

FROM THE REGIONS

Midwest SGIM 2012 Regional Meeting: Promoting Collaboration in Clinical Care, Research, and Education

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The exciting and lively Navy Pier in Chicago, IL, is the site for this year's Midwest SGIM Regional Meeting September 13-14, 2012. The Midwest leadership board and planning committee have organized an energetic two-day program that promotes the importance of collaboration in our daily work and long-term careers.

This year's theme, "Promoting Collaboration in Clinical Care, Research, and Education," will be headlined by invited keynote speaker Maureen Smith, MD, MPH, PhD. Her presentation is titled "Chocolate Cake and Other Important Ingredients: Building Successful Collaborations in Academic Medicine."

New initiatives this year in the Midwest region include: 1) medical student registration free with accepted submission, 2) incorporation of institutional champions into the Midwest SGIM growth strategy, 3) chief resident involvement in running clinical vignette sessions, 4) sponsors with exhibits at the meeting, and 5) a highlighted GIM division (the University of Michigan) giving selected presentations.

The planning committee is anticipating that new additions to this year's program will become impactful mainstays at future meetings. Pillars of the program, which include workshops, oral presentations, one-on-one mentoring, the annual GIM

update, and a poster session, will aim to increase connections and collaboration among attendees. The meeting will conclude after the poster session with a sunset awards and networking reception on the rooftop terrace of the Navy Pier, overlooking Lake Michigan and the city of Chicago.

Please join us in promoting collaboration in the education, research, and clinical care achievements in GIM throughout the Midwest region. On behalf of the Midwest SGIM leadership board and planning committee, we look forward to seeing you in Chicago for this much-anticipated event!

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