

# What's in it for Me?

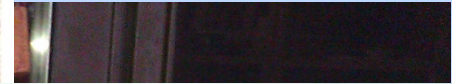
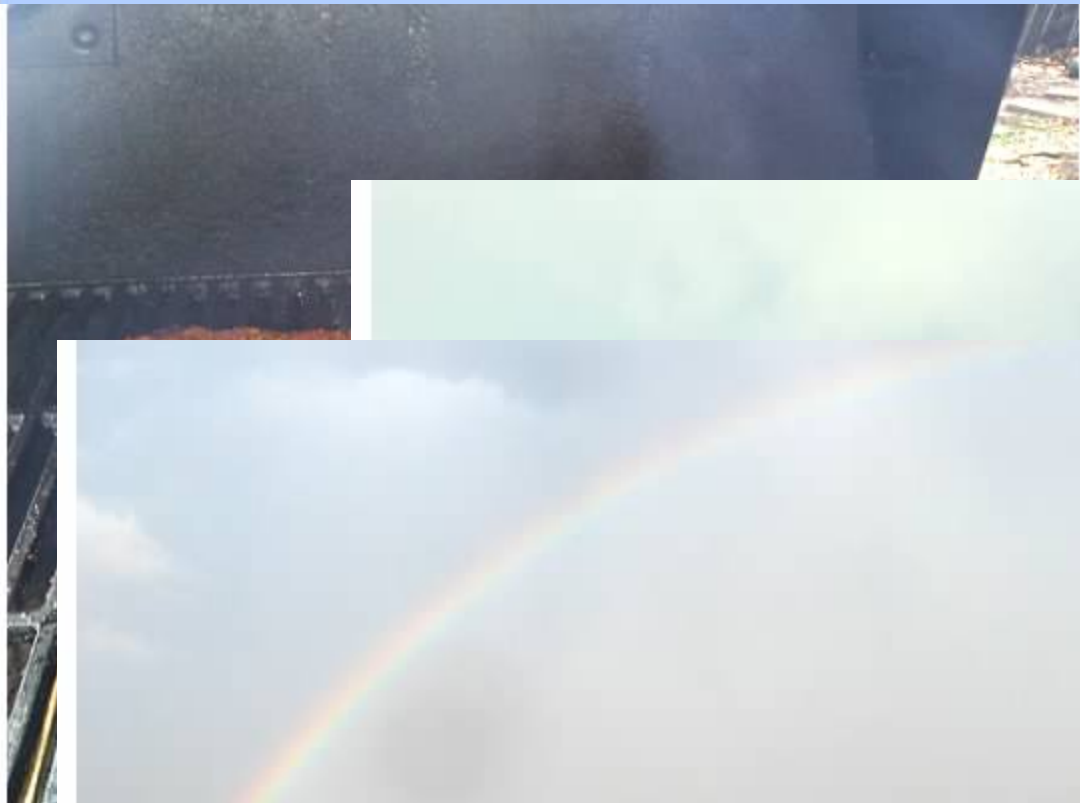
## Improving resident and faculty involvement in core conferences

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The background image shows the exterior of a modern, multi-story building with a light-colored facade. On the side of the building, there is a large sign that reads "KU THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS" in blue letters, followed by "School of Medicine" and "School of Pharmacy" in smaller text, and "Wichita" below that. At the bottom of the sign, it says "1010 North Kansas". To the right of the building, there are three flagpoles. The first pole has the American flag, the second has a blue flag with the KU logo, and the third has a blue flag with the KU logo. The sky is blue with some white clouds, and there are green trees on the right side of the image.

**KU** THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS  
School of Medicine  
School of Pharmacy  
Wichita  
1010 North Kansas





# The University of Kansas – Wichita

- Hybrid Program
  - Community-based, University affiliated program
- Midwest location – city of about 384,000
- Residents rotate at 3 hospitals
- Weekly M&M and Grand Rounds
- Tuesday night basic science conference presented by residents and moderated by faculty 2-3 times /month
- Most faculty is volunteer

# Problems

- Lack of attention by residents at Tuesday evening basic science conferences
- Apparent decline in attendance by attendings at M&M and Grand Rounds conferences
- Residents: Desire for more faculty involvement in teaching conferences.

# Tuesday Basic Science Conference

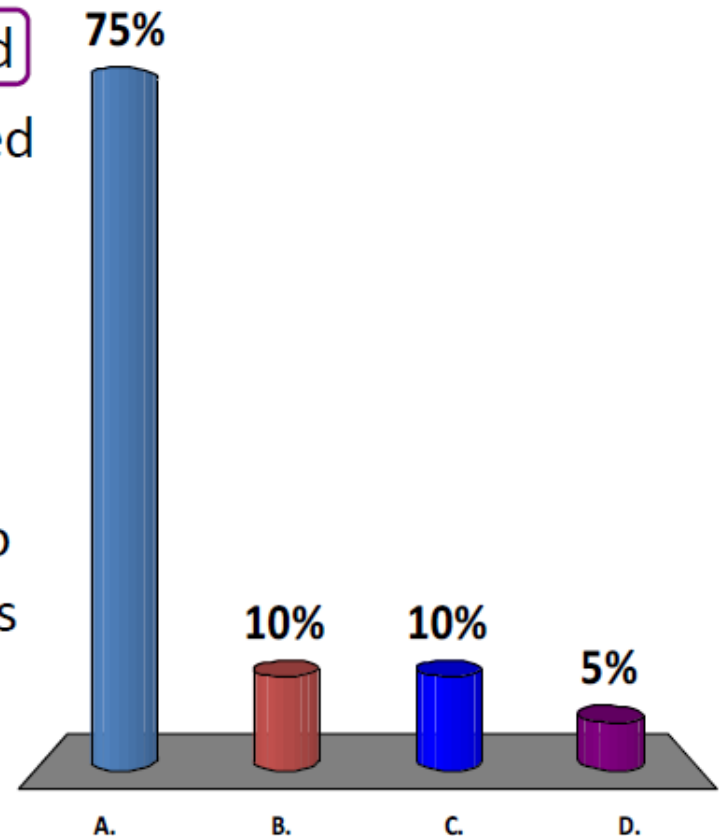
- Resident presents on assigned basic science topic
- Faculty moderators

## Conference Changes

- Present 3-5 questions at the conclusion of their presentation that peers answer using audience response system
- Use the audience response system to record resident answers to questions.
- Track resident results...discuss at the semi-annual resident review.

With regard to adjuvant radiotherapy following mastectomy, which of the following statements is true?

- A. Local recurrence rate is reduced
- B. Disease-free survival is improved
- C. The side effects of cardiac toxicity and radiation pneumonitis are common after chest wall irradiation
- D. It should be offered routinely to all patients whose primary tumors are larger than 2 cm



# Tuesday Conference Results...

- Report leader board weekly at conference as well as at the quarterly peer review meetings – see how they are performing compared to peers.
- Winning team gets “pizza party” at the end of the year
- Increase in scores over time
- Heightened attention levels
- Increase in ABSITE scores?



# Top 5 Individual

Name	Score
Aaron Nilhas	74.19%
Lance Larson	72.58%
Austin George	72.58%
Tricia Hill	69.35%
Kendra Kamlitz	67.74%

# What will encourage faculty attendance?????

- Still had a good number of faculty members there
- Several would leave after M&M conference
- Use smartphones, ipads
- Or sign in, get food, then leave
  
- Wanted to encourage others to attend and contribute

ABS increase in Maintenance Of Certification (MOC) hours required for recertification....

# Met with the CME department at the primary teaching hospital where we have conferences

- Agreed to award self assessment credits which would count towards the MOC requirement to surgeons who answered questions at our M&M and Grand Rounds conferences
- Presenters are responsible for presenting questions
  - Write their own
  - Take from other source (SESAP, ABSITE Question Book, etc)
- Program Director has final say on question
- Must answer at least 75% correct
- Keep record of scores and questions

# Morbidity & Morality Conference

- Residents present multiple choice question at conclusion of their M&M presentation.
- Faculty answer question on their test sheets
- Program director asks a resident for the correct answer and the reason why
- Grade tests that the faculty turns in at conclusion of conference
- Turn in the scores and list of questions / correct answers to the CME department

# Grand Rounds Conference

- Presenter gives at least 4 questions throughout or at the end of their presentation
- Faculty answer questions on their test sheet
- Presenter asks residents or faculty what they think the correct answer is and reasoning behind it
- Grade tests
- Submit scores / questions to CME department

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SELF-ASSESSMENT

**PROGRAM:** Surgery M&M

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 17, 2013

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# Results...

- More and NEW faculty members attending conferences
- Encourages discussion / debate about whether answer is correct
- Faculty really like the change based on comments
- Enhances conference experience for the medical students, residents and faculty in attendance

# Results...

## CONS:

- More work for residency office –
  - Scoring tests
  - Tracking questions and faculty scores
- More work for presenters –
  - Creating questions



# Future....

- Looking at possibility of utilizing interactive software to record faculty responses and scores for M&M and Grand Rounds conferences
- Expanding to our visiting professors

# QUESTIONS????



Thank  
you!