ACNM Liaison Meeting Report

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Attendees: Council members, staff representatives, invited speakers

Summary of Meeting Agenda Items (excerpted from COPSWHC minutes):

New Forum Members:

**Allergan**
**Susan Stone**

Ms. Stone introduced Allergan as a new member of the Forum on Patient Safety in Women’s Health Care. Allergan is an international pharmaceutical manufacturer based in Dublin, Ireland that produces brand name, generic and over-the-counter medication, and biologic products. Allergan’s portfolio includes products in a variety of therapeutic categories, including dermatology/plastic surgery, eye care, women’s health, GI, and cardiovascular disease. Ms. Stone detailed products targeted towards women’s health, such as low-dose oral contraception and a new IUD. She also explained Allergan’s business model of using profits from the sale of aesthetic treatments (i.e. Botox, Juvederm) to fund the research and development of women’s health products.

**Myriad**
**Terry Adkins, MD | Jonathan Lancaster, MD**

Drs. Adkins and Lancaster introduced Myriad as a new member of the Forum on Patient Safety in Women’s Health Care. Myriad develops and markets molecular diagnostic tests such as hereditary cancer screenings to health care professionals across a wide spectrum of specialties. Myriad is headquartered in Salt Lake City, Utah. Dr. Lancaster discussed Myriad’s recent work in cancer detection.
Liaison Updates

American Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Joseph Pellegrini, PhD, CRNA

Dr. Pellegrini gave an update on the patient safety activities of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA). AANA recently revised their guidelines for the Standards of Nurse Anesthesia Practice; a final draft of the guidelines will be reviewed by AANA members during an open comment period later this year. AANA has integrated Council materials into the new standards and continues to promote Council activities such as the Safety Action Series. AANA will be conducting its Essentials of Obstetric Analgesia/Anesthesia Workshop at the AANA national headquarters in Park Ridge, Illinois on October 21, 2015.

American College of Nurse-Midwives
Deborah Walker, DNSc, CNM, WHNP-BC, FNP-BC

Dr. Walker presented an update on the patient safety activities of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM). ACNM recently launched the Healthy Birth Initiative, which aims to maximize opportunities for women to have physiological births. The initiative includes a toolkit found on the ACNM website and several handouts for patients and providers. Dr. Walker explained that the Council’s work on patient safety was presented to ACNM members at the recent annual meeting. ACNM is currently developing standardized guidelines for midwifery education in the United States and is revising their position statement on the effect of environmental toxins on maternal reproductive health and fetal development. ACNM is working with ACOG to develop guidelines for water births and will have practice guidelines for home birth available in 2016.

American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists
William Bradford, DO

Dr. Bradford gave an update on the patient safety activities of the American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOOG). ACOOG promotes the Safety Action Series on their website and included an hour presentation on the Council during their recent annual meeting. Dr. Bradford explained that he is conducting a survey of ACOOG members to determine whether the level of interest in patient safety initiatives is different between older and younger members (residents who have practiced less than five years). He is also studying how this information can be used to increase ACOOG member involvement in patient safety initiatives. This study will be available in 2016.

American Board of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
George Wendel, Jr., MD (via phone)

Dr. Wendel gave an update on the patient safety activities of the American Board of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ABOG). He detailed that ABOG is developing a Multi-Specialty Portfolio Program, which would allow providers to receive Part IV MOC credit through participation in a multidisciplinary quality improvement project. They have also approved the use of specified ACOG medical practice modules for MOC Part IV. ABOG is in the process of reevaluating its MOC Part III course for 2016. Dr. Wendel explained that since the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) is revising their standards for meeting the
patient safety requirement, ABOG is considering allowing diplomates to use local CME safety activities, simulations, or publishing articles to qualify for the patient safety requirement.

**American Society for Reproductive Medicine/Society for Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility**

*Marian Damewood, MD | Samuel Smith, MD*

Drs. Damewood and Smith gave a joint update on the patient safety activities of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM) and Society for Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility (SREI). Dr. Damewood highlighted several issues of concern for SREI regarding patient safety that might also interest the Council, including BMI and age restrictions for infertility treatment and health care for transgender individuals.

Dr. Smith explained that ASRM is working to reduce multiple gestation rates by reducing the number of embryos transferred and is offering elective single embryo transfer. ASRM data indicates that these strategies have been successful at reducing rates of multiples via IVF by 3% over one year. ASRM also recently agreed to set a limit on oocyte donation; one individual may not donate more than 6 oocytes. Dr. Smith noted that ASRM, along with ACOG, is participating in Choosing Wisely, an initiative to reduce the number of unnecessary medical procedures and empower patients.

**Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses**

*Debra Bingham, DrPH, RN*

Dr. Bingham gave an update on the patient safety activities of the Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN). In addition to the ongoing Postpartum Hemorrhage Project, AWHONN is launching a National Benchmarking Survey. The survey will allow birthing facilities to enter patient data and receive a score based on their adherence to the Council’s Obstetric Hemorrhage Patient Safety Bundle. Participating facilities can then see where they rank in comparison to other facilities in their state and across the country. AWHONN has developed the Maternal Fetal Triage Index (MFTI) which will guide the triage process for pregnant women educational materials for this tool will be available to members this year. AWHONN is continuing to test the Women’s Health and Perinatal Nursing Care Quality Measures.

**ACOG Committee on Patient Safety and Quality Improvement**

*Peter Bernstein, MD, MPH*

Dr. Bernstein gave an update on the ACOG Committee on Patient Safety and Quality Improvement (PSQI). The PSQI committee is continuing to evaluate and revise ACOG patient safety checklists. The committee is currently reviewing the checklists that are available on the ACOG website.

**Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine**

*William Grobman, MD, MBA*

Dr. Grobman gave an update on the patient safety activities of the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM). SMFM is currently drafting new patient safety checklists for high-risk pregnancies, chronic ectopic pregnancy, and intrapartum diabetes mellitus. These checklists will be published on the SMFM website and facilities will be able to modify them as needed.
Society for Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology
Barbara Scavone, MD
Dr. Scavone gave an update on the patient safety activities of the Society for Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology (SOAP). SOAP has been developing educational materials, including a patient safety portal which contains resources for providers interested in implementing patient safety initiatives at their facilities.

SOAP is currently collaborating with the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) to develop obstetric anesthesia guidelines. SOAP is also working with ASA’s Committee on Patient Outcome Metrics to develop reliable quality measures for obstetric anesthesia and on the Maternal Quality Improvement Program (MQIP), which is a joint ACOG-ASA effort to gather data on obstetric outcomes to establish national benchmarks for care.

American Academy of Family Physicians
Patricia Fontaine, MD, MS
Dr. Fontaine gave the update for the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). She detailed the recent joint publication of the Obstetric Hemorrhage Patient Safety Bundle in American Family Physician. The AAFP clinical journal will contain a summary which will link to the bundle article in Obstetrics & Gynecology.

American Society of Anesthesiologists
Paloma Toledo, MD, MPH
Dr. Toledo gave an update on the patient safety activities of the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA). She highlighted that the ASA recently held a Health Policy Summit where the patient safety and quality improvement agenda was set and key areas were identified for the next year. In addition to collaboration with SOAP on practice guidelines and with ACOG on the Maternal Quality Improvement Program (MQIP), the ASA launched the When Seconds Count campaign. This campaign aims to educate the public on anesthesia providers and practices. The ASA conducted a live Twitter chat (cohosted with ACOG) in order to promote the campaign and address the public’s questions around labor issues.

American Urogynecologic Society
Renee Edwards, MD, MBA
Dr. Edwards gave an update on the patient safety activities of the American Urogynecologic Society (AUGS), which included an update on the Pelvic Floor Disorders Registry. The registry collects data on patients undergoing treatment pelvic organ prolapse (POP). The AUGS Quality Committee has also developed 12 quality measures which can be found on their website. These measures are being validated and will soon be available for use in Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS).

National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women’s Health
Susan Kendig, JD, MSN, WHNP-BC
Ms. Kendig gave an update on the patient safety activities of the National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women’s Health (NPWH). She explained that there are expected to be a large number of sessions on maternal safety and quality improvement at the NPWH annual conference.
later this year. In December NPWH released (in conjunction with AWHONN) guidelines for practice and education to better align nurse practitioner practices with current patient safety and quality guidelines. NPWH is continuing to develop their Well Woman Visit mobile app.

**Society of OB/GYN Hospitalists**  
**Jennifer Tessmer-Tuck, MD**

Dr. Tessmer-Tuck gave an update on the patient safety activities of the Society of OB/GYN Hospitalists (SOGH). SOGH is continuing to promote the Patient Safety Bundles among its members and is working to encourage bundle implementation. SOGH partnered with ACOG to conduct a course on teamwork and communication in a hospital setting at ACOG’s 2015 annual meeting.

**Update on Venous Thromboembolism Patient Safety Bundle**  
**Mary D’Alton, MD**

Dr. D’Alton presented an update on the development of the Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Patient Safety Bundle. Dr. D’Alton provided an overview of the members of the VTE workgroup, which is overseen by the Alliance for Innovation in Maternal Health (AIM). She explained that the group chose to model the bundle on a Joint Commission recommendation rather than the Readiness, Recognition, Response, and Reporting model previously used for the Obstetric Hemorrhage and Hypertension Patient Safety Bundles.

Dr. D’Alton reviewed each of the components of the bundle and explained that the workgroup recommends that the Joint Commission measure on VTE be expanded to the obstetric population and that patients should receive screening for VTE at multiple intervals during their pregnancy. She noted that the bundle also includes several risk assessment tools from ACOG and other organizations as resources.

**ACTION:** Dr. Abuhamad requested that a final draft of the VTE Bundle be ready for Council approval by September 2015.

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**Breakout Sessions from 2:10 – 3:30 p.m.**

*Attendees split from the main session into 3 breakout groups during this period of the meeting.*

**Workgroup Reports from Breakout Session Discussions**

**Prevention of Surgical Site Infections in Gynecologic Surgery**  
**Renee Edwards, MD, MBA**

Dr. Edwards gave an update on the Surgical Site Infections workgroup and development of the bundle on preventing surgical site infections following gynecologic procedures (specifically hysterectomies). Currently the bundle is organized into preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative recommendations but the workgroup has decided to reformat the bundle into the Readiness, Recognition, Response, and Reporting model used in other bundles to maintain consistency across all Council products. Dr. Edwards described several important topics addressed in the bundle, including: maintaining normothermia, appropriate antibiotic administration, and preoperative skin preparation.
ACTION: ACOG staff will schedule a follow-up call for the workgroup in August.

Maternal Mental Health
Sue Kendig, JD, MSN, WHNP-BC
Ms. Kendig gave an update on the Maternal Mental Health workgroup and the development of the Maternal Mental Health bundle. This work is led by Ms. Kendig and Dr. John Keats. Ms. Kendig explained that the work received a high level of interest and as a result, the workgroup incorporates a wide variety of stakeholders, including mental health providers. The bundle will follow the “4 R’s” approach and will provide recommendations for how providers can discuss mental health issues with their patients. The bundle will focus on anxiety and depression and will not discuss other diagnoses or so as not to overwhelm clinicians.

Alliance for Innovation in Maternal Health (AIM)
Elliott Main, MD
Dr. Main gave an update on the Alliance for Innovation in Maternal Health (AIM), a 4 year initiative with the goal of reducing maternal mortality by 1,000 deaths and severe maternal morbidity by 100,000 incidents through multistakeholder engagement. The AIM program is funded by a grant from the Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA.)

The AIM project is currently developing the following bundles for release over the next year:
1. Prevention of Venous Thromboembolism in Pregnancy
2. Supporting Intended Vaginal Birth
3. Reduction of Peripartum Racial Disparities
4. Postpartum Care Basics for Maternal Safety
5. Patient, Family, Staff Support Following a Severe Maternal Event

Dr. Main noted that in order to successfully implement these bundles nationwide, the Council and AIM must engage with a variety of stakeholders. He also noted that AIM seeks to increase state-level engagement in patient safety activities by encouraging the formation of multidisciplinary perinatal collaboratives in each state.

Implementation Bundle
Barbara O’Brien, MS, RN
Ms. O’Brien gave an update on the Council’s Implementation Bundle workgroup. Through this work, the group aims to develop a resource to assist birthing facilities with implementation of the patient safety bundles. Ms. O’Brien reviewed the draft bundle’s components.

The bundle follows the “4 R’s” and includes:

- Readiness: Prepare for project development
- Recognition: Identify barriers to bundle implementation
- Response: Form strategies to address barriers
- Reporting: Learn how to adapt program to achieve future success
Council Communications Report  
Lauren Lemieux
Ms. Lemieux gave an update on the Council’s website and its usage analytics. She presented the number of visitors to the website per month from March 2014 to July 2015. The Council website has had 23,752 unique visitors since March 2014 and 39,494 visitors total. Ms. Lemieux presented the statistics for the Safety Action Series, including attendance during the live sessions and recording download rates. She also noted that the Council launched a Twitter account in June 2015 and encouraged all members (Forum and Council) to follow.

ACTION: Council and Forum members to follow the Council on Twitter.

ACOG District II Communications Report  
Donna Montalto, MPP
Ms. Montalto gave an update on the communication strategies utilized by ACOG District II (New York State) to promote the Safe Motherhood Initiative. The Safe Motherhood Initiative, which began in May 2013, works with over 10,000 health care providers and 116 birthing facilities in New York to reduce maternal morbidity and mortality by implementing standardized guidelines for the prevention and treatment of obstetric emergencies. Ms. Montalto explained that they were able to increase publicity around the initiative by providing participating hospitals and their communications teams with press releases that could be easily distributed to local media outlets. She also played a sample radio ad advertising the initiative.

American College of Physicians Near-Miss Registry Overview  
Paul Gluck, MD
Dr. Gluck gave a brief overview of the Near Miss Registry. The registry was started by the American College of Physicians (ACP) in New York State in 2000 as a pilot project for five internal medicine residency programs. The project began as a reporting mechanism for residents to identify errors that may lead to patient morbidity, as well as to highlight when a safety issue was avoided. The ACP expanded the registry nationwide to include other specialties. Dr. Gluck explained that he joined the project to help translate the registry’s data elements to be applicable to the OB/GYN specialty and to help solve structural issues with data collection and data definition. Dr. Gluck will be meeting with New York representatives in the near future to discuss the project.

Tuesday, July 21, 2015
General Session

Multispecialty Portfolio Program Update  
Sean Currigan, MPH
Mr. Currigan gave an update on the Multispecialty Portfolio Program currently being developed by ACOG. Through the program, ACOG will be a sponsor and will be able to award CME credits to physicians who engage with Council activities, such as implementing the patient safety bundles.
Maternal Quality Improvement Program Update
Barbara Levy, MD
Dr. Levy gave an update on the Maternal Quality Improvement Program (MQIP), a joint ACOG-ASA effort to gather data on obstetric outcomes to establish national benchmarks for care. She explained that the data elements have been specified in the University of Rochester system. MQIP encountered minor difficulties with certain data elements, such as having no option to enter whether or not a patient develops preeclampsia during delivery. The data collected from MQIP is currently being uploaded to the Anesthesia Quality Institute. Dr. Levy explained that MQIP aims to expand the project to 5 or 6 new sites beyond the University of Rochester in 2016.

AWHONN Postpartum Hemorrhage Project Update
Debra Bingham, PhD, RN
Dr. Bingham gave an update of the AWHONN Postpartum Hemorrhage (PPH) Project funded by a Merck for Mothers grant. The project is currently being implemented in three areas with high rates of maternal mortality: District of Columbia, Georgia, and New Jersey. Dr. Bingham detailed the results of the Preparedness Survey, which measures a facility’s level of preparedness to prevent and/or treat obstetric hemorrhage based on how many elements of the Obstetric Hemorrhage Bundle they have implemented. A majority of hospitals surveyed did not have all the elements of the bundle; the survey yielded a median of 23 out of 38 elements implemented.

Dr. Bingham also highlighted the issue of racial disparities, as many of the hospitals with low preparedness had higher rates of African-American women giving birth. She identified this as a concern that the project intends to address. AWHONN has developed a National Postpartum Hemorrhage Preparedness Survey, which is available to birthing facilities across the country at no cost for one year. Facilities may enter their data and compare it with data from facilities in the same geographic location. This survey will be available until 2016.

Overview of AAFP Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics (ALSO) Program
Patricia Fontaine, MD, MPH | Annette Hinton, RN, BSN (via phone)
Dr. Fontaine presented an overview of the AAFL Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics (ALSO) Program, an evidence-based multidisciplinary training program that educates providers on how to manage obstetric emergencies. The program began in 1993 and has trained over 70,000 providers in the United States and 140,000 worldwide. ALSO is available to a variety of maternity care providers (physicians, nurses, midwives) and participants receive CME credit after completing the course. The ALSO course uses interactive teaching methods such as pelvic mannequins to provide hands-on education. The program aims to standardize the skills of practicing maternity care providers. Registration for 2016 courses is available for AAFP members and non-AAFP members (non-members must pay a fee).
The 2015-2016 Federal Patient Safety Landscape - Panel Discussion

Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation
Shelly Coyle, RN, MSN, MBA
Ms. Coyle gave an update on the recent quality improvement activities of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI). She is currently working on the Partnership for Patients (P4P) which aims to reduce the rate of preventable hospital-acquired conditions by 40% and the rate of hospital readmissions by 20% over the next four years through the use of Hospital Engagement Networks (HENs). Currently, there are 26 HENs working with over 3,700 hospitals.

The program has identified ten areas of patient safety focus:

1. Adverse Drug Events
2. Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections
3. Central Line Associated Blood Stream Infections
4. Injuries from Falls and Immobility
5. Obstetrical Adverse Events
6. Pressure Ulcers
7. Surgical Site Infections
8. Venous Thromboembolism
9. Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia
10. Readmissions

Ms. Coyle explained that much of the work of P4P has currently been focused on labor and delivery topics, but the HENs are beginning to address surgical site infections caused by abdominal hysterectomy.

Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services
Lekisha Daniel-Robinson, MSPH
Ms. Daniel-Robinson gave an update on the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS). She highlighted two goals that CMCS is working towards through the Maternal and Infant Health Initiative:

1. Increase the rate of postpartum visits
2. Increase the use of effective contraception

CMCS continues to host the Postpartum Action Learning Series in which they work with clinical partners in 11 states to identify areas of care where disparities exist. CMCS will have collected baseline information from these states by 2016. CMCS is also working with CMMI to design a new bundled payment system for Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) use.

Health Resources and Services Administration
Hani Atrash, MD
Dr. Atrash gave the update on the work of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). He explained that HRSA recently collected data from states participating in the Collaborative Improvement & Innovation Network (CoIIN), which aims to improve birth
outcomes and reduce maternal mortality. He also explained that HRSA continues to oversee the Healthy Start Initiative and that the program will now use only evidence-based practices to develop components of the initiative.

**Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality**

**Erin Grace, MHA**

Ms. Grace gave an update on the work of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). She gave an overview of AHRQ’s mission and detailed the following priorities:

1. Produce evidence to improve healthcare quality
2. Produce evidence to make healthcare safer
3. Produce evidence to improve access to healthcare
4. Produce evidence to improve healthcare costs, efficiency, and transparency

Ms. Grace discussed the work AHRQ is doing to reduce rates of healthcare-acquired infections. She explained that AHRQ is funding research and implementation programs directed at improving healthcare delivery systems. She also elaborated on several toolkits that AHRQ has developed to improve birth outcomes such as the Transitioning Newborns from NICU to Home. She further detailed the Comprehensive Safety-Based Unit Program (CUSP) toolkit, which uses clinical best practices to inform training tools for hospital care teams. The toolkit includes Team STEPPS content and in situ simulation drills.

In 2014, AHRQ also completed phase I of pilot testing for 50 hospitals in the Safety Program for Perinatal Care and began phase II testing in January 2015. Using ICD-9 discharge data in the HCUP database, AHRQ is studying hospitals to evaluate and compare maternal and neonatal outcomes before and after implementation of “hard-stop” policies. Participating hospitals began implementation of these policies in January and will have completed data collection in 2016. AHRQ also continues to collaborate with CMMI on the Partnership for Patients.

**Furthering the Work of the Council**

**Debra Bingham, PhD, RN**

Dr. Bingham requested that members provide an overview of their respective societies’ efforts to improve patient safety and promote the work of the Council.

**Member Reports**

**American Society for Reproductive Medicine**

**Samuel Smith, MD**

Dr. Smith shared that the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM) hosted a lecture on the Council at its annual meeting. Attendees were given a smartphone app that contained videos and information from the meeting to take home and share with their organizations. He also explained that ASRM has advocated for the increased use of shared decision making with providers and patients as part of the Choosing Wisely campaign.
American Association of Nurse Anesthetists  
Joseph Pellegrini, PhD, CRNA  
Dr. Pellegrini shared that the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA) has continued to promote the patient safety bundles. AANA plans to incorporate the bundles into their 2016 practice guidelines, which will increase awareness of the Council and promote the use of the bundles in birthing facilities.

National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women’s Health  
Susan Kendig, JD, MSN, WHNP-BC  
Ms. Kendig shared that the National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women’s Health (NPWH) has been promoting the use of the patient safety bundles among its members and included information on the Council’s patient safety initiatives in the agenda for their annual meeting.

Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine  
William Grobman, MD, MBA  
Dr. Grobman shared that the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM) continues to link to the Council website and promote the patient safety bundles.

Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric, and Neonatal Nurses  
Barbara O’Brien, MS, RN  
Ms. O’Brien shared that the Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) plans to launch an educational module for the PPH project this fall which will incorporate the Obstetric Hemorrhage Patient Safety Bundle. The e-module is currently only available for AWHONN members, but will be available nationally to non-members in 2016.

American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
William Bradford, DO  
Dr. Bradford shared that he presented on the Council during the recent American College of Osteopathic Obstetrician and Gynecologists (ACOOG) annual meeting. The slides from this presentation are available to all ACOOG members and contain links to Council materials. He will also be presenting on the Council at the fall ACOOG meeting. Dr. Bradford noted that ACOOG added questions on patient safety in the resident oral exams. Residents were also given gift cards for auditing archived Safety Action Series presentations.

American Academy of Family Physicians  
Patricia Fontaine, MD, MS  
Dr. Fontaine shared that the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) has a communications staff member who sends information on the Safety Action Series every month to AAFP members. Dr. Fontaine also noted that she is working to include a presentation on the Council at the AAFP’s annual CME event.
American College of Nurse-Midwives
Tina Johnson, MS, CNM
Ms. Johnson shared that she submitted an abstract for a presentation on the Council at the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) annual meeting, The Healthy Birth Initiative website links to Council materials and ACNM continues to advertise the Safety Action Series in their quarterly digest.

COPIC
Lee Morgan, MD
Dr. Morgan shared that COPIC links to the Council website and includes information on the Patient Safety Bundles during their risk management seminars.

American Urogynecologic Society
Renee Edwards, MD, MBA
Dr. Edwards shared that the American Urogynecologic Society (AUGS) website does not link to the Council. She explained that since the Obstetric Hemorrhage and Hypertension Patient Safety Bundles are not applicable to GYN providers, most AUGS members do not need to access the Council website. Dr. Edwards also expressed concern that the Council is focused on obstetric topics and does not address enough gynecologic areas of patient safety.

Society of OB/GYN Hospitalists
Jennifer Tessmer-Tuck, MD
Dr. Tessmer-Tuck shared that the Society of OB/GYN Hospitalists (SOGH) is translating each of the patient safety bundles into Word documents which will be distributed to hospitals to allow them to tailor the bundles to their needs.

ACTION: Ms. Lemieux will send the generic Council background presentation slides to Council members for use during presentations

ACTION: Dr. Tessmer-Tuck will send information about the SOGH newsletter to the Council.

ACTION: Council members will submit ideas to Ms. Lemieux for any desired Safety Action Series topics.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m. Eastern.

Next meeting: February 29-March 1, 2016