The 2018 SGIM Annual Meeting will encompass the breadth of General Internal Medicine, including health services research, medical education, advocacy, and exemplary clinical care. The theme for this year’s meeting is “Health Information Technology,” an area that has become integral to every aspect of health care. In particular, mobile technology and electronic health records are changing the way we deliver education, conduct research, and care for patients. We believe that the meeting will be an opportunity for the GIM community to discuss how digital innovations can enhance—and sometimes detract from—our work, whether in the hospital, the clinic, the classroom, or the laboratory.

In support of the meeting’s theme, we are including two new components in this year’s meeting:

1. A pre-course on Health IT for the general internist that will provide a background in informatics-related content that is relevant to GIM, as discussed in the Forum article in June 2017: (http://www.sgim.org/File%20Library/SGIM/Resource%20Library/Forum/2017/SGIMJune2017_03.pdf) by Tom Gallagher and Tom Payne, the chair of the Board of Directors of the American Medical Informatics Association. We are thrilled that David Dorr and William Hersh have agreed to lead the course; Dave and Bill are two active members of the GIM community who are also national leaders in informatics-related research and education.

2. “Hands-on Tech”—a theme-related innovation that will be an opportunity for members to showcase technology innovations. Presenters for abstracts related to Innovations in Medical Education and Innovations in Clinical Practice will have the opportunity to exhibit and demonstrate a piece of technology, such as an app, mobile health, or clinical decision support tool. The technology can be newly developed or an innovative use of existing technology. Presenters for this session must be SGIM members.

We are happy to announce that the Malcolm Peterson Lecture will be delivered by Eric Horvitz, managing director of Microsoft Research in Artificial Intelligence, who is a proponent of data science to improve public health. He has kindly offered to attend several hours of meeting after his lecture, during which time he will provide mentorship to SGIM members in several formats.

In addition to these and other Health IT-related components, the meeting will cover the scope of the field of GIM. Given current policy proposals to alter our healthcare system and how we deliver health care, we are confident that the meeting will be an opportunity for our community to discuss advocacy and social justice for our patients. As with all SGIM annual meetings, the vast majority of the meeting content is submitted in advance and peer-reviewed by members. And so, we request that you submit your best science, clinical and education innovations, and clinical vignettes by the due date for abstracts on January 4, 2018.

We look forward to seeing all of you in Denver!