Chairman’s Report

May 8, 2015

Quality and Safety

- The Quality and Safety team (Cati, Paramita and Amit, led by Dr Guillaume) continues to lead the institution in preparedness and activity. They have been complimented by MHealth leadership for strong efforts on mortality and readmissions. This is the second revised Quality and Safety Meeting (formerly M&M).

Public and Professional Engagement

- We had an excellent showing at the AANS. There were posters, presentations, participation in the CSNS, teaching in practical courses, leading committee meetings. Our presence was recognized and we are proud to be from Minnesota!
  - Dr. Grande is featured on the Department Facebook page
  - Dr. Darrow assisted a wounded person during the meeting – always putting patients first! Since this is a HIPAA compliant report, no more details are available.

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Cutting Edge Training

- Six residents took the written in-service exam of the American Board of Neurological Surgery. All did well, with group performance continuing the strong trend to improvement over the past few years. Amit and Akshay took it for credit and both passed with very good scores. Amit’s score was above the 90th percentile. Congratulations to all – and keep up the good work.

Discovery

- Cati and David delivered excellent platform presentations at the AANS.
- David also got second place out of hundreds of poster presentations for his ethics ePoster entitled “Privacy in an Era of Nascent Video Technology.”

Commitments

- Our patients are our first priority.
- We practice innovative, team-based neurosurgery.
- We train neurosurgical leaders who improve our communities.
- Our research improves the lives of patients.
• Dr. Low is Co-Investigator on a $2.3 million DOD grant with Dr. Dan Garry in Cardiology that will attempt to create human hearts in swine. Finally there will be hope for the Republican party!
• Dr. Low is PI on a massively complex multicenter contract application to DARPA titled, "Engineering Human Organs and Cells." If awarded it will be one of the largest research contracts this University has ever had.
  o Sue Julson has been called out by Jeremy Marshall and Dr. Low for her outstanding contributions to getting that application done and out the door on time.
• There will be an OPTUM Planning Party at my place on Saturday evening, May 23, starting at 6PM. The purpose is to plan a grant submission to the OPTUM database. Pizza and beverages will be supplied. Details will be emailed to everyone.

Creating Excellence
• Reminder, our new department administrator, Barbara Daiker, starts on May 18.
• The department coordinator for clinical research, quality and safety position is being posted as we speak.