

INTEREST GROUP UPDATE: PART I

An Introduction to the Perioperative Medicine/Medical Consultation Interest Group

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The Perioperative Medicine/Medical Consultation Interest Group was established more than 25 years ago and is intended as a vehicle for communication and collaboration among physicians involved in these areas. Our group includes physicians with extensive experience in perioperative medicine—many of whom are directors of preoperative clinics and medical consultation services—but all physicians with an interest in perioperative medicine are encouraged to join. In addition, our members have authored and edited several textbooks, online lectures, topics in UpToDate and shmconsults.com, and journal articles.

Every year at the SGIM annual meeting, we present an Update in Perioperative Medicine that is a review of the major publications in the past year. At our interest group meeting, we facilitate networking by having attendees introduce themselves, including their academic affiliations, roles, and interests. This is followed by a short clinical presentation, ideally by junior faculty; a review of our activities during the past year; a discussion of new and controversial issues; an open forum for discussion; and plans for the next year.

Our goals are to encourage online discussion between members regarding interesting or difficult patient management cases, to update the group as new articles of interest are published, to collaborate on writing projects, to develop a clinical research group and database, and to share educational tools and curricula for resident education. We invite all

SGIM members with an interest in perioperative medicine to join our group and actively participate.

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