

2013 General Surgery Retreat Economics Update

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Economics Update

- What is the Section of General Surgery?
- Who is the Section of General Surgery?
- Significant achievements 2006-2013
- Challenges for the future
- The BC general surgery workforce 1992-2012

What is the Section of General Surgery?

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- In BC there are two separate organizations that represent general surgeons
 - The BC Surgical Society
 - The BCMA Section of General Surgery
- The Surgical Society deals with education and organizes the annual scientific meeting held usually in the spring
- Members also include vascular, thoracic, CVT, pediatric surgeons

What is the Section of GS?

- The Section of GS is a branch of the BCMA
- Annual budget of \$115,000
- Annual membership dues \$650
- Annual MSP billing (2011-12) \$82M
- Annual AGM held in conjunction with BC Surgical Society spring meeting

What is the Section of GS?

- Economics
 - Introducing new fees
 - Allocating money from negotiations
 - Negotiating with MSP and Tariff committee
 - Assisting members with billing issues
- Political advocacy
 - Representation on SSPS
 - Interaction with BCMA
 - Public education
 - Website, Social Media

What is the Section of GS?

- Indirect influence

- Dr S Bugis - BCMA Physician Affairs
- Dr JN Mahy - Tariff Committee
- Dr R van Heest - Statutory Negotiations
 - Council on Health Economics and Policy
- Dr R Dykstra - Cross sectional billing, negotiations
- Dr A Karimuddin - MOCAP review panel
- Dr A Aleem - Joint Standing Cmt Rural Issues
- Dr N Nguyen - Provincial Privileging
- Dr D Brosseuk - Surgical Advisory Council
- Dr P Blair - Surgical Advisory Council

Who is the Section of General Surgery?

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- President - Dr Ahmer Karimuddin
 - Annual Honorarium - \$15,000
- Past president - Dr Rardi van Heest
 - Annual Honorarium - \$5,000
- Economics Chair - Dr Hamish Hwang
 - Annual Honorarium - \$12,000
- Executive director - Tanyss Bugis
 - Annual Salary - \$12,400

Who is the Section of GS?

- President-elect - Dr Mark Dickeson
- Economics committee
 - Dr Mark Dickeson
 - Dr Sharadh Sampath
 - Dr Samaad Malik
- Treasurer and Webmaster - Dr Nam Nguyen
- Resident member - Dr Dan Jenkins

Who is the Section of GS?

- Regional representatives
 - Northern Health - Dr Brian Dubois
 - Interior Health - Dr Stephen Hiscock
 - Vancouver Island - Dr Darren Biberdorf
 - Fraser Health - Dr Dave Konkin
 - Vancouver Coastal - Dr Adam Meneghetti

Significant achievements 2006-2013

Achievements 2006-2013

- Average income for our section has increased from \$293,788 in 2006-7 to \$352,916 in 2011-12
- We are now the 10th highest average earning section (excluding pathology)

2007/08	2009/10	2011/12
RADIOLOGY	RADIOLOGY	OPHTHALMOLOGY
OPHTHALMOLOGY	OPHTHALMOLOGY	RADIOLOGY
CARDIOLOGY	CARDIOLOGY	CARDIOLOGY
GASTROENTEROLOGY	GASTROENTEROLOGY	GASTROENTEROLOGY
NEUROSURGERY	VASCULAR SURGERY	UROLOGY
UROLOGY	UROLOGY	VASCULAR SURGERY
CARDIAC SURGERY	NEUROSURGERY	OTOLARYNGOLOGY
ALLERGY & IMMUNOLOGY	OTOLARYNGOLOGY	NEUROSURGERY
NEPHROLOGY	NEPHROLOGY	CARDIAC SURGERY
OTOLARYNGOLOGY	ALLERGY & IMMUNOLOGY	GENERAL SURGERY
VASCULAR SURGERY	RESPIROLOGY	ALLERGY & IMMUNOLOGY
RESPIROLOGY	CARDIAC SURGERY	NEPHROLOGY
GENERAL SURGERY	GENERAL SURGERY	RESPIROLOGY
DERMATOLOGY	DERMATOLOGY	DERMATOLOGY
OBSTETRICS & GYN.	CRITICAL CARE	OBSTETRICS & GYN.
ORTHOPAEDIC SURG.	OBSTETRICS & GYN.	CRITICAL CARE
CHEST SURGERY	ORTHOPAEDIC SURG.	ORTHOPAEDIC SURG.
INTERNAL MEDICINE	ENDOCRINOLOGY	CHEST SURGERY
RHEUMATOLOGY	CHEST SURGERY	ENDOCRINOLOGY
NEUROLOGY	ANESTHESIOLOGY	ANESTHESIOLOGY
ANESTHESIOLOGY	INTERNAL MEDICINE	INTERNAL MEDICINE
PLASTIC SURGERY	RHEUMATOLOGY	RHEUMATOLOGY
ENDOCRINOLOGY	NEUROLOGY	PLASTIC SURGERY
GENERAL PRACTICE	PLASTIC SURGERY	NEUROLOGY
PEDIATRICS	GENERAL PRACTICE	PEDIATRICS
HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY	HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY	GENERAL PRACTICE
PSYCHIATRY	PEDIATRICS	HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY
INFECTIOUS DISEASES	PSYCHIATRY	PSYCHIATRY
PHYSICAL MEDICINE	PHYSICAL MEDICINE	PHYSICAL MEDICINE
GERIATRIC MEDICINE	INFECTIOUS DISEASES	INFECTIOUS DISEASES
EMERGENCY MEDICINE	GERIATRIC MEDICINE	GERIATRIC MEDICINE
CRITICAL CARE	EMERGENCY MEDICINE	EMERGENCY MEDICINE

Achievements 2006-2013

- 2006
 - Certified assist “C” added to advanced laparoscopic procedures

Achievements 2006-2013

- 2007

- \$1.3M for colorectal fees from recruitment and retention fund
- 70155-70169 Debridement of soft tissues for necrotizing infections or severe trauma
- 71623/4 Lap ventral hernia repair
- 07368 Lap splenectomy

Achievements 2006-2013

- 2008
 - 07001 Age 75+ surcharge
 - 71625 Component separation procedure
 - 70650/1 Lysis of adhesions

Achievements 2006-2013

- 2009
 - 71007/8 Pre/post of visits
 - 71280/3 Removal of enteral tubes
 - 71290/1 Resection >10cm retroperitoneal or intra-abdominal tumour
 - 71682 Botox for anal fissure

Achievements 2006-2013

- 2010
 - 71380 Open or laparoscopic operative liver tumour non-resectional ablation by any means
 - 10001/2/3 Telephone advice, follow up
 - 07007 and 07008 billing rule changes
 - 70660/1 Laparoscopic lysis of adhesions

Achievements 2006-2013

- 2011
 - 70070-8 Telehealth fees
 - 10087/8/9 Trauma team leader fees
 - 72739 Lap sleeve gastrectomy

Achievements 2006-2013

- 2011

- 25% increase to 8 lap fees

- Lap Nissen
- Lap Heller with or without fundoplication
- Lap Limited colon resection
- Lap right hemicolectomy
- Lap left hemicolectomy
- Lap sigmoid resection
- Lap Hartmann reversal

Achievements 2006-2013

- 2011

- 34 new laparoscopic fees at 125% open fee
 - Wedge gastrectomy, benign & malignant
 - Total gastrectomy (3 fees)
 - Partial gastrectomy (4 fees)
 - Proximal gastrectomy
 - Revision gastrectomy
 - Gastrojejunostomy
 - Gastric bypass for obesity
 - Reversal gastric bypass

Achievements 2006-2013

- 2011

- 34 new laparoscopic fees at 125% open fee
 - Small bowel resection (2 fees)
 - Intestinal bypass
 - Hartmann resection
 - Low anterior with TME
 - APR (2 fees)
 - Total colectomy
 - Colectomy and hemiproctectomy
 - Pelvic pouch
 - Total proctocolectomy (2 fees)

Achievements 2006-2013

- 2011

- 34 new laparoscopic fees at 125% open fee
 - Take down pelvic pouch
 - Partial right colectomy
 - Continent ileostomy
 - Loop ostomy
 - End ostomy
 - Adrenalectomy (3 fees)

Achievements 2006-2013

- 2012
 - 72794 Lap non-anatomic liver resection
 - 72795 Lap segmental hepatectomy
 - 72796 Lap liver 2+ segments
 - 72798 Lap right hepatectomy
 - 72797 Lap left hepatectomy

Achievements 2006-2013

- 2012

- 72673 Transanal Endoscopic Microsurgical Resection of rectal tumour \$900
- 78717 Specialist Discharge Care Plan for complex patients
- 72635 Anterior resection for carcinoma now a “C” item
- 71630 use of mesh for hernia repair

Achievements 2006-2013

- 2012 Upper GI scope overhaul
 - 10761 - EGD
 - 10763 - biopsy
 - 10764 - Barrett's surveillance
 - 33321 - removal foreign material
 - 33322 - therapeutic injection, band ligation
 - 33323 - stent

Achievements 2006-2013

- 2012 Upper GI scope overhaul
 - 33324 - thermal coagulation
 - 33325 - gastric polypectomy
 - 33326 - PEG tube
 - 33327 - Reposition feeding tube
 - 33328 - Blind bouginage
 - 33329 - Esophageal dilation

Achievements 2006-2013

- 2013

- 71010 Consultation for management of malignancy \$125.50
- 71017 Special office visit for malignancy \$47.64
- 72713 Laparoscopic distal pancreatectomy with splenectomy
- 72714 Laparoscopic distal pancreatectomy with splenic preservation

Money from allocations or SSC 2006-13

- 2006 Allocation = \$4.47M
 - 07001 Age 75+ surcharge
 - 71008 Post-op hospital visit
 - Billing rule changes 7007/7008 = \$1.2M
 - Telephone fees 10001/2/3 = \$300K
 - 2010 Allocation = \$700K
 - 2012 Allocation = \$679K
 - 71010 Malignancy consultation
 - 71017 Malignancy office visit
- = \$7.35M

Money from Section Achievements 2006-13

- 2006 R&R for colorectal = \$1.3M
- Debridement of soft tissues = \$87K
- Lap ventral hernia repair = \$330K
- Lap splenectomy = \$43K
- Component separation procedure = \$100K
- Open lysis of adhesions = \$425K
- Removal enteral tubes/anal botox = \$13K
- Resection >10cm tumour = \$23K
- Open/Lap Liver ablation = \$23K

Money from Section Achievements 2006-13

- Lap lysis of adhesions = \$85K
- Laparoscopic “surcharge” = \$200K
- Comprehensive trauma fees = \$70K
- Laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy = \$62K
- 71630 mesh fee = \$273K
- Laparoscopic liver resection = \$24K
- TEM = \$68K
- Laparoscopic pancreatectomy = \$9K
- Upper GI fees overhaul = \$80K
- = \$3.2M

Achievements 2006-2013

- Members now bill an extra \$10.5M annually compared to 2006 - \$7.3M from allocations and \$3.2M because of new fees
- This is on average \$64,000 per FTE member per year
- \$19,500 per year as a result of the efforts of the Section of General Surgery
- We feel this is good value for \$650 annual dues

Challenges for the future

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- We have a number of new fees awaiting funding with none on the horizon
- Outstanding AGM passed motions:
 - Per 2010 AGM: Increasing existing laparoscopic fees to max 10% differential
 - Estimated cost \$520,000 (assuming \$1.3M)
 - Per 2011 AGM: Access to 1st assist of the day and Office Anoscopy fee
 - Estimated cost \$369,000

Challenges for the future

- Outstanding passed motions:
 - Per 2011 AGM: Increase remaining fees based on comparison with Alberta fee values
 - Increase fees <0.65 Alberta's fee value first
 - Increase fees <0.80 next
 - Increase fees <1.00 last
 - No increase to fees greater than or equal to Alberta's equivalent fees

Challenges for the future

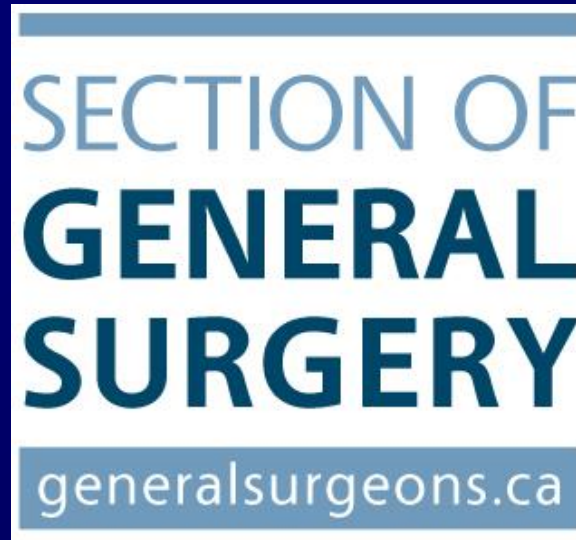
- Outstanding passed motions:
 - Per 2012 AGM: Special hospital visit for malignancy \$40.56
 - Can be billed 2 times per 6 months
 - Cost \$407K

Challenges for the future

- Outstanding passed motions:
 - Per 2013 AGM: Laparoscopic internal drainage of pancreatic pseudocyst
 - Laparoscopic hepatotomy for drainage of abscess or cyst (single/multiple)
 - Cost \$6K
 - Temporary or delayed abdominal closure with VAC
 - Bill 70169 x3 for VAC changes
 - Cost \$32K

Challenges for the future

- The status of negotiations is uncertain
- Despite a great deal of time and effort we failed to win any money from the 2012 Recruitment and Retention award
- The crux of our argument was the lowest number of surgeons per 100,000 in Canada and an emphasis on lack of resources impeding recruitment efforts



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