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|  | **MBSC News** |
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| **Mark Your Calendars!**  **Upcoming MBSC Tri-Annual Meeting Dates:**  **Friday, February 1, 2019**  *The Baronette Renaissance Hotel*  *Novi, Michigan*  **Friday, June 7, 2019**  *The Baronette Renaissance Hotel*  *Novi, Michigan*  **Friday, October 4, 2019**  *\*\*\*\*\*Grand Traverse Resort & Spa*  *Traverse City, Michigan*    Image result for grand traverse resort **BCBSM Expectation Statement**It is BCBSM/BCN’s strong expectation that CQI Coordinating Centers continue to remind site participants that clinical data and outcomes cannot be used for marketing or competitive purposes. For instance, while a site participant can acknowledge their commitment to quality by participating in a CQI, it is not appropriate for a site to use CQI data to state they are better in any way or share or promote CQI performance ratings/rankings outside of their institution.   **2018/2019**  **MBSC Data Entry Deadlines**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Monthly Date | All Cases Entered Through OR Date | | 10/31/2018 | 6/30/2018 | | 11/30/2018 | 7/31/2018 | | 12/31/2018 | 8/31/2018 | | 1/31/2019 | 9/30/2018 | | 2/28/2019 | 10/31/2018 | | 3/31/2019 | 11/30/2018 | | 4/30/2019 | 12/31/2018 | | 5/31/2019 | 1/31/2019 | | 6/30/2019 | 2/28/2019 | | 7/31/2019 | 3/31/2019 | | 8/31/2019 | 4/30/2019 | | 9/30/2019 | 5/31/2019 |     **Websites to Remember:**  **MBSC:**  [*www.michiganbsc.org*](http://www.michiganbsc.org)  **PCORI:**  *www.myweightlossjourney.net*  **Public Facebook:**  */MichBariSC*  **Coordinator Facebook:**  */MBSC Coordinators*  **Surgeon Facebook:**  */Michigan Bariatric Surgery Collaborative*  **Public Twitter:**  *@MichBariSC*    **MBSC Mission Statement**  MBSC aims to innovate the science and practice of metabolic and bariatric surgery through comprehensive, lifelong, patient-centered obesity care – in Michigan and across the United States.  MBSC rests on the core pillars of collaborative quality improvement: collection of detailed clinical data on outcomes and practice; timely, rigorous performance feedback to clinicians; and continuous improvement based on empirical analysis and collaborative learning.  Image result for mission statement clipart | Image result for Samer Mattar, MDWelcome! We offer our warmest welcome to our October, 2018 guest speaker, Samar Mattar, MD, F.A.C.S.  ​Dr. Mattar is Medical Director at Swedish Medical Center. Formerly, he was Professor of Surgery at Oregon Health & Science University. He is also President of the American Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgeons and the Vice-President of the Fellowship Council. He has been actively serving on ASMBS committees since 2003. His practice is entirely bariatric in nature and his main clinical interests are in the area of standardizing pathways and optimizing patient outcomes. He has published numerous articles and book chapters in the field and he enjoys teaching and advocating for his patients.    Please help us welcome Dr. Mattar!  Patient Advisory Panel  The MBSC has 8 active patient advisors. We would like to thank all of our advisors for participating in a variety of collaborative activities over the past year, and we look forward to their input and engagement in 2019. If you have any patients who would be interested in becoming a patient advisor, please send their contact information to Haley Stevens ([hsteve@med.umich.edu](mailto:hsteve@med.umich.edu)).    2019 P4P Scorecard and VBR Measures Update  The MBSC Executive Committee held a call on August 16th, 2018 to discuss the 2019 P4P scorecard and VBR measures. Ten MBSC Executive Committee members were present on the call. The group reviewed the current P4P measures and made the suggestion to remove patient satisfaction from the scorecard and to replace this measure with hospital-level follow-up rates. We have submitted these changes to BCBSM and are awaiting their approval. Once the measures have been approved, the MBSC Data Coordinating Center will send an email to the collaborative. For any questions regarding the 2019 P4P scorecard for VBR measures, please email Amanda Stricklen at [aoreilly@med.umich.edu](mailto:aoreilly@med.umich.edu)  MBSC Quality Improvement Study Updates    **Michigan Perioperative Initiative to Reduce Readmissions and ED Visits**  **(M-PIRRE)**  Since the last collaborative meeting in June, the two M-PIRRE interventions have continued to move forward. We currently have 16 sites participating in the wristband and wallet card program. The initial sites will be coming up on their one-year implementation mark this winter. Patient satisfaction with the intervention has remained high and hospitals have reported considerable positive feedback. Meaningful outcomes data will be available in the coming months and we can begin the initial evaluation of the intervention to determine what effect it has had on ED visits.  Urgent Care assessments have been completed for local Urgent Care Centers surrounding six volunteer sites. We now have detailed information on 47 Urgent Care Centers in Michigan. This information includes the sites staffing, hours, services, ability to care for bariatric patients, and attitudes towards forming relationships with bariatric clinics and caring for bariatric patients. The six pilot sites are collaborating with the DCC to develop educational materials to share with theses Urgent Care Centers and establish working relationships. We are also in the process of developing an Urgent Care Outreach Toolkit which will outline these processes so other sites are able to establish relationships and facilitate bi-directional education with their local Urgent Care Centers.  This initiative is a process in evolution. We welcome your input into the design and execution of this QI project. The staff contact for this initiative is Haley Stevens ([hsteve@med.umich.edu](mailto:hsteve@med.umich.edu)).  **Improving Patient Decisions about Bariatric Surgery**  The revised patient decision aid, now called “My Weight Loss Journey” (MWLJ) has been completed and recruitment of patients to evaluate the tool has been wrapped up.  To date, 320 patients have completed the baseline survey and the MWLJ tool.  Of those patients, 170 have completed the 3-month follow-up survey evaluating the tool itself as well as their satisfaction with the decisions surrounding bariatric surgery. Initial analyses on these data are well underway and we plan to disseminate the tool for public consumption following these analyses. The new tool aims to better educate patients preoperatively and to encourage longitudinal education and follow-up. It also seeks to help reaffirm patients’ decision to pursue bariatric surgery. For more information regarding this initiative, please contact Rachel Ross at [rachacoo@med.umich.edu](mailto:rachacoo@med.umich.edu)      **Do you have a question or need more information about MBSC?**  We are available to help you with your MBSC questions. 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In conjunction with this brainstorm and a review of existing guidelines, a multidisciplinary ERAS committee was assembled to establish a standardized MBSC protocol and study design. 5 sites have volunteered to pilot this protocol over the next year. The ERAS committee and the pilot sites have reached a consensus on the protocol interventions and finalized guidelines are being written. The aim of these guidelines are to make recommendation for pre-, intra-, and post-operative interventions to optimize perioperative recovery for elective bariatric surgery patients.  The study period will take place from February 2019 to February 2020. There will be an initial 3-month baseline evaluation period followed by a 6 to 9-month protocol roll-out and evaluation period. The outcomes of interest are decreased complications, ED visits, and readmissions, enhanced patient recovery, and increased patient satisfaction. Detailed information on these protocol guidelines will be discussed at future meetings.  We would like to thank those who participated in the ERAS engagement activity as well as the members of the ERAS committee who provided their time and expertise in the development of these guidelines. We would also like to extend a special thank you to the hospital and teams who volunteered to participate as pilot sites for the evaluation of these guidelines.  If you would like to join the ERAS committee or have any suggestions or questions, please contact Haley Stevens ([hsteve@med.umich.edu](mailto:hsteve@med.umich.edu))    **Social Media Update**  **Facebook:**  MBSC has three Facebook sites that are up and running:   * The MBSC Public Page * The MBSC Coordinator Page * The MBSC Surgeon Page   We have emailed information regarding signing up for these sites. If you wish to receive the information again, please contact Amir Ghaferi ([aghaferi@med.umich.edu](mailto:aghaferi@med.umich.edu)) for the surgeon page and Rachel Ross ([rachacoo@med.umich.ed](mailto:rachacoo@med.umich.ed)) for the coordinator page.  *\*\*It is important that no PHI be shared on these forums. The surgeon page requires accepting a terms of agreement to participate.*    **Twitter:**  The next #OBSM tweet chat will be held on October 14th from 9 pm to 10 pm EST. Please invite any interested colleagues or patients to join! For more information on how to participate in tweet chats or for general Twitter questions, please contact Dr. Ghaferi ([aghaferi@med.umich.edu](mailto:aghaferi@med.umich.edu)) or Haley Stevens ([hsteve@med.umich.edu](mailto:hsteve@med.umich.edu)).    **PCP Engagement**  With continued support from BCBSM and led by Dr. Varban, the MBSC is committed to engaging with PCPs to improve care for obese patients across the state Michigan. After multiple collaborative workgroups between PCPs and surgeons, a web-based toolkit for PCPs has been created and will provide easy access to data-driven resources such as the MBSC Outcomes Calculator, as well as bariatric surgery programs. The new website is live and can be accessed at [www.michiganbsc.org](http://www.michiganbsc.org).   We are excited to have PCPs join us from the west side of the state for our October 2018 tri-annual meeting. Please help us in welcoming them to our meeting. Please email Dr. Varban at [ovarban@med.umich.edu](mailto:ovarban@med.umich.edu) about this initiative.  Image result for collaboration  http://sps-corp/hcve/cpd/PGIP/Value%20Partnerships%20Communications%20Library/Department%20Templates%20and%20Logos/New%20VP%20logo%20color%20no%20tagline.jpg |