AFS Research Committee Update

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AFS Annual Meeting, Nashville 09/25/2021

2021 Committee goals which support AFS's Mission:

Action Items Completed:

 Research committee regularly met monthly on 1st Thursday and below items being discussed and completed.

- 1. AFS membership research survey sent to all member to identify research needs/goals.
 - 76 member responded to the survey:
 - After multiple analysis and discussion in monthly conference several top priorities were summarized by AFSRC.

Top research questions/topics suggested by AFSRC.

- Long-term outcomes after anti-reflux surgery and hiatal hernia repair
- LINX vs fundoplication
- Prospective randomized controlled trial of QOL and long-term outcomes of laparoscopy vs robotic foregut surgery
- Mesh vs no mesh to decrease hiatal/paraesophageal hernia recurrence
- Use of EndoFLIP to gauge adequate hiatal hernia repair and anti-reflux procedures
- Role of anti-reflux surgery, LINX, TIF in management of Barrett esophagus

2. The CQI project:

AFSRC continues to work on CQI project started by Reg Bell.

• We benefited of an invited presentation by Bruce Ramshaw an expert in CQI projects with question and answer in last committee meeting.

 This CQI will be soon completed and available via web link to AFS research committee and all AFS member.

3. Research Database field and QOL survey optimization:

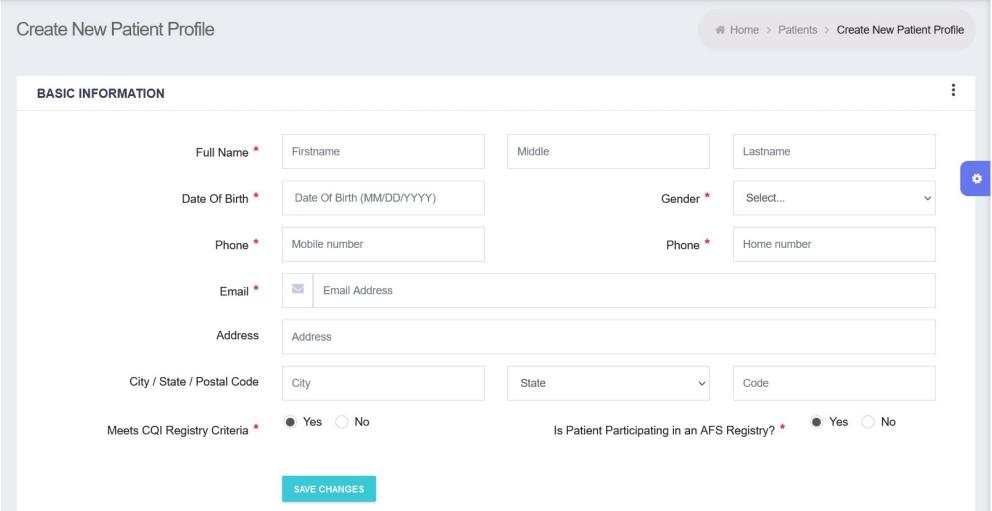
- AFSRC continue to work on ROARS questionnaire and optimizing questions because of some identified gap for specific pre- and postop symptoms
- Consider incorporation of other questionnaires such as NIH PROMIS® GI Symptoms Scales which can be adopted and optimized to be used in foregut disorder and available to AFS member.



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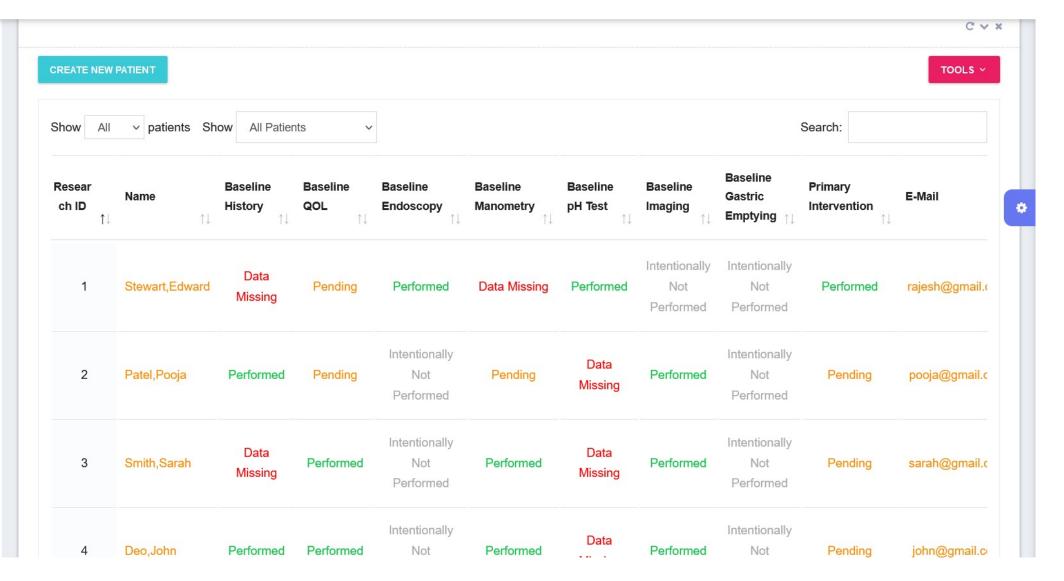


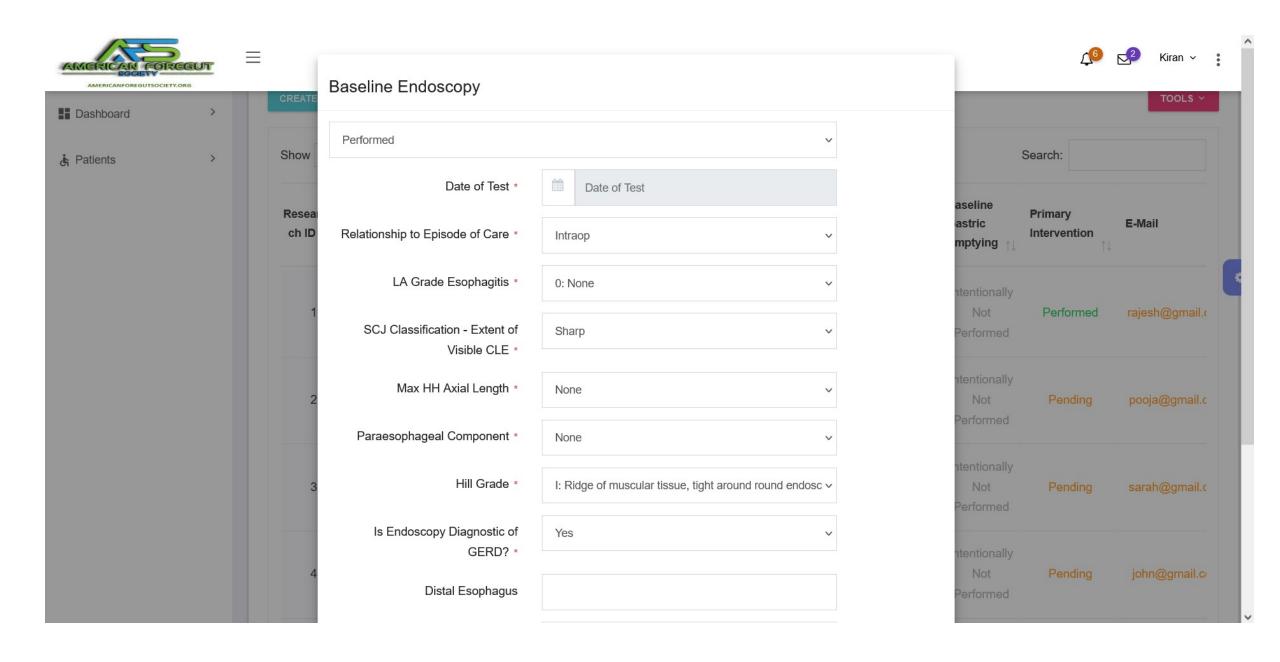
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Action Items In-progress / Pending:

Finalize and Beta test v.1 of the CQI and QOL projects

 Solicit feedback from the AFS board and create a working group within the AFSRC to take next steps in addressing the top main research prior history/questions

New initiative / Announcements:

 AFSRC has interest in collaborating with pharmaceutical and industry partners for sponsored research and multicenter studies/registries of new device, products and drugs

 Initial conversations with Lucid Diagnostics for collaboration to develop/maintain a multi-center registry to evaluate efficacy of using their EsoCheck/EsoGuard Barrett's diagnostic test in a screening setting. AFS research committee welcome all member to join research committee for upcoming year and we need your help, ideas, thoughts and collaboration to better help AFS mission.

- Brief meeting today from 9-9:30 in Cheekwood A
 - Right outside the door, up the stairs, 1st room on right.