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Society of General Internal Medicine to Host 38th Annual Meeting
“Generalists in Teams: Adding Value to Patient Care, Research & Education”

The Society of General Internal Medicine will be holding its 38th Annual Meeting, “Generalists in Teams: Adding Value to Patient Care, Research & Education”, April 22-25, 2015 at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel, 123 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario.

Health care reform focused on esteemed patient-centered care is driving team-centered delivery system redesign as a salient interest for SGIM members. Team-based models of patient care are rapidly evolving. Education and training of General Internal Medicine physicians must include knowledge of team member responsibilities and new skills i.e. team leadership, quality, and patient safety measurement. Interprofessional training venues need to be developed. Research methods will continually evolve to provide valued performance information from existing and new data sources. Integration and coordination of physician efforts with non-physician professionals is critical for reform success.

Members of the media are invited and welcome to attend the meeting.

Plenary Speakers:

William P. Moran, MD: Professor of Medicine, Director of General Internal Medicine & Geriatrics, Medical University of South Carolina. Thursday, April 23 Opening Plenary 9:15-11:15am - “Presidential Address”

Dr. Moran graduated from Medical School and completed residency training in Internal Medicine at Georgetown University. While serving four years in the National Health Service Corp, he practiced full time at a community health center affiliated with Boston City Hospital/Boston Medical Center.

He completed a Geriatrics Fellowship and received a MS in Clinical Epidemiology from Wake Forest University in 1992. After joining the faculty at Wake Forest, he was a Robert Wood Johnson Faculty Scholar and served as the Residency Program Associate Director for Primary Care. In 1997 he became chief of General Internal Medicine at Wake Forest School of Medicine, and co-director of the Center for Health Services Research and Quality. From 2001 to 2005 he served as the Clinical Director for the northwest region of
Community Care of North Carolina. In 2005, he joined the MUSC faculty as McKnight Professor on Aging and Director of the Division of General Internal Medicine and Geriatrics. His early clinical and research focus was in Geriatrics, preventive care in aging, and chronic illness management. His recent work has centered on local health system changes which support physician decision-making in clinical practice, facilitate interdisciplinary care and improve quality of care. His areas of focus include analysis of the clinical environment, coordination of the clinical teams and informatics infrastructure for the Patient-centered Medical Home.

**Jeffrey Turnbull, MD, FRCPC:** Chief of Staff, The Ottawa Hospital. Friday, April 24 plenary session, 8:00 – 9:30am “The Role of the General Internist in Canada's Evolving Healthcare System”

In addition to a BSc (University of Toronto) and a Masters Degree in Education (University of Western Ontario), Dr. Turnbull received his Doctorate in Medicine at Queen’s University and later achieved specialty certification in Internal Medicine through the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in 1982.

Dr. Turnbull has been the Vice Dean of Medical Education at the University of Ottawa from November 1996 to July 2001, the President of the Medical Council of Canada from 1998 to 2001, the President of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario from November 2006 to November 2007 and finally the President of the Canadian Medical Association from August 2010 to August 2011.

Dr. Turnbull has pursued an interest in poverty and its effect on health nationally and internationally. He is one of the founders and is currently the Medical Director of the Inner City Health Project for the homeless in Ottawa. As well, he has been involved in education and health services initiatives to enhance community and institutional capacity and sustainable development in Bangladesh, Africa and the Balkans. He is the recipient of several national and international grants and awards, including the Order of Canada, the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal and an Honorary Degree of Law from Carleton University.

**Malcolm Cox, MD:** Professor of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. Saturday, April 25 Awards Breakfast Keynote - Malcolm L. Peterson Honor Lecture, 8:00 – 10:00am. “Building Health Care Value through System Redesign: Leverage at the Point of Interprofessional Care and Education”

Dr. Cox is an Adjunct Professor of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. He most recently served for eight years as the Chief Academic Affiliations Officer for the U.S.
Department of Veterans Affairs, in Washington DC, where he oversaw the largest health professions training program in the country and repositioned the VA as a major voice in clinical workforce reform, educational innovation, and organizational transformation. Dr. Cox received his undergraduate education at the University of the Witwatersrand and his M.D. from Harvard Medical School. After completing postgraduate training in internal medicine and nephrology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, he rose through the ranks to become Professor of Medicine and Associate Dean for Clinical Education. He has also served as Dean for Medical Education at Harvard Medical School; upon leaving the Dean’s Office, he was appointed the Carl W. Walter Distinguished Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Cox has served on the National Leadership Board of the Veterans Health Administration, the VA National Academic Affiliations Advisory Council (which he currently chairs), the National Board of Medical Examiners, the National Advisory Committee of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars Program, the Board of Directors of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, and the Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professions Education of the Institute of Medicine (which he currently co-chairs). Dr. Cox is the recipient of the University of Pennsylvania’s Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching and in 2014 was recognized by the Association of American Medical Colleges as a nationally and internationally renowned expert in health professions education.

Who presenters are: Doctors and other health care professionals responsible for teaching general internal medicine to the next generation of physicians. Most combine teaching with taking care of patients in clinical practices and/or research about medical treatment. For more information on SGIM or for a schedule of the events, please visit http://www.sgim.org/meetings/annual-meeting.

SGIM is a member-based international association of over 3,500 of the world’s leading academic general internists, who are dedicated to improving access to care for vulnerable populations, eliminating health care disparities and enhancing medical education. The members of the Society advance the practice of medicine through their commitment to providing comprehensive, coordinated, and cost-effective care to adults, educating the next generation of outstanding physicians, and conducting cutting-edge research to improve quality of care and clinical outcomes of all patients.

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