



Happy fall! Here in Michigan, it can be a glorious time of year as the weather cools off and we experience the brilliant show produced by the changing leaves. I hope everyone you can savor the beauty of nature during Michigan's most colorful season!

It has been a little over a year since we migrated to the new Ascension-wide IRB system. For the most part, the process has gone well and everyone has done a great job at adapting to the new mode of conducting business with the IRB.

A few reminders about the new IRB process.

- ◆ We no longer use IRBNet; this program has been replaced by eIRB. <https://eirb.ascension.org> You need to register in eIRB (if you are new to the system), using your Ascension email address.
- ◆ You need to have your CITI training (less than three years old) on file in the CITI program, under the Ascension affiliation. If you did your CITI training elsewhere, you can add an Ascension affiliation in CITI and the courses you took should "roll over" and appear under Ascension. We no longer send the CITI certificates to the IRB; they look them up directly. You need to take the basic course in human subjects protections in the role of investigator.
- ◆ Every investigator on a project needs to have an Investigator Agreement and their CV on file with the Research Integrity office. The form and your CV should be emailed to researchintegrity@ascension.org.

Best wishes,

Dr. Susanna Szpunar

Director, Biomedical Investigations and Research

Ascension St. John Advances in Research and Quality

Improvement

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The Department of Biomedical Investigations and Research, Ascension St. John Hospital is proud to announce the founding of our new peer-reviewed electronic scientific journal.

Scientific papers from members of the Ascension St. John Hospital Community may be submitted for inclusion in the Journal.

Article Types include:

- ◆ Original Research Investigations
- ◆ Original Report of Quality Improvement Activities
- ◆ Comprehensive Review of the Literature with Meta-Analysis
- ◆ Comprehensive Review of the Literature without Meta-Analysis
- ◆ Short Communication/Brief Report
- ◆ Editorial
- ◆ Humanities, including
 - * Original artwork
 - * Reflections
 - * Poetry
 - * Music

In a separate attachment, please see information about the Editorial Board, the peer-review process and specifications for each article type. Please note that case reports will not be accepted.

Please submit your articles via email to Dr. Susan Szpunar at susan.szpunar@ascension.org and please contact Dr. Szpunar with any questions!





Michigan ACP Winners, October 2023



Please join me in congratulating our residents and students on their success at the Michigan ACP Meeting!

First Place, Research Poster: *Dr. Adrienne Yun.* A Comparison of non-COVID 19 Hospital Mortality Rates during COVID Surges Compared to Pre-Pandemic Periods.

Third Place, Research Poster: *Dr. Talal Bazzi (presented by Dr. Ali Khalil).* Clinical Characteristics that Influence Treatment Response in Women with Early versus Late Onset Breast Cancer.

Second Place, Oral Research Presentation: *Dr. Inderpal Singh.* The Association of Right Ventricular to Left Ventricular Size Ratio with Cardiac Index in Patients with Acute Pulmonary Embolism.

In all, our Internal Medicine residents and medical students rotating at St. John had 29 presentations accepted at the meeting. Our residents captured three of the six research awards!

Congratulations to all of the ACP winners and entrants!

Recent Publications

Baracy MG Jr, Kerl A, Hagglund K, Fennell B, Corey L, Aslam MF. Trends in surgical approach to hysterectomy and perioperative outcomes in Michigan hospitals from 2010 through 2020. *J Robot Surg.* 2023 Oct;17(5):2211-2220.

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Khalil AS, Flora S, Hagglund K, Aslam M. Increased bladder injury rate during emergency and repeat cesarean section. *J Turk Ger Gynecol Assoc.* 2023 Jun 7;24(2):97-100.

Mollica A, Bennett W, Rhodenizer J, Eisenschink J. Cheilectomy alone in patients with elevatus yields poor 5-year survival rate. *J Foot Ankle Surg.* 2023 Jul-Aug;62(4):689-693.





Consent for Case Reports

It is required that you obtain consent from patients or next-of-kin when you plan to write a case report. We have a standard consent form that should be used. The consent needs to be in writing, a verbal consent is not sufficient. Please remember to both sign and date the consent form as the requesting author. Please contact Dr. Szpunar for a copy of the consent form and instructions, if needed.

Remember that none of the 18 elements of PHI should ever be included in a case report. The 18 elements are:

1. Patient names
2. Geographical elements
3. Dates related to the health or identity of individuals
4. Telephone numbers
5. Fax numbers
6. Email addresses
7. Social security numbers
8. Medical record numbers
9. Health insurance beneficiary numbers
10. Account numbers
11. Certificate/license numbers
12. Vehicle identifiers
13. Device attributes or serial numbers
14. Digital identifiers, such as website URLs
15. IP addresses

Upcoming SEMCME Programs

2023-2024 Research Workshop Series

Workshop series to help residents learn the fundamentals of research methodology through comprehensive discussion coupled with relevant research study examples. All recordings and materials are available.

[Click here for information and registration](#)

Pediatric Lunch & Learn Fall Series - Session Three Diabetes & New Therapies

Presented by: Bernard Degnan, MD

Nov. 9, 2023, Noon-1:00pm EST via Zoom

[Click here for more information and registration](#)

For more information: <https://semcme.org/>

CME Update

Mental Health and Primary Care course

November 1, 2023, 7:30 am to 1:30 pm

The War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore Drive, GPF, MI

Half day event for 4.0 hours of CME.

Contact Nancy DeRita for more information:

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