## Career Development

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#### What Matters?

College/ Med School

**Residency/Fellowship** 

**First Job** 

**Mentors** 

## Mentors, Sponsors, Allies

- Mentors offer guidance, advice and behavior modeling to concrete opportunities for professional development.
- Sponsors are typically highly placed in an organization and have influence at some level
- Compared to mentorship, sponsorship requires more active and intentional initiatives, not only offering guidance but also advocating, networking and providing connections
  - More likely to accelerate their beneficiaries' careers
- Allies can be supportive of initiatives

## Slow and Steady



Identify Your Interests and strengths



Listen To Colleagues who value you



Talk to Leaders about next steps



## The Next Step

Meritocracy

Societies/Committees

Be Part of the Solution

**Publications** 

Presentations

## **Surgical Societies**



Start on a committee or two





You must produce!

### **Surgical Societies**







TAKE ON DIFFERENT PROJECTS TO ADVANCE START TO CO-CHAIR COMMITTEES UNDERSTAND THE STRUCTURE OF THE SOCIETY

### First Things First

- Do You Want to Be a Leader?
- Aren't We all Leaders?
- Is the Choice between Leaders and Sheeple?



#### So You Want to be a Leader

Why do you want to be chair.. Exec.. President?

Represent the membership

Bring your voice to the table

Make informed decisions based on membership needs

#### Getting from A to B



# Insight



# Grow with the Times



- Learn your craft
- Be open to new techniques
- Be an eternal student
- Teach others as you learn
- Understand the limitations of your craft, so that you can identify opportunities and improve outcomes
- Be self reflective

## **Next Steps**



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Submit to National or International Meetings



Participate in IFSO, SAGES and ASMBS online offerings

#### Mentors





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#### Encouragement to enter Surgery

Encouragement and support for Advanced Laparoscopic Fellowship

Support and guidelines to enter practice, negotiate a contract, navigate the societies

Encouragement to join studies or groups

Support from within Societies: Meritocracy











#### Conclusions

## Rising to the top is a meritocracy

Proving you are capable involves publishing, presenting, and completing projects on time

Asking to be involved in projects is being proactive

Consider that you are not done yet as there is always more to do and more to learn

## Conclusions

- Mentor others
- The life of a surgeon is very much like spinning plates on sticks...make sure you do not spin too many at a time (say yes to some projects but not to all)

