October Meeting Minutes

Joey Announcements

- Poor percentage of younger people voting
- In order to practice medicine, public policies in health are very important
- Georgia is ranked 38th in terms of public health for its citizens
- 19.2% of people cannot afford medical help via insurance
- 90% of expenses are related to irrational efforts of the public to avoid infection

Cardiothoracic PA - Edwina

- There are many people that allow the surgery to be successful
- Policy constantly effects your livelihood
- They've changed what PAs can write as far as post surgery pain medications

- Open heart bypass surgery: in order to pass blockages
- Glasses are magnified
- RNs and PAs are first assistants
- Beating heart surgery: isolates one artery
- Male dominant world because the hours are very long. Most people don't like the schedule
- Clamp is on the aorta
- Blood is suctioned and recycled
- Heart lung machine is functioning for the heart and lungs during the surgery
- This specialty is incredible but may not be for everyone
- It is a collegial relationship. No one person's job is more important than the other
- Work on developing collegial relationships. Keep up with the latest technology and enrich your experience
- Biggest change: stented valve
- Cardio specialists do not have close relationships with patients