

## **YOUNG PRACTITIONER'S FORUM 2013**

### **PREPARING FOR A SUCCESSFUL CAREER**

#### **BECOMING THE "CAPTAIN OF THE SHIP" IN THE OPERATING ROOM**

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##### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

1. Realize that surgeon leadership in the operating room is essential to optimize patient care.
2. Becoming the best leader you can benefits you, your patient, and all staff in the operating room.
3. PREPARATION and COMMUNICATION are essential elements to the overall atmosphere in the OR.

We have all been there: a screaming attending...an argument with anesthesia...a crashing patient... A stressful situation in the operating room can unfortunately be a very common occurrence. Many of these situations can be improved or avoided if the team had been better prepared or had better communication. As the attending orthopaedic surgeon, YOU are the leader in the operating room and the entire team looks to YOU for guidance and answers. Without your leadership, the ship will sink. This lecture will highlight several pearls that will help you become and remain the best leader you can: the "Captain of the Ship."