

ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE

Get Ready for the 35th SGIM Annual Meeting

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We are getting closer to the 35th Annual Meeting of the Society of General Internal Medicine. This year's conference is at the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort. The meeting begins Wednesday, May 9, 2012, with our precourse and concludes Saturday afternoon, May 12, with the annual Update in General Internal Medicine. We have all the traditional favorites and several new innovations this year.

2012 Malcolm L. Peterson Honor Lecture

Karen B. DeSalvo, MD, MPH, MSc, has accepted our invitation to present this year's Peterson Lecture. Dr. DeSalvo is the commissioner of health for the City of New Orleans. She has a long history of SGIM involvement, serving as chair of the SGIM 28th Annual Meeting Program Committee, a member of Council, and as past president of ACLGIM.

Special Symposia

Special symposia topics this year will include: care transitions, federal initiatives that stimulate innovation in health care delivery, managing high-cost users and improving value in health care, innovative models of medical education and new medical schools, and issues facing graduate medical education in the modern era, including educating residents on quality and safety, transitions in care, and professionalism.

Clinical Updates

This year we are scheduling some familiar sessions after reviewing attendee evaluations and attendance from previous years. We have also invited sessions addressing topics

new to the annual meeting, which we hope will pique your interest. Update sessions are designed to give attendees the latest evidence-based information in the topic area and cover clinically relevant information for the practicing provider. Look for the following clinical updates: addiction medicine, care of cancer survivors, HIV, hospital medicine, new medications for primary care, medical education, perioperative medicine, and women's health. Once again, our meeting will close with an Update in General Internal Medicine, so make sure you plan to stay in Orlando through Saturday afternoon!

New This Year: Clinical Pearls

The goal of this new series is to provide useful management skills for internists about important clinical problems and conundrums, using a contemporary evidence-based clinical approach. Each session will highlight three common clinical problems in which the diagnosis or management has changed over the past few years or for which frequent practice challenges exist. Discussants and presenters will be SGIM content experts. Each session will have three topics discussed. Each topic will include a 20-minute presentation, followed by five minutes of group discussion with questions and answers. The three sessions include: chronic disease management (headache, hypertension, and low back pain), communication and behavioral health (smoking cessation, prostate cancer screening, and diabetes medications/lifestyle adherence), and acute presentation of disease (syncope, heart failure, and atrial fibrillation).

In addition to the above, we have planned a tremendous array of workshops, abstracts, clinical vignettes, innovations in medical education, and clinical practice innovations that will showcase the best of our membership's efforts and scholarship.

We have expanded our international program this year, with members from Japan presenting a session on the Japanese response to the tsunami and Fukushima nuclear disaster. Our Swiss members will share their experiences with international disasters in both Haiti and Libya.

Those new to the meeting will be able to attend a first-timer's orientation on Thursday. Our annual student-resident-fellow workshop series will be interesting, as always. We have expanded our mentoring offerings. Not only will we offer one-on-one mentoring sessions, we will also be scheduling four mentoring panels. SGIM members will share their wisdom on important personal and professional topics for successful careers in academic general medicine. The VA series will once again offer workshops, symposia, and an opportunity to meet informally with VA leadership.

So, make sure to register now to join us in beautiful Orlando for a meeting you won't forget. Come share your work, network with friends and colleagues, and renew your enthusiasm for general medicine. The website (www.sgim.org/go/am12) has all the information you need about the meeting and the exciting program we have to offer. We are looking forward to seeing you there!