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Editorial

From the editor – in – chief: Papers from the Midwest Surgical Association



In the March Issue of *The American Journal of Surgery* (AJS) we feature manuscripts from the Midwest Surgical Association. I want to thank Society Editor Peter Hallowell for assembling a great issue. We are happy to feature the papers from their annual meeting as highlights below as well as other papers outside of their meeting:

The association of Hospital Medicare beneficiary payer-mix, national quality rankings and outcomes following hepatopancreatic surgery. Paredes and colleagues report on the impact of hospital payer-mix on outcomes amongst Medicare beneficiaries specifically on the association of high hospital level Medicare patient-mix on short-term postoperative outcomes undergoing hepatopancreatic surgery. The authors show that the high Medicare patient-mix hospitals generally had better quality indicators versus low/average Medicare patient-mix hospitals¹ with an editorial from Samir Gupta and Camaleigh Jaber.²

Find Your Joy (Can A Surgeon Actually Retire?) Peter Fabri delivers the Annual Harriage Lecture, telling his story about his ten-year plan to retire. He describes his journey.³

Influence of fellowship educational experience on practice patterns for adrenalectomy: A survey of recent AAES fellowship graduates. Fazendin and colleagues report the results of a survey focusing on the transition from trainee to attending.⁴ Surgical training does not stop on the day of graduation, with an editorial from Thurston Drake.⁵

In addition, we present Six “My Thoughts/My Surgical Practice” Articles. They include: Cultural complications: Why, how, and lessons learned,⁶ Bouffant or Surgeon's cap and the struggle for identity,⁷ The top 100 most disruptive publications in Academic Surgery Journals: 1954–2014,⁸ Aptitude tests: Do they have a role in the training of the modern surgeon?⁹ Long-term oncologic outcomes following neoadjuvant therapy and transanal excision of T2

or T3 rectal cancer,¹⁰ and Capturing the crisis golden moment: A leadership opportunity for overcoming institutional inertia in safety-critical situations.¹¹

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