

ANNUAL MEETING: PART II

ANNUAL MEETING WRAP-UP

Lipika Samal, MD, MPH, and Saul Blecker, MD, MHS

Dr. Samal (lsamal@bwh.harvard.edu) is an assistant professor of medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital and was the chair of the 2018 Annual Meeting. Dr. Blecker (saul.blecker@nyumc.org) is an assistant professor of population health and medicine at NYU School of Medicine and was the co-chair of the 2018 Annual Meeting.

As the chairs of 2018 Annual Meeting in Denver, we would like to highlight some of the many successes of the meeting as well as to thank the staff, volunteers, presenters, and attendees for contributing to making this such a great meeting.

The theme of the meeting was Health Information Technology, an area which is integral to every aspect of health care. This theme was well integrated throughout the meeting, which included many discussions on how digital innovations can enhance—and sometimes detract from—our work, whether in the hospital, the clinic, or the classroom. This topic was launched with an excellent precourse led by informatics leaders David Dorr and William Hersh, in which 40 attendees learned about informatics core competencies, unintended consequences of health IT, opportunities to deliver interventions through electronic health records, ways to use electronic data for research, ways to use health IT to decrease health disparities, and future opportunities for health IT. In light of the success of this precourse, we are hoping to follow it up with a more comprehensive learning opportunity for general internists interested in health IT. Join the SGIM Connect Medical Informatics Interest Group listserv to stay up to date on this effort.

David Horvitz of Microsoft Research delivered the Malcolm Peterson plenary lecture. He discussed the opportunities for using artificial intelligence in medicine. Other health IT innovations included the Innovations in Clinical Practice and Innovations in Medical Education hands-on “tech alleys,” in which more than 20 SGIM

members displayed health technology that they had developed. The Shark Tank allowed three finalists to show off their innovations and respond to constructive criticism from a panel of judges.

Additional highlights were plenaries by Thomas Gallagher, who encouraged us to overcome our innovation inhibitions, and Stephen Cha, who demonstrated opportunities to improve healthcare access through state-level initiatives. Finally, our foray into including patient advisors in our national meeting, a special effort by our outgoing and incoming presidents, was a resounding success.

We'd like to acknowledge each of the patient advisors for their contribution to the meeting: Maret Felzien, Ray Haeme, Susan Lowe, Sergio Sanchez, Marcia Dailey, Kenneth Dailey, and Jessica Sand.

We would also like to thank the staff members of the national SGIM office for their unbelievable commitment to making this meeting such a success. In particular, we are thankful to have had the opportunity to get to know and work with Lisa Le, who led us successfully in her first full year as manager for the annual meeting. Tom Gallagher provided invaluable leadership and guidance. We had an outstanding program committee, who worked tirelessly to make sure that the content was superb. And, of course, the meeting could not have happened without the outstanding contributions of all of our members who brought their best science, supportive words, and thoughtful, incisive commentary.

We can't wait to see you again in Washington, DC!

SGIM