

MSQC Collaborative Meeting

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Marcia M. Russell, MD, FACS is an Associate Professor of Surgery-in-Residence and the Vice Chair for Quality and Safety in the Department of Surgery at the David Geffen School of Medicine at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA). She is also a Staff Surgeon in Colon & Rectal Surgery at the Veterans Affairs (VA) Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System. Dr. Russell attended Cornell University where she majored in Biological Sciences, and received her M.D. with Alpha Omega Alpha honors from New York Medical College. She received training in general surgery at UCLA followed by a colorectal surgery fellowship at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington, MA. She has significant prior experience performing health services and outcomes research through completion of the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program. She has received research funding from the UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, Veterans Affairs Health Services Research and Development, a Career Development Award from the Conquer Cancer Foundation of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, the National Institute on Aging, and the John A. Hartford Foundation.

Her primary research interests are the quality of surgical care with a special interest in geriatric surgery. Dr. Russell has been a leader in the field of geriatric surgery research - she developed the initial quality indicators for elderly patients undergoing major abdominal surgery in 2005 and updated them for all elderly surgery patients in 2009 (funded by the National Institute on Aging). This work was the basis for the American College of Surgeons (ACS) National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (NSQIP)/American Geriatrics Society (AGS) Best Practice Guidelines for Optimal Preoperative Assessment of the Geriatric Surgery Patient which were published in 2012. She also co-authored the Perioperative Guidelines which were published in 2016. She was a member of the core development team of the Coalition for Quality in Geriatric Surgery (CQGS) from 2015-2019. During that time, Dr. Russell was the co-chair of the Standards Subcommittee for CQGS which led the effort to develop the current standards for the ACS Geriatric Surgery Verification (GSV) Program. Dr. Russell is the current Vice Chair for the ACS Committee on GSV and has been instrumental in the launch and uptake of the GSV program. She is also co-PI of a current grant funded by the John A. Hartford Foundation entitled "American College of Surgeons (ACS) Geriatric Surgery Verification Phase II: Evaluation and Improvement" whose goal is to perform a systematic evaluation of the GSV program to improve dissemination as well as incorporate palliative care into the existing GSV framework.



Tina Percha, MSN, RN, CPHQ manages CQIs and CMS Core Measure registries for the Corewell Health East Region's eight hospitals. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Ohio University and a Master of Science in Nursing Leadership & Management from Western Governors University. Tina is a Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality (CPHQ). Her work experience includes 17 years in critical care nursing and six years as an SCQR for MSQC before becoming a system manager in quality. Tina is a wife, mom, outdoor enthusiast, and US Army Veteran.



Michael McGee, MD is Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery and Chief of the Division of Colorectal Surgery at the University of Michigan. Prior to obtaining his medical degree at Drexel University, he was trained as a mechanical engineer. After completing general surgery training at Case Western Reserve University, Dr. McGee completed colorectal surgery fellowship at Cleveland Clinic. While at Case Western, Dr. McGee completed the Dudley P. Allen Scholarship dedicated to clinical research in minimally invasive surgery and surgical endoscopy. Dr. McGee was recruited to Northwestern University where he practiced for 11 years and held several system-wide administrative roles for Northwestern Medicine before joining the University of Michigan in 2022.

Dr. McGee's clinical interests include complex re-operative abdominal surgery, minimally invasive colorectal surgery, surgical endoscopy, and anorectal surgery for cancer and inflammatory bowel disease. He served as co-director of the 50+ hospital Illinois Surgical Quality Improvement Collaborative (ISQIC) where he led day-to-day operations and statewide quality improvement projects for thousands of surgical patients in Illinois. Dr. McGee's research interests include surgical quality improvement, implementation science, and patient education. He is an active member of several national surgical organizations, multiple editorial boards, and has authored over fifty publications and received multiple grants and awards for research, teaching, and humanism.



Dana Telem, MD, MPH is the Lazar J Greenfield Professor and Chief of General Surgery at the University of Michigan. As Chief, she oversees 7 surgical divisions comprised of 44 surgeons and 109 staff. She is also the Vice Chair for Quality and Safety. Clinically, her practice is focused on advanced laparoscopy, including foregut, hernia, and bariatrics. Academically, she is PI on R01 funded work (NIH/NIDDK) that combines implementation science and policy to advance

evidence-based practice across multi-hospital collaboratives.

She has authored over 170 peer-reviewed publications. She is Associate Editor for 4 specialty journals: Surgery for Obesity and Related Diseases, Surgical Endoscopy, American Journal of Surgery, and Hernia; and on the Annals of Surgery editorial board. She is the Vice President of SAGES, holds leadership positions across several professional societies; and founded the Michigan Women's Surgical Collaborative. She was elected to the American Surgical Association in 2022.



Pasithorn Amy Suwanabol, MD is an Assistant Professor of Surgery in the Division of Colorectal Surgery. Dr. Suwanabol graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a B.S. in Biology. She received her M.D. from the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health in 2007. She completed her General Surgery residency at the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics in 2014 and her fellowship in Colon and Rectal Surgery at the University of Massachusetts-Memorial Hospital Medical Center in 2015.

Dr. Suwanabol joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in September 2015.



John C. Byrn, M.D is a Clinical Professor of Surgery in the Division of Colorectal Surgery. He graduated from Hope College with a B.A. in Chemistry and received his MD degree from the University of Illinois-Chicago College of Medicine. He trained in general surgery at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York, NY. Dr. Byrn went on for his Colon and Rectal residency at the Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH. Dr. Byrn was a Clinical Assistant and Associate Professor of Surgery at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics from 2009-2015 and served as the Chief of the Section

of Colorectal Surgery from 2013-2105.