

ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE: PART II

Hooray for Hollywood! Ten Reasons to Attend #SGIM16, May 11-14

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As the highlight of the academic year for many of us, SGIM's annual meeting will kick off on Wednesday, May 11, at the Diplomat Resort and Spa in Hollywood, FL. Here are ten reasons to attend this showcase event, whether this is your first meeting or your 39th:

1. *Population health.* This year's meeting theme, "Generalists Engaged in Population Health," reflects our shared commitment to improving outcomes and equity in our professional work. Late-breaking sessions will include a special symposium on alternative payment models, with Darren DeWalt, director of the Learning and Diffusion Group, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and a summit on the new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines for prescribing opioid medications in the setting of chronic pain, with several CDC staff members participating.
2. *CaREER: Cultivating Care, Resilience, and Excellence in Education and Research.* Responding to SGIM members' calls for richer offerings in career development, CaREER is the pilot of a new series intended to present workshops and other sessions that will form a curriculum over several years of annual meetings. This year's capstone will feature an interactive conversation over breakfast on Saturday morning with Bob and Suzanne Fletcher, Jada Bussey-Jones, and Brita Roy all discussing challenges of balancing work and the rest of life at different career stages.
3. *Fellowship.* More than 2,000 general internists, residents, students, and others attended last year's annual meeting in Toronto, setting a new attendance record. All signs suggest that this year's meeting will draw similar numbers of SGIM members and friends from across the country and around the world. Networking with colleagues is the most frequently cited highlight of the meeting, according to past attendees.
4. *Clinical acumen.* Attend clinically oriented Workshops and Updates in a broad range of clinical fields, such as geriatrics, primary care, and perioperative medicine. The meeting will feature more than 400 of your colleagues presenting Clinical Vignettes, ranging from bread-and-butter not-to-miss stalwarts of internal medicine to some exciting and exotic cases that will offer generalizable clinical pearls. See if you can make the diagnosis when mystery cases are presented in "clinicopathologic conference" style, revealing the work-up and diagnosis only after consideration of all the patient's presenting findings.
5. *Skills for educators.* Clinician-educators will find a vast menu of
6. *Clinical innovation.* The number of abstracts submitted as Innovations in Clinical Practice has skyrocketed over the past few years (N=81 in 2014, N=157 in 2016!), likely reflecting general internists' pivotal role in quality improvement and system redesign. Visit posters and hear oral presentations from frontline colleagues who are transforming the way health care is delivered.
7. *Cutting-edge research findings.* Boasting a record number of Scientific Abstract submissions (N=724), #SGIM16 will feature research findings from across the broad landscape of investigation important to general internists. In addition to plenary presentations, oral abstracts, and posters, the meeting will highlight several poster walk-and-talk sessions, during which a leader in the field will "make rounds" among several posters and then assemble for a mini-wrap up discussion to synthesize findings.
8. *SRF: Nurturing the next generation of leaders in GIM.* SGIM's annual meeting welcomes students, residents, and fellows (SRF!) to come, explore, and experience the excitement of GIM. (Be sure to check out www.ProudToBeGIM.org.) Sessions of particular

selections from which to choose, including sessions dedicated to Innovations in Medical Education, Scientific Abstracts focused on research in medical education, and offerings under the aegis of SGIM's TEACH program (<http://www.sgim.org/communities/education/sgim-teach-program>).

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interest to SRF are online at <http://connect.sgim.org/sgim16/general/srf>. Chill in the new SRF Lounge, a place where students, residents, and fellows can catch up with old friends and make new ones.

9. *Podium power.* Plenary sessions at our annual meetings are always popular, despite the early morning hour! Last year set records for plenary session attendance, with more than 1,300 caffeinated souls at the opening session. This year's podium speakers include SGIM President Marshall Chin offering the Presidential Address (Thursday at 9:15 am) and Tim Ferris, senior vice president of Population Health Management at Partners HealthCare, delivering the Malcolm L. Peterson Honor

Lecture on Friday at 8 am. Thursday's plenary session will feature oral presentations of the highest-rated Clinical Vignette, Scientific Abstract, and Innovations in Clinical Practice and Medical Education submissions. Friday's plenary session will similarly include four of the most highly rated Scientific Abstracts.

10. *Relaxation.* The meeting's South Florida location provides a perfect opportunity to combine scholarship and professional development with personal relaxation and renewal. Meeting attendees will enjoy The Diplomat's spectacular views of the Atlantic Ocean, the Intracoastal Waterway, golden sand beaches, and a one-of-a-kind infinity-edge pool with two

waterfalls flowing into a 240-foot lagoon pool. The property has a two-story 24-hour fitness center and offers spa discounts for SGIM attendees. Championship golf and tennis are just a mile away. After all that exercise, indulge at one of the six restaurants on the property or go "off campus," maybe taking your talents to South Beach. And yes, baseball fans, the Marlins and Giancarlo Stanton are in town on Wednesday evening, May 11, hosting the Milwaukee Brewers.

Of course there are more than ten reasons to attend the 2016 annual meeting. Post your favorite(s) on Twitter using the hashtag #SGIM16. Looking forward to seeing you in Hollywood (Florida)! SGIM