

## Foreword:

### New topics, returning features, tools for enduring challenges

**T**he 3rd Perioperative Medicine Summit is upon us. We are again privileged to be collaborating with the Society for Perioperative Assessment and Quality Improvement (SPAQI), led by Angela Bader from the Harvard Medical School, and its esteemed and world-renowned board members.

#### Expanded meeting, additional topics

This year we accepted a total of 32 abstracts for the Summit, and we are excited about showcasing these submissions and all of our world-class faculty who will be presenting at the two-and-a-half-day meeting.

Several new topics are covered this year, including perioperative management of anemia, billing and coding issues, disparities in perioperative care, challenging cases, medicolegal issues, and advanced issues in quality improvement. We are also delighted to include this year a perspective on perioperative care in Britain.

#### More IMPACT Consults

For the second year, this Summit-based supplement includes a special feature—IMPACT Consults. This peer-reviewed collection of 10 brief articles answers clinically relevant perioperative questions in a highly focused, evidence-based manner. These articles, which are also being presented as posters at the Summit, are the result of an extraordinary effort by our

Cleveland Clinic colleagues in the Department of Hospital Medicine. We commend the articles' authors, as well as the IMPACT Consult editors—Drs. Harte, Kroen, and Gugliotti—for helping to orchestrate the overall effort.

#### Multidisciplinary knowledge-sharing

Today, both patients and third-party payors expect innovative and technologically advanced surgical care that results in superior outcomes. High-quality perioperative care demands a multidisciplinary approach. All members of the perioperative team—including nurses, surgeons, anesthesiologists, allied health professionals, hospitalists, subspecialists, and primary care physicians—need to be knowledgeable about medical and surgical issues that arise in the perioperative period. This multidisciplinary team also must work together effectively if the best outcomes are to be achieved.

We believe the Perioperative Medicine Summit can provide this multidisciplinary team with the latest evidence-based information so that we are all practicing at the cutting edge. If you agree, please tell at least five colleagues about the Summit. Also direct them to the online version of this supplement at [www.ccjm.org/toc/2007periop.htm](http://www.ccjm.org/toc/2007periop.htm). We aim to continue to grow the conference each year and take the field of perioperative medicine to new heights.



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