SUO Focused Practice Designation (FPD)

- Introduced by Dr. Gerald Jordan, Executive Secretary ABU, to SUO Board at Winter Meeting 2017

- Purpose: To recognize an area of sub-specialization within a specialty without the onerous need for the formal process of CAQ
  - Considered several years ago, would require SUO to give up control to ACGME, meet all 6 core competencies, stop billing for the fellows, etc.

- Opportunity for SUO to establish first Focused Practice Designation

- Opportunity for SUO to take lead in FPD in Urologic Oncology
  - Pediatric and FPM–RS have their CAQ

- Criteria and standards would be established solely by the SUO
Advisory Committee

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- Leonard Gomella, MD, FACS
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- Michael Droller, MD
- Stephen Boorjian, MD
1. SUO as leader develops benchmarks and creates standards
   • Not ACGME, Endo Society, etc.

2. Allows OKAT to function as a standard educational tool
   • ROI for years to develop, high cost, robust validated bank of oncology questions, and makes it relevant

3. Keeps sub-specialization of Urologic Oncology under leadership of SUO

4. Strengthens our relationship with ABU and AUA
   • ABU will serve as our conduit to ABMS
   • AUA will want to partner even closer on products and courses pertinent to oncology for CME and help with the OKAT

5. Further sub-specialty branding for SUO members

6. Will build the SUO membership, attendance, and enhance value
Cons

1. Small risk of loosing control of the process, although the ABMS made assurances that SUO would maintain control.

2. Small risk that 3rd party payors use this information to penalize someone. However, Dr. Jordan stated that can never be predicted, he has not heard that with GYN or Internal Med, and it would not be supported by ABMS.

3. Might be perceived as more work, effort, test taking and minimal gain by individual members. There is a question of necessity at the individual level.
Advisory Conclusion

1. The program has significant benefit to the SUO
2. SUO members who opt in will have FPD as an added qualification
3. Some inconvenience for members, but it would be optional
4. Pros outweigh Cons
5. Not permanently binding or irreversible
Draft SUO FPD Criteria

1. ABU certification
2. SUO fellowship completion and/or 75% urologic oncology by case log
3. OKAT examination completion initially and every 3 years
4. SUO annual meeting attendance initially and every 3 years
5. SUO member in good standing with dues paid in full

* SUO will need to determine how to enforce FPD
Proposed timeline

1. Document available to SUO membership via email and website for period of public comment for members
2. Incorporate feedback into final document
3. Obtain recommendation/vote from EC and BOD
4. Bring forward to winter business meeting for discussion and vote