

Teledermatology SIG Minutes

American Telemedicine Association

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- I. The meeting was promptly called to order by Chair, Tom Hirota, who welcomed participants and expressed his regrets for not being able to attend last year's meeting in person due to his military duties.
- II. Old Business: Tom Hirota reviewed the SIG activities of recent years
 - A. Teledermatology guidelines: At last year's meeting, the SIG completed its work on teledermatology guidelines, and since that meeting, these have been refined, approved by the ATA Board, and will soon be published by *Telemedicine and e-Health*. Chair Hirota warmly thanked everyone involved with this effort, especially Elizabeth Krupinski, and Hon Pak's leadership, as well as other individuals and groups.

B. Outreach:

1. Outreach remains a priority for the ATA as a whole, as well as for the Teledermatology SIG, and he anticipates continued activity by the Teledermatology SIG and by Hon Pak as immediate past-president of the ATA.
2. In the past year, Powerpoint presentations have been collected by Tom Hirota, John Bocachica, Marc Goldyne and Elizabeth Krupinski for the purpose of creating a standardized talk that can be used to educate others about teledermatology.

C. Introduction of new SIG leadership: Chair Hirota announced the newly elected SIG officers: John Bocachica, Chair; Marc Goldyne, Vice-Chair; Dennis Oh, Secretary.

D. With much jingling, outgoing chair Hirota presented coins from the Association of Military Dermatologists to John Bocachica, Marc Goldyne, and Elizabeth Krupinski, in recognition for their service to the SIG.

III. New Business

A. New Chair, John Bocachica, thanked Tom Hirota for his outstanding leadership of the SIG for the past 2 years.

B. Chair Bocachica outlined his priorities for the SIG in the future

1. Outreach: This will include presentations to other groups. Elizabeth Krupinski reported that she has collected Powerpoint presentations from several of the SIG membership and condensed and integrated them into a single document. The file is too large to distribute by the listserve, but it can be disseminated on the website or if she is contacted directly. She raised the possibility of expanding the presentation to include review questions that readers could answer following viewing of the presentation, and recognizing successful completion of such an online course/test with a certificate.
2. Roadmap for standards and guidelines in teledermatology: John Bocachica asked for suggestions to update the teledermatology guidelines. These may be emailed to him.
3. Reimbursement: This topic will continue to be pursued by the SIG within ATA's efforts.

C. Presentation of awards: Resident/Fellow awards were presented by John Bocachica to two individuals: April W. Armstrong MD, a 3rd year Harvard dermatology resident who presented her work entitled, "A randomized controlled trial evaluating adherence to topical agents using electronic monitoring and text-messaging reminders"; and Hagit Bergman, MD, a fellow at Harvard who presented her work entitled, "Patient and doctor satisfaction with an electronic visit (E-visit) program for the management of acne". Both presentations were well-received by the SIG audience. Tom Hirota noted that this year the SIG was able to sponsor two awards because it had been decided to use funds from its SIG-of-the-Year Award last year for this purpose.

D. Open Forum. Chair Bocachica opened up the mike to comments and suggestions and new issues to be addressed.

1. Karen Edison commented that she will be attending the AAD summit on the dermatology workforce in Washington, D.C. this September, and that as part of

her presentation she will be representing teledermatology. Individuals who have information or comments for Karen should contact her directly.

2. Marc Goldyne spoke about reimbursement, commenting on Medical regulations in California that can affect teledermatology practice and billing.
3. Lucius Earles commented on his efforts to further reimbursement in Illinois
4. A member from Australia commented that he is involved with organizing the International Society of Dermatologists meeting, and extended a warm invitation for members of the SIG to attend.

With no further business to discuss, Chair Bocachica adjourned the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATA Teledermatology SIG Secretary