Collaborative Grand Rounds: A Tool To Engage And Support The Community Surgeon

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ABSTRACT

The SAGES Community Practice Committee in conjunction with the Guidelines, Foregut, and Education Committees have designed a process to create peer reviewed, Grand Rounds Presentations for use by the SAGES membership when delivering lectures spanning from the local to international level. Topics relevant to the SAGES membership are chosen and a team of SAGES members then research and debate the topic using monthly meetings to refine the data for the presentation. Using existing SAGES educational material such as guidelines and consensus statements as well as current literature review ensures that the presentation is relevant and up to date.

The resulting slide set is grounded in evidence based diagnostic and treatment algorithms, yet holds opportunities to personalize the presentation to highlight local practice patterns. Target audiences for these presentations include referring providers (primary care, hospitalist, gastroenterologist), residents, and medical students. The presentations are also appropriate for regional medical and surgical meetings. Accompanying the slide set is a presentation text, video, and comprehensive bibliography. The goal is to create a library of ready to use "Grand Rounds" presentations pertinent to minimally invasive surgery available on the SAGES website, available to the membership.

Periodic review of each topic ensures that the slide sets will remain up to date and relevant as standards of care evolve. Participation in the development process is open to all SAGES members who are interested in maintaining a presence in a supportive academic environment regardless of the location or nature of their practice. Members who volunteer to work on the development process will be credited with authorship of peer reviewed presentations and members who utilize the slide sets will be able to deliver a personalized and meticulously sourced presentation without the traditional investment in time and effort required to create a high quality slide set. The initial Collaborative Grand Rounds topic is Anti-reflux Surgery and the presentation is in development. Recruitment for the next team and topic will begin at the SAGES 2023 meeting. All members interested in participating in the process are welcome.

If you would like to participate in the next Collaborative Grand Rounds project scan this QR code to volunteer.

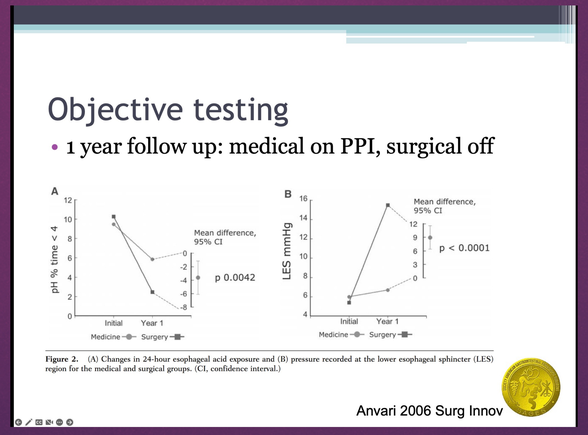


Figure 1: Slide from the presentation slide set "Management of Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease"

PURPOSE

Beyond creating Grand Rounds slide presentations for SAGES members to utilize when giving talks at meetings, this project is intended to highlight the content generated by the numerous SAGES committees and increase member participation throughout SAGES. The project provides a forum for members looking to maintain academic/collegial relationships an opportunity to work collaboratively and generate academic work product. As such, beyond committee members, we would like to encourage the SAGES membership at large to participate in the process.

PROCESS

The Collaborative Grand Rounds Project will be overseen by a Project Manager from the Community Practice Committee who will select a Lead Author for each topic. A new topic will be chosen annually with a goal of creating and maintaining 10 continually updated slide sets. Topics can be suggested by any SAGES member interested in participating. The Lead Author will recruit Team Members with interest and experience in the topic to research current literature and guidelines which will then be used to create the slide deck. Monthly meetings are utilized to monitor progress and allow everyone on the team to contribute to the final product. Once created and reviewed by the SAGES leadership the slide set and accompanying documentation will be made available on the SAGES website so that members may download the slides and utilize them when giving talks in their local community, to medical students and residents, or at regional, national, or international meetings.

PROGRESS

The first slide set entitled " Management of Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease" has been produced and is being finalized for review by the SAGES Board. Once approved the presentation will be available on the SAGES website for download and use.