**

**David B. Hoyt, MD, FACS: American College of Surgeons**

Dr. Hoyt is the executive director of the American College of Surgeons (ACS). In this role, Dr. Hoyt oversees nationally and internationally recognized educational and quality programs, including education and training for surgeons and surgery residents, and quality improvement programs including the Committee on Trauma, Commission on Cancer, National Surgical Quality Improvement Program, National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers and Bariatric Surgery Center Network. Dr. Hoyt is the former medical director of ACS’s Trauma Programs and prior to this appointment, he served as executive vice-dean of the University of California, Irvine, School of Medicine; chairman of the Department of Surgery; and the John E. Connolly Professor of Surgery at the University of California, Irvine. An international lecturer, Dr. Hoyt is the author of over 480 book chapters, journal articles and abstracts.

**L. D. Britt, MD, MPH, FACS, FCCM, FRCSEng (Hon), FRCSEd (Hon), FWACS (Hon): American College of Surgeons**

Dr. Britt is a general and acute care surgeon from Norfolk, Va., and current president of the American College of Surgeons. A Fellow of ACS since 1989, Dr. Britt is the Brickhouse Professor and chairman, Department of Surgery at Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, and director of the American Board of Surgery. He is the first African American in the country to have an endowed chair in surgery. Dr. Britt is a highly accomplished educator and author of over 200 scientific publications, focusing much of his energy on expanding and improving health care in this country and abroad. In addition to being a reviewer for *The New England Journal of Medicine*, he serves on numerous editorial boards, including, the *Annals of Surgery*, *Journal of the American College of Surgeons*, the *American Journal of Surgery* (Associate Editor), *Surgery, Shock*, the *Journal of Trauma*, and *Journal of Surgical Education*, among others.
Mark R. Chassin, MD, FACP, MPP, MPH: The Joint Commission
As president of The Joint Commission, Dr. Chassin oversees the activities of the nation’s predominant standards-setting and accrediting body in health care. Joint Commission accreditation and certification is recognized worldwide as a symbol of quality that reflects an organization’s commitment to quality improvement and to meeting state-of-the-art performance standards. In 2009, Dr. Chassin led the creation of The Joint Commission Center for Transforming Healthcare, which works with the nation’s leading hospitals and health systems to address health care’s most critical safety and quality problems such as health care-associated infections (HAI), hand-off communications, wrong site surgery, surgical site infections, and preventing avoidable heart failure hospitalizations. The Center develops solutions by applying Robust Process Improvement™ (RPI) methods and tools. Previously, Dr. Chassin was the Edmond A. Guggenheim Professor of Health Policy and founding chairman of the Department of Health Policy at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, N.Y. He is a board-certified internist and practiced emergency medicine for 12 years.

Alejandra Perez-Tamayo, MD, FACS: Mercy Hospital and Medical Center
As chief of surgery at Mercy Hospital and Medical Center, Dr. Perez-Tamayo applies and teaches the latest minimally invasive surgical procedures to treat breast cancer, including sentinel node biopsy and lumpectomy. Dr. Perez-Tamayo has been teaching medical students and residents for 24 years and has worked to recruit and mentor female physicians in surgery and eliminate barriers to state-of-the-art surgical care for many patients and, in particular, women. She has been recognized as one of the “Top Doctors in the Chicago Metro Area” and is one of only two female chiefs of Surgery in Chicago. Fluent in Spanish and English, Dr. Perez-Tamayo has played a significant role in raising breast care awareness in Chicago’s Hispanic community.

Enrico Benedetti, MD, FACS: University of Illinois Medical Center at Chicago
Dr. Benedetti is currently the Warren H. Cole Chair in Surgery, professor and head of the Department of Surgery, and director, Transplant Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago. As chief, Division of Transplantation from 1999-2007, Dr. Benedetti established his team as global leaders in state-of-the-art kidney, liver, kidney-pancreas, isolated pancreas, islet cell and small bowel transplantation services. His career—spanning more than two decades—has focused on abdominal organ living donor transplantation, and he has pioneered several types of living donor transplant surgeries in both the state of Illinois and the world. An active member of The Transplantation Society, American Society of Transplant Surgeons, National Kidney Foundation of Illinois and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, Dr. Benedetti has written more than 250 scientific publications and was the recipient of the 1998 Young Investigator Award from the American Society of Transplant Physicians.

Jeffrey B. Matthews, MD, FACS: University of Chicago Medical Center
Dr. Matthews is the Dallas B. Phemister Professor of Surgery, chairman of the Department of Surgery, and surgeon-in-chief of The University of Chicago, and a leading expert in pancreaticobiliary and gastrointestinal surgery. Dr. Matthews is an accomplished author of over 150 original articles and scientific publications. Currently, he is co-editor of the Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery and serves on the editorial boards of the American Journal of Physiology, Annals of Surgery, Archives of Surgery, Surgery, and the Journal of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Matthews is a senior director of the American Board of Surgery and previously served as president of the Society of University Surgeons. He is currently president-elect of the Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract and has served on multiple scientific review panels for the National Institutes of Health and the Veteran’s Administration.
Marleta Reynolds, MD, FACS: Children’s Memorial Hospital
Dr. Reynolds currently serves as surgeon-in-chief, head of the Department of Surgery at Children’s Memorial Hospital in Chicago. She holds the Lydia J. Fredrickson Professorship in Pediatric Surgery and is a professor of surgery at Northwestern University’s Feinberg School of Medicine. Her broad range of surgical expertise includes developmental anomalies of the lung, diaphragm, intestines and abdominal wall, childhood tumors and extracorporeal membrane oxygenation. Dr. Reynolds is Children’s Memorial Hospital’s first female surgeon-in-chief, and one of only four women in the United States serving in this role at a preeminent children’s hospital. She was voted one of the “Top Docs” in Chicago Magazine in 2010.

Nathaniel Soper, MD, FACS: Northwestern Memorial Hospital
Dr. Soper is the Loyal and Edith Davis Professor and chairman of the Department of Surgery at Northwestern University and surgeon-in-chief at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. Previously, Dr. Soper was a professor of surgery at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. Dr. Soper’s research interests have revolved around the applications of minimally invasive surgery for gastrointestinal disease, laparoscopic ultrasound, alternative treatments for gallstones and motility of the gastrointestinal tract. He has published more than 130 manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals, edited 12 textbooks and authored more than 70 book chapters. Dr. Soper is on the editorial boards of Annals of Surgery, Surgical Endoscopy, Journal of the American College of Surgeons, Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery, and World Journal of Surgery. Dr. Soper has been named in “The Best Doctors in America” from 1991 through the present and has lectured extensively throughout the United States, Central and South America, Europe, the Middle East and Asia.

Clifford Ko, MD, MS, MSHS, FACS: American College of Surgeons
As the director of the Division of Research and Optimal Patient Care of the American College of Surgeons, Dr. Ko leads all of the quality evaluation and improvement programs of ACS, including the National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (NSQIP), the Cancer Approvals Program, the Trauma Center Verification Program and the Bariatric Surgery Center Network Accreditation Program. Dr. Ko is a practicing surgeon, who serves as professor of surgery and health services at the UCLA Schools of Medicine and Public Health and holds the Robert and Kelly Day Chair in Surgical Outcomes. He also is a research affiliate at the RAND Corporation.

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