

# The Dynamic Duo and Harmonious Consultation Programs:

Multidisciplinary Conferences to  
Strengthen Intra-institutional  
Relationships

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# Objectives

- Offer two conference models
  - to enhance basic science awareness among residents (**Dynamic Duo Program**)
  - to improve interpersonal and communication skills among residents (**Harmonious Consultation Conference**)

## Why is Basic Science important?

- Clinical decisions based on best evidence
- Science not **Habit** should drive the quest for a solution to the clinical problem
- Constant scientific re-evaluation

**Basic Science**  **Clinical Surgery**

**Is this important to the surgical resident?**

YES –

- 1) ABSITE is significant % basic science
- 2) How many programs require or encourage research years?

# The Dynamic Duo Conference



# The Dynamic Duo Conference

Easily Coordinated

Great Benefit

Replicable



# Dynamic Duo Concept

- Better understanding of the “research world”
- Evidence-based medicine is based on the underlying science
- Opportunities for collaboration, scholarly activity
- Improved ABSITE scores



# How It Works

## Lankenau Hospital Wynnewood, Pennsylvania

**Annenberg  
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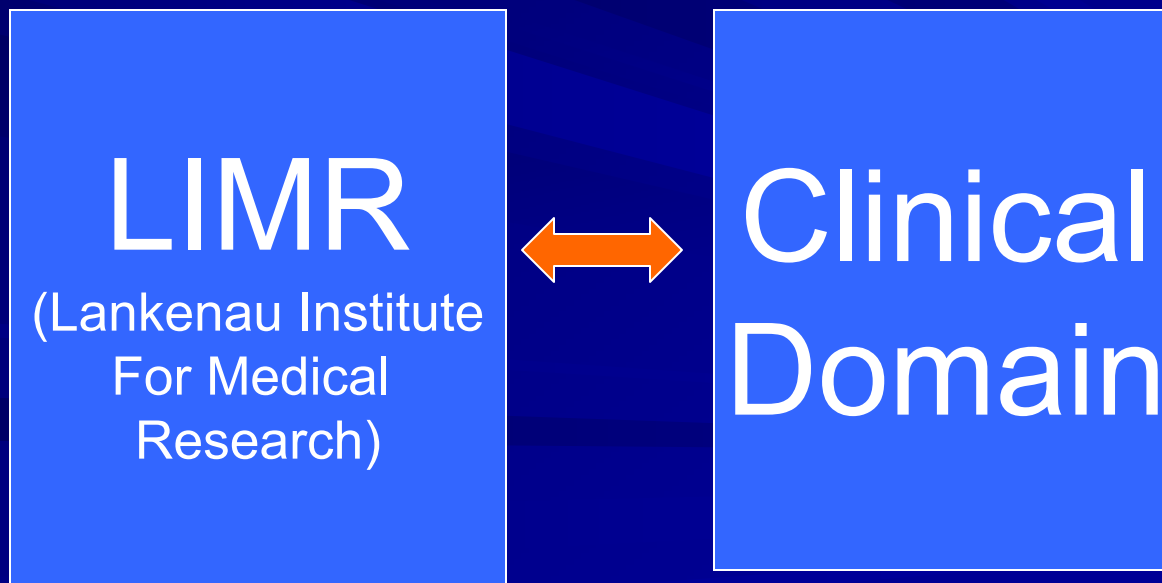
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# Dynamic Duo Program

- ⌚ Researcher→applied science→better understanding of the disease process
- ⌚ Clinician→medical applications based on best practices→gained from basic science



# Dynamic Duo Program

Researcher



Clinician

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**Clinical  
Domain**

# How it works:

- Team up researcher and clinician
  - Known or **Unknown**
- **Buy Breakfast**
  - “bench to bedside”
- They decide **topics** and **venue**

Video

# Dynamic Duo Conference

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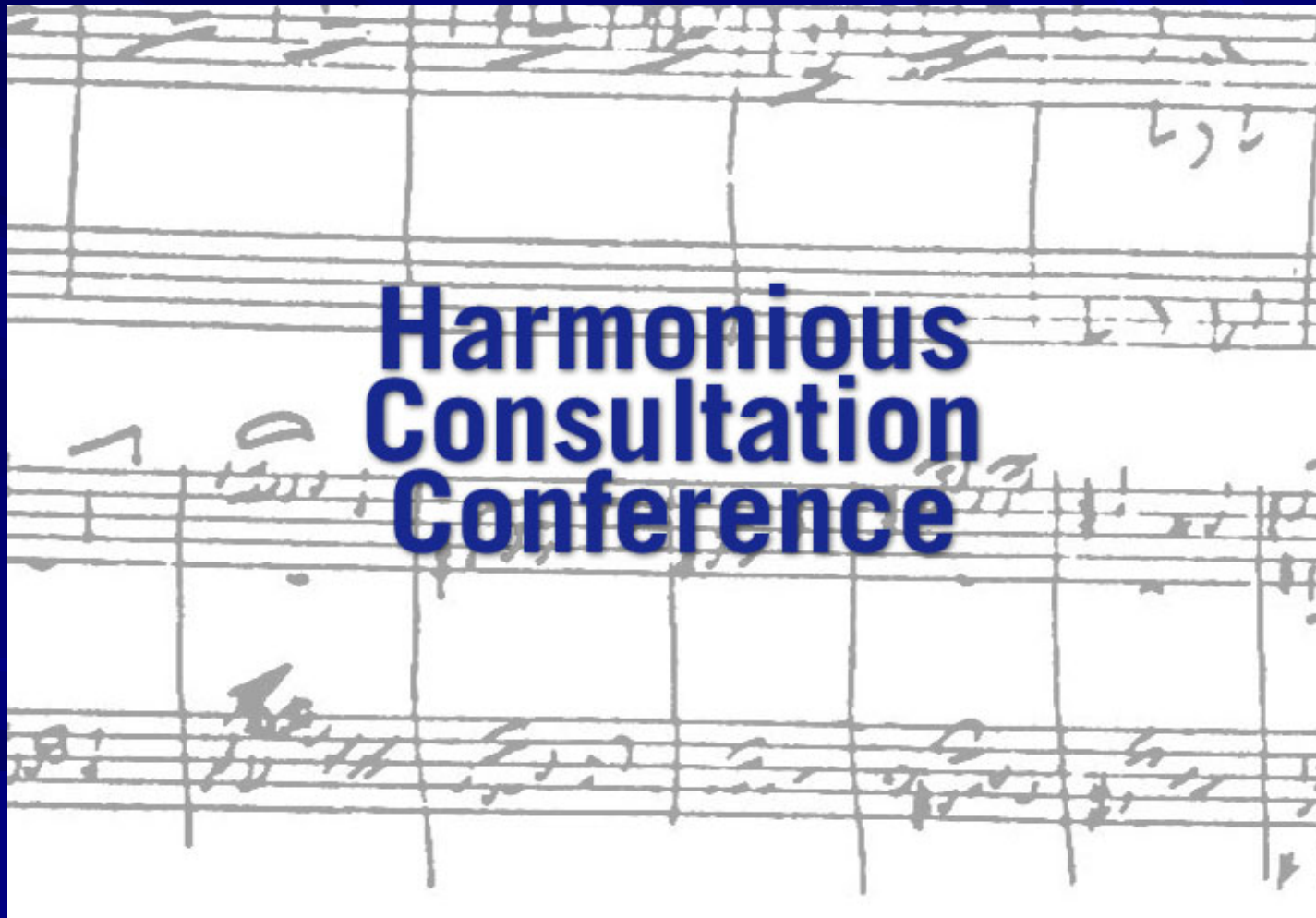
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# Outcome Dynamic Duo

- Clinicians/scientists learn from each other
- Residents
  - Awareness of EBM
  - Challenged to think
  - Collaboration
  - Year of Research



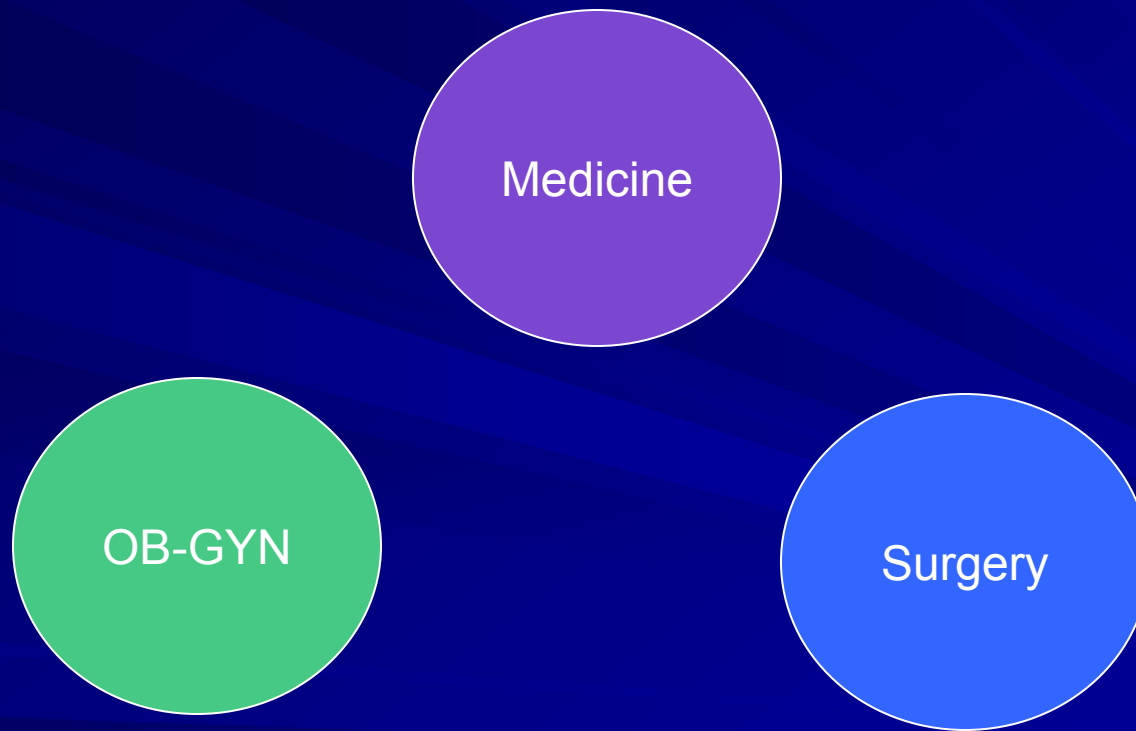
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**Harmonious  
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Conference**



# The Problem



## Effects of Silo Mentality

- Turf Wars
- Perceived Dumps
- Lingo/Culture

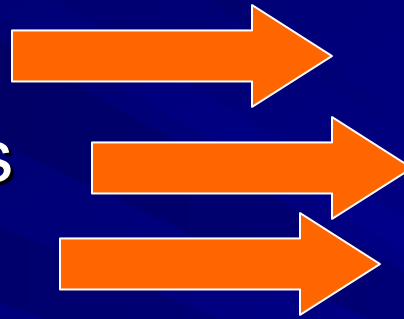
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Adverse Effects on Patient Care

## Effects of Silo Mentality

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- Lingo/Culture



## Should we break down silo mentality?

- ♪ Improves the culture of the resident
- ♪ Learning Opportunities
- ♪ Models collegiality
- ♪ Builds relationships → improved communication → improved patient care

# Turf War

♪ Female patient with RLQ pain

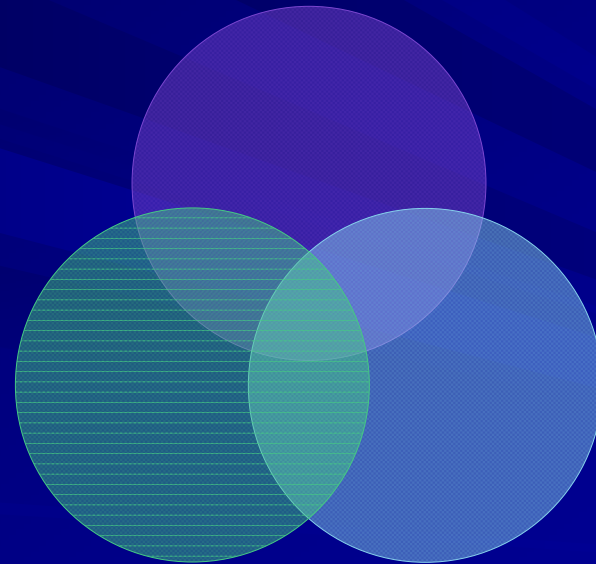
♪ Appendicitis vs. PID –  
Surgery vs. OB/GYN

♪ 63 yr old male with abd pain

♪ Diverticulitis –or- abdominal pain  
Surgery vs. Medicine

# Proposed Solution: The Harmonious Consultation Conference

Medicine



Surgery

OB-GYN

# A proposed solution

## ♪ Harmonious Consultation Conference

♪ Objective : “to demonstrate that we solve patient problems by harmonious consultation with each other”



# A proposed solution

## 🎵 Conference Elements

🎵 Multidisciplinary - demonstrates: **positive patient outcome related to consultation with each other**

🎵 Timing: at a time of best relaxation (4:30-5:30pm)

🎵 Music for entertainment, distraction, relaxation

🎵 Wine and Cheese to promote camaraderie

Video

Harmonious Consultation  
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# Conclusion

Using conference to:

- ⌚ Building Personal Bridges
- ⌚ Forging collaborative relationships
  - ⌚ For best medical practice
- ⌚ Forging working relationships
  - ⌚ For best patient care

🎵 Thank You