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UPCOMING EVENTS & COURSES

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HEALTH QUALITY ONTARIO

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AND PATIENT SAFETY FORUM

OCTOBER 23RD, 2017
8:00-5:00PM

Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto ON

Link: http://www.hqontario.ca/Home/Quality-Improvement-and-Patient-Safety-Forum-2017

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HEALTH QUALITY ONTARIO

HEALTH QUALITY TRANSFORMATION

OCTOBER 24TH, 2017
7:00-5:00PM

Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto ON

Link: http://www.hqontario.ca/Home/Health-Quality-Transformation-2017

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HEALTH QUALITY ONTARIO

ONTARIO SURGICAL QUALITY CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 10TH, 2017
8:00-4:30PM

89 Chestnut St, Toronto ON

Link: http://www.hqontario.ca/Home/Ontario-Surgical-Quality-Conference-2017

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Department of Surgery
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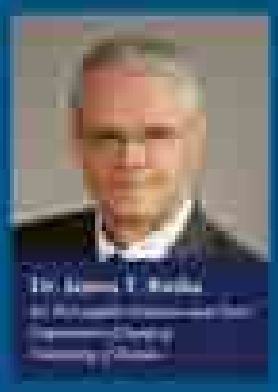
LETTER FROM THE CHAIR



Dr. Aaron T. Rocha
Acting Chair, Department of Surgery
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The start of this new academic year is always a time to look back at our accomplishments and to look ahead at our priorities for the coming year.

I want to start off by commendating the Best Practice in Surgery Committee for their accomplishments over the last year. This has included the development of several guidelines (GI perforation, Delirium and Enhanced Recovery for GI) which are scheduled to be implemented later this fall. In addition, a patient advisory committee was created and under the leadership of Chris Kennedy, three meetings were held in which the patients shared their stories which could be implemented to improve the patient experience. These stories ranged from personal communication, discharge education and pain challenges.

Looking ahead, I think this advisory committee will be instrumental in addressing these priorities.

Today's world is recognized health care delivery is moving away from the "Surgeon as the Captain of the Ship" model. This end of years ago, which of the medical groups presented their plans for new care approaches.

As a clinical school for the academic year, BPS have developed a new strategic plan for 2017-2020 and Quality and Key Performance continued to be one of our strategic priorities in this plan. I am also excited about some of the work that the working groups are currently working on including a Guideline on Clinical Care for Surgical Patients and, in conjunction with the Division Clinical Ethics, a guideline on post discharge social management. As well, changes have been made to the committee so we can work more collaboratively with the hospitals and other departments. Along these lines, I should note to report that CCFP is now using HQO hospitals and have provided financial support to Best Practice in Surgery.

Finally, I want to end by encouraging both faculty and residents to get involved with these ongoing initiatives as well as suggesting other improvements of your hospital. Providing the best care and patient experience is the responsibility and goal for all of us.

QI @ UofT

By Najib Safieddine

The QI surgery course at the University of Toronto will be held for the third year. The course was started as an initiative of the Quality and Best Practice committee and now involves all divisions of the Department of Surgery in addition to Obstetrics and Gynecology, Otolaryngology and Maxillofacial Surgery for a total of 20 PGY 1 residents.

The course includes two interactive workshops as well as small group work in which a quality program is developed. There then is a final session where the projects are presented. On May 12th, 2017, last year's presentation session was for the first time organized as an evening event with food and drink at the Faculty Club and was well attended by program directors, program chairs, committee members and mentors. Having worked together in small groups, residents presented their experience and their results. Despite their early postgraduate level, presentation and subsequent discussions of challenges and implementation plans reflected an unexpectedly high level of maturity and understanding of clinical QI challenges and possible solutions. By all measures, the event was a success and equally as importantly, it was fun. Projects included a wide range of topics from improving resident education to standardizing specific clinical surgical issues and processes to empowering and improving patient and family in hospital experiences.

Recently, there has been increased interest in offering this course to surgical fellows and plans are in progress to launch a pilot course for a limited number of interested fellows with the new to surgical 1-to-all interested surgical fellows.

This would not have been possible without the tremendous support and coordination from the Department of Surgery, the Post Graduate Surgical Education office and the Foundations Course director, program directors and the commitment by surgical faculty who have volunteered as mentors. Many thanks also go to Dr. Brian Wong from the Center for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety for sharing his expertise and his mentorship.

We invite all faculty members and residents to get involved whether through comments, suggestions or better still: volunteering as mentors.

WE WANT YOUR HELP!

• We would like to launch a Best Practice in Surgery twitter account and would like a resident to help us with social media. If you are interested, please contact Emily at bestpractice@surgery.utoronto.ca.

KUDOS!

• Congratulations to John Scott and contributors for their publication in JAMA Surgery entitled "Effect of Home Monitoring via Mobile App on the Number of 30-Day Readmissions Following Laparoscopic Ventral Hernia Repair: A Randomized Clinical Trial".

• Congratulations to all those who presented their work at the Canadian Surgery Forum!

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