Reducing SSI: What Can You Do Differently Tomorrow?

Panel Discussion and Q&A Session

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Dr. Elizabeth C. Wick is a board-certified colorectal surgeon and assistant professor of surgery at Johns Hopkins University. Her clinical practice is focused on the care of patients with benign and malignant colorectal conditions. Her research is focused on the colonic flora and the role of the bacteria in carcinogenesis. Additionally, she works with Dr. Peter Pronovost on the AHRQ contract to implement the comprehensive unit-based safety program (CUSP) in the operating room with the goal of reducing surgical site infections at 100 hospitals. The goal of CUSP is to educate frontline providers on the science of safety and then empower them to identify and correct lapses in care. She successfully used this approach to reduce SSIs at Johns Hopkins.

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Dr. Peter Marcello is a Vice Chairman in the Department of Colon and Rectal surgery at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington, Massachusetts. In 1997 he joined the staff at the Cleveland Clinic, where he worked closely with Dr. Jeffery Milsom, one of the early pioneers of laparoscopic colectomy. He returned to Lahey Clinic in 1999 and has performed more than 2,000 laparoscopic colorectal procedures including participation in the COST trial comparing open and laparoscopic colectomy for colon cancer and the current ACOSOG trial comparing open and laparoscopic surgery for rectal cancer. Dr. Marcello has made over 120 national and international presentations and is widely published (>50 articles) in the topic of laparoscopic colon and rectal surgery. He has organized and participated in more than 120 postgraduate courses in teaching laparoscopic colorectal surgery. He is the current chair of the Membership Committee of SAGES. He is currently working on the development of laparoendoscopic techniques for colorectal neoplasia.

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Dale W. Bratzler, DO, MPH

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Dale W. Bratzler, DO, MPH

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Panel Question & Answer Session

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