GIM CONNECT BRIEFS

Post It
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GIM Connect, SGIM’s new private online community, is specialized to the needs of SGIM members and is a great venue to share, discuss, and inform. We begin a column in Forum called Post It that features interesting discussions occurring in the GIM community. Questions about Post It can be directed to Julie Machulsky, Director of Social Media, at machulskyj@sgim.org.

1. Thoughts on pre-rounding? One debate is the utility of interns and students pre-rounding. Have any programs or institutions moved away from pre-rounding or cut it out altogether?

This was a lively discussion of new innovative approaches to eliminate redundancy and change the structure of the rounding process. We are in a new world, folks—one that exists in the matrix of our computers. The competing forces of traditionalism and modernism seem to make us pick one side over the other. There was a spirit of compromise in the cloud. In Bob Centor’s own words: “Since the goals of rounds are multiple, I believe that we must have learners pre-round and make a personal commitment in order for them to grow.”

2. The role of nurse practitioners caused a stir in the community on the heels of the New England Journal of Medicine article. There was lots of information to be gleaned about the competencies of NPs and their roles. An interesting aspect about studies on the effectiveness of NPs was presented by SGIM President Eric Bass.

3. The changes in the ABIM MOC did not offer a silver lining in this cloud for those of us who will be recertifying soon. It was, however, a good place to ask questions. Eric Green, SGIM chair of the MOC Task Force, is online, waiting to hear from you.

GIM connect is a great way to connect with colleagues, share best practices, and seek solutions. I hope that we will use this wonderful platform to share and connect, while waiting for the next national meeting. Look out for the article posts on GIM Connect.