

# Core Ideology

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## Core Purpose

To improve patient outcomes from surgical infections through prevention, education, and research.

## Core Values

- Focused on the patient's best interest; patient-centered
- Grounded in scientific validation and evidence-based practice
- A collaborative approach
  - Multidisciplinary and multi-professional
  - Effective through the action of our members
- Promoting education and training to achieve change
- A commitment to excellence in what we do

**SIS Identity:** The resource of research/education in surgical infections

## Mission Statement

The mission of the Surgical Infection Society is to educate health care providers and the public about infection in surgical patients and promote research in the understanding, prevention and management of surgical infections.

## Vision Statement

The society is committed to providing leadership and discovery in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of infection in surgical patients.

**GOAL A: SUPPORT EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL PRACTICE IN THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF SURGICAL INFECTIONS**  
 Excellence in preventive and treatment strategies for surgical infections will be incorporated into clinical practice.

**Objective A1: Increase awareness of prevention of infection** **PRIORITY**

Possible Strategies	Committee(s)	Activity/ Project
a. <b>Competition, incentive for Dallas meeting</b>	Zuckerbraun (Bylaws)  12/31/11	<b>Award for greatest reduction in hospital acquired infections over at least one year. To be awarded at the annual meeting. Bylaws committee to create a form for submission, deadlines and criterion</b>

**Objective A2: Establish a well-organized educational program and curricula for surgical infections.** **PRIORITY**

Possible Strategies	Committee(s)	Activity/ Project
a. Specify and rank main target audiences to be educated, topics to be covered.	Education 12/17/11	<b>Review SCORE Content</b>
b. Appoint those individuals within SIS's organization who have the capacity to educate and disseminate information effectively.	Education	Rob Sawyer's Presidential Appointments
c. Define and develop necessary curricula, information materials and educational tools (e.g. content and form).	Education	<b>Publication of Annual update presentation in Surgical Infection, Don Fry supervising.</b>
d. Organize necessary funding.	Foundation	
e. Make surgical infections a recognized specialty with preset endpoints in education.	Education	

	f. Establish visiting professor rounds, opportunity for student residents to do elective in surgical infections - make it appealing - research opportunity with mentored publication, etc.	Education	
<b>Objective A3:</b> Strengthen guidelines, tools and evaluative information available to those engaged in surgical infections in clinical practice.			<b>PRIORITY</b>
	<b>Possible Strategies</b>	<b>Committee(s)</b>	<b>Activity/ Project</b>
	a. Produce and achieve consensus on guidelines for surgical infections.	Therapeutic Agents (Kaplan) 12/18/11	Upload guidelines to the Natural Guidelines Clearinghouse Publish 3 guidelines in the coming year One guideline companion tool-bedside procedures Consider phone app-check copyright issues with ML-Phil
	b. Target high-interest areas of clinical research to answer important questions in surgical research	Scientific Studies	
	c. Provide opportunities for professionals to learn cutting edge strategies for prevention and treatment of surgical infections.	Education Program Beilman	<b>Annual Update Symposium</b> <b>Provide MOC2</b> <b>Provide Nsg CE</b>
	d. Increase submissions to Surgical Infection	President	<b>Resident's Forum,</b> <b>approval by Barie</b>
<b>Objective A4:</b> Heighten awareness by healthcare personnel (and medical administrators) of the importance of surgical infections.			<b>PRIORITY</b>
	<b>Possible Strategies</b>	<b>Committee(s)</b>	<b>Activity/ Project</b>

	a. Provide links to public reporting systems	Informatics Evans/Hydo	<b>get the word out through facebook, fan pages, tweeting and SIS website re: guidelines release. Creation of content and distribution of brochures. FAQ</b>
	b. Award program for prevention of infection	Zuckerbraun (Bylaws)  12/31/11	<b>Award for greatest reduction in hospital acquired infections over at least one year. To be awarded at the annual meeting. Bylaws committee to create a form for submission, deadlines and criterion</b>
<b>Objective A5: Increase information available to elective surgery patients regarding surgical infections.</b>			<b>PRIORITY</b>
	<b>Possible Strategies</b>	<b>Committee(s)</b>	<b>Activity/ Project</b>
	<b>Brochure to public re: elective surgery FAQ</b>	<b><i>President</i></b>	Consider Patient brochure development, <i>Patient's Guide to Prevention of Surgical infections</i> brochure, to address the need to increase information available to patients. Appoint a task force

<b>GOAL B: SUPPORT AND DEVELOP RESEARCH IN SURGICAL INFECTIONS</b> Continue efforts to develop and fund important research areas in surgical infections.			
<b>Objective B1:</b> Maintain and possibly expand funding for resident and faculty research fellowships.		<b>PRIORITY</b>	
	<b>Possible Strategies</b>	<b>Committee(s)</b>	
	<b>Activity/ Project</b>		
a.	Make winners of prior awards more visible on our website, and recognize the industry sponsors	Informatics Evans	Tabulate outcomes/work on publications
	<b>Publish manuscript summarizing benefit of awards and industry relationships</b>	Foundatiuon Informmations	<b>Summarize /tabulate benefits of foundation support/industry</b>
b.	Strengthen relationships with industry sponsors in a more organized manner that does not rely on individuals, but rather on the society	Alverdy  Scientific Studies  Mazuski	RFP to NIH for research agenda for Surgical Infections NIH R13 grant for meeting support
c.	Maintain industry-SIS leadership forum at annual meeting to continue to expand relationships		



**GOAL C: IMPROVE ORGANIZATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND EFFECTIVENESS**  
 SIS will be an effectively managed, well-governed, fiscally sound organization positioned to achieve the vision and objectives of the organization.

**Objective C1:** Achieve increased membership that is representative of the surgical infections community.

**PRIORITY**

Possible Strategies	Committee(s)	Activity/ Project
a. Strengthen the physician base.	Membership Blake	<p>Target Jr. Faculty and fellows in the specialty of trauma, critical care, transplant, colorectal by direct invitation.</p> <p>Approach program directors of surgical critical care off the ACGME website</p> <p>Email contact</p>
		Consider industry sponsored fellowship member package.
b. Develop a general and specific membership benefit “package.”	Membership Blake/Hydo Barie	<p>Develop <i>Membership Brochure</i>, have available on the website.</p> <p>Residents corner in Journal</p>
c. Increase SIS membership by developing relationships with other professional societies.	President	
d. Seek highly decorated members.	Membership Blake/Fry	Fry to search recent articles and approach the author re: membership
e. Implement an active membership recruitment policy in US for mid-level providers	Membership	NPs and Pas to be recruited and offered a reduced rate or \$75-\$100.
f. Enlarge the scope of the annual meeting to attract a greater number of physicians, infection control personnel, mid-level providers, hospital administrators, etc.	Membership  Program	Consider widened the scope of content with the addition of administrative workshops, problem based learning discussions for mid-level practitioners,

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<b>Objective C2: Strengthen the financial position of SIS.</b>			<b>PRIORITY</b>
	<b>Possible Strategies</b>	<b>Committee(s)</b>	<b>Activity/ Project</b>
	a. Identify optimal membership dues, journal costs/contract, internal governance costs	Council/ Foundation	<b>Dues increase approved; new journal contract required, extend Executive Director's contract, salary</b>
	b. Develop clear strategies for relations with industry.	Council	Consider conflict of interest statements and policies
<b>Objective C3: Establish an effective volunteer structure and processes to achieve SIS's goals.</b>			<b>PRIORITY</b>
	<b>Possible Strategies</b>	<b>Committee(s)</b>	<b>Activity/ Project</b>
	a. Establish roles/responsibilities of each committee, including Chair responsibilities and	Council	Create Councilor liaisons with committee chairs