

Third Annual Anesthesiology and Perioperative Care Service Faculty Development Retreat

On July 15, 2014, the Crowne Plaza Cabana Hotel was the site of the third annual faculty development retreat for the Anesthesiology and Perioperative Care Service. This year the retreat was organized by Drs. Tessa Walters, Kyle Harrison, and Ed Mariano, and guests included Drs. Geoffrey Abrams from Orthopedic Surgery and Dan Eisenberg from General Surgery. The major theme of the retreat was Enhancing Recovery after Surgery (ERAS) and the Perioperative Surgical Home (PSH). This event emphasizes the ongoing commitment of our Service to increase collaboration with other clinical services and continually improve the care of our Veteran patients.

Dr. Mariano opened the day with a review of the 2010 Strategic Plan and discussion of the Service's Mission and Vision followed by a review of the changes made during the past 4 years. This presentation set the stage for the creation of focused strategic planning work groups in Clinical Care, Education, Research, and Leadership. Each group will create a SWOT analysis in the coming months which will be used to create a new five year Strategic Plan.

Rotating small group discussion sessions covered the perioperative management of patients with obstructive sleep apnea, orthopedic surgery protocols, and ERAS for patients undergoing abdominal surgery. Selected faculty made presentations on the Perioperative Surgical Home, use of perioperative data and analytics, residency education, and optimizing patient handovers.

As a mentoring workshop, faculty members shared with each other some of the best advice they had received over the course of their careers to date.

We are grateful to our hard-working group of per diem anesthesiologists who provided clinical coverage to allow nearly all of our faculty to enjoy and participate in this annual event.



