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**Military Health System (MHS) Surgical Quality Consortium (SQC)**

**March 4-5, 2025**

**American College of Surgeons, Chicago, IL**

**Tuesday, March 4, 2025**

**0700 – 0730 Breakfast**

**0730 – 0740 Welcome Remarks**

*Michael Sutherland, MD, FACS*

*Director of the Division of Member Services, ACS*

**0740-0800 Welcome and Introduction**

*CDR Eric Twerdahl, MD, FACS*

*Surgical Quality Officer, WRNMMC & Associate Chair of Surgery for Quality, USUHS*

*CAPT (Ret.) Mollie Mullen, MBA, RN, CPHQ*

*DoD Collaborative NSQIP Steering Panel Co-Chair & NMCSD SCR*

**0800-0900 Military Health System Strategic Partnership American College of Surgeons (MHSSPACS)**

*Brian Eastridge, MD, FACS*

*Medical Director, MHSSPACS*

Objectives:

* Discuss the organization and mission of MHSSPACS, with a focus on the Quality Pillar
* Provide a forum for conference participants to engage with the Medical Director of MHSSPACS

**0900 - 1000 Civilian Keynote Address**

*Anton Sidawy, MD, MPH, FACS*

*President-elect, American College of Surgeons*

*Professor and Lewis B. Saltz Chair of the Department of Surgery, George Washington University Medical Center*

Objectives:

* Discuss the link between participation in surgical quality programs and excellence in clinical practice
* Describe the creation of novel surgical quality verification programs

**1000-1015 Break**

**1015-1145 Practical Applications of ACS NSQIP**

* Review of NSQIP modeling methodology (*Mark Cohen, PhD*)
* NSQIP Report Tutorial (Vanessa Thompson, PhD)

Objectives:

* Review the modeling methodology underlying ACS NSQIP
* Review the appropriate interpretation of data presented in the Semi-Annual Reports and Interim Semi-Annual Reports
* Discuss NSQIP portal operational report options and uses

**1145 – 1245 Lunch**

**1245 – 1345 MHSSPACS Civilian Surgeon Partnership**

*Jyotirmay (Joe) Sharma, MD, FACS, FACE*

*Professor and Vice-Chair for Patient Safety, Quality and Innovation, Department of Surgery,*

*Emory School of Medicine*

Objectives:

* Discuss opportunities for military-civilian collaboration in Surgical Quality
* Describe processes for identifying collaborative improvement opportunities and implementation

**1345 – 1445 Operationalizing NSQIP: MTF Process Improvement**

**MTF Improvement Update - #1** (1345-1415)

*Edward Southern, MD*

*Orthopedic Surgeon, Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital*

Objectives:

* Discuss effects of OR volume changes on process improvement efforts
* Discuss improvement efforts and sustainment plans
* Discuss leadership involvement

**MTF Improvement Update - #2 (**1415-1445)

*Lt Col Ben Allis, MD, Surgeon Champion David Grant Medical Center, Travis Air Force Base*

* *Improvement efforts targeting UTI & SSI*

**1445 – 1515**  **Department of Defense Participant Use File (DoD PUF)**

*CAPT (Ret.) Mollie Mullen, MBA, RN, CPHQ*

*DoD Collaborative NSQIP Steering Panel Co-Chair & NMCSD SCR*

Objectives:

* Discuss the elements and uses of the DoD PUF
* Describe the process to request the DoD PUF

**1515-1530 Break**

**1530-1650 Role-Specific Breakout**

**ACS NSQIP Track – SC**

**Location: Board of Regents Room (28th Floor)**

**Consolidation-Applying Today’s Principles in a Practical Sense**

*Facilitated by Jyotirmay (Joe) Sharma, MD, FACS, FACE*

**ACS NSQIP Track – SCR**

**Location: 28 West Side Conference Room (28th Floor)**

**Consolidation – NSQIP Definitions, Experience Sharing and Problem-Solving**

*Facilitated by CAPT (Ret.) Mollie Mullen, MBA, RN, CPHQ*

*ACS Adult and Pediatric Clinical Support – Alaina Matthews, RN*

Objectives:

* Facilitate communication and collaboration among service leads on role-specific issues
* Identify best practices and common challenges across the MHS

**1650 – 1700 Day 1 Wrap-Up**

*CDR Eric Twerdahl, MD, FACS*

*CAPT (Ret.) Mollie Mullen, MBA, RN, CPHQ*

Objectives:

* Perform needs assessment
* Review Day 1 and preview Day 2

**1700-1800 Happy Hour Reception, 28**th Floor

**Wednesday, March 5, 2024**

**0700 – 0730 Breakfast**

**0730-0745 Group Photo**

**0745-0800 Welcome Day 2**

*CDR Eric Twerdahl, MD, FACS*

*Surgical Quality Officer, WRNMMC & Associate Chair of Surgery for Quality, USUHS*

**0800-0900 Strategies for Building a Quality Improvement Program: Military and Civilian Perspectives**

*Col (ret) Peter Learn, MD, FACS*

*System Division Chief of Surgical Oncology, Inova Schar Cancer Institute*

Objectives:

* Discuss the creation of a Quality Improvement program at the MTF-level
* Discuss the design and execution of an MTF-level Quality Improvement project, with specific focus on reducing unplanned return to the operating room

**0900-1000 Military Keynote Address**

*CAPT Matthew D. Tadlock, MD, FACS*

*Navy General Surgery Specialty Leader*

*Officer In Charge, Surface Medical Group Pacific / Expeditionary Strike Group THREE Surgeon*

*Chair, Committee on Surgical Combat Casualty Care, Joint Trauma System*

Objectives:

* Discuss the imperative to provide reliable and high-quality surgical care in the operational environment
* Discuss the major operational challenges facing Military Surgery in the coming decade

**1000-1100 State of Surgical Quality in the Military Health System**

*COL (Ret.) Paul Cordts, MD, SES*

*Deputy Assistant Director, Medical Affairs, DHA*

Objectives:

* Review MHS surgical outcomes data
* Discuss the state of surgical quality in the DHA
* Review MTF NSQIP engagement with individual markets and the broader DHA

**1100-1130 Fireside Chat**

*COL (Ret.) Paul Cordts, MD, SES*

*CAPT Matthew D. Tadlock, MD, FACS*

Objective: Provide a forum for participants to engage with leaders in military medicine

**1130-1145 Break/Networking opportunity**

**1145-1230 Quality Verification Program (QVP) Preparations**

Panel discussion – MTF SQOs and SQSC Program Managers

Walter Reed National Military Medical Center Surgical Quality Officer: CDR Twerdahl & Program Manager: Melanie McGarvey MSN, RN

Naval Medical Center San Diego Surgical Quality Officer: CDR Stephanie Bedzis & Program Manager: Mollie Mullen

**1230-1315 Working Lunch**

**1315-1330 Final Wrap-Up and End of Meeting Survey**

*CDR Eric Twerdahl, MD, FACS*

Objectives:

* Summarize index card exercise from the working lunch
* Review the 2025 SQC and gather suggestions for the 2026 SQC
* Close meeting and complete end of meeting survey