



U-IMPACT NEWSLETTER

UTAH INTERMOUNTAIN-WEST PARTNERSHIP TO IMPROVE SURGICAL CARE TRANSITIONS

WHAT IS U-IMPACT?

The Utah Intermountain-West Partnership to Improve Surgical Care Transitions (U-IMPACT) was established over two years ago and has been proudly supported

by three continuous PCORI Pipeline to Proposal Awards. We are currently in the Tier III

award period. U-IMPACT's primary goal is to engage surgical patients, caregivers, and healthcare providers to use their experiences and explore where

problems in surgical care coordination exist and to identify solutions for those problems. One of our guiding principles is to promote a multi-directional

exchange of ideas wherein every opinion is valued.

Our U-IMPACT Advisory Board meets

quarterly to discuss issues and problems in surgical care coordination. Over the past few years we have worked to create and refine Comparative Effective

Research (CER) questions and an important patient-centered research proposal. Our last meeting was on September 6, 2016 and was held at the Huntsman Cancer Institute in SLC, Utah.

OUR TEAM IS CO-LED BY
THREE INDIVIDUALS: DR.
BENJAMIN BROOKE, GORDON
CARMICHAEL, AND DR.
TIMOTHY FARRELL



ADVISORY BOARD MEETING 03/29/16

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UPDATE - LOI SUBMISSION

U-IMPACT has selected a patient-centered research proposal and has submitted a letter of intent (LOI) for the Cycle 3 2016 PCORI Funding opportunity. Our project is focused on identifying an effective intervention for improving care coordination during transitions of care for surgical patients and their caregivers.

RECENT U-IMPACT PRESENTATIONS:

"Surgical Transitions"
Dr. Ben Brooke
MEDtalks: Innovation Worth Sharing"
September 15, 2016

"Transforming Surgical Care in the 21st Century: It's Time to Look Outside the Operating Room"
Dr. Ben Brooke
Univ of Utah Surgical Society
August 2nd, 2016

PATIENT- PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



Mr. Gordon Carmichael is our enthusiastic and highly engaged patient partner who has previously undergone multiple major surgical procedures and has experienced both excellent and poor care coordination during transitions of care. He provides valuable input from the patient perspective.

Mr. Carmichael is a sixth-generation native Texan, a combat-decorated-for-valor, Purple Heart Vietnam War veteran, and retired United States army career officer. He lives in Sandy, Utah, with his two feline companions.

The hobby of travel has been a passion since his youth. Besides circumnavigating the earth numerous times, he has worked in the White House, swum in the mighty Mekong River in Vietnam, climbed the Great Pyramid of Khufu in Egypt, trekked the Rub al Khali in Saudi Arabia, revered the Kotoku-in Buddha of Kamakura in Japan, run with the bulls in Pamplona, railroded the breadth of Russia, from Moscow to Vladivostok, was nearly adopted by and, in turn, nearly adopted a wee Magellanic penguin at Tierra del Fuego, canoed the Amazon in Brazil, scaled Ayers Rock in Australia, skied the Alps in Austria, kayaked the Nile in Egypt, reed boated across Lake Victoria, Africa, moonlight viewed the Taj Mahal in India, meditated at Pi Lin on Lantau Island in Hong Kong, hiked the Himalayas in Nepal, rendered offerings at the Cao Dai Holy See, Tay Ninh, Vietnam, hot-air ballooned over Paris and the Loire Valley in France and the Pyrenees Mountains in Spain, walked miles of the Great Wall in China, scuba dived the Red Sea in Ethiopia, the Great Barrier Reef in Australia, and myriad atolls in the Eastern Caroline Islands, ritually cleansed in the Ganges in Uttarakhan, bungee jumped in Mexico, and also, he has sprinted like a jackrabbit from rattlesnakes in the Big Bend in Texas.

His travels have taken him to countries almost too numerous to count and to every continent. Wisdom and age have somewhat slowed his activities, but he has often noted there are only a few items remaining on his Bucket List.

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