

Happy Holidays!

from the MUSIC Coordinating Center

MUSIC's Purpose

2022 – another hectic year! We have much to celebrate but as I reflect on the year, the work that has most captivated me is the initiative we took to step back from our frenetic pace of activity to truly examine **our purpose. WHY does MUSIC exist?** It seems a very simple question. But aligning on and articulating a single statement that answers that most fundamental question has been anything but simple. **As MUSIC expands its membership** to include practices in North Carolina, New York, Kentucky and Florida, we needed to **define our purpose so that we can stay aligned on who we're here to serve, and what impact we seek to create...** creating a north star that will guide us as we continue to grow and evolve.

With the early input of our executive committee, the coordinating center team went through a series of workshops to help articulate our purpose. After much dialog and deliberation, we arrived at this:

A community that partners to improve patients' lives by inspiring high quality care through data driven best practices, education, and innovation.

A purpose statement is time-neutral — it holds true for an organization's past, present and future. As we look to some of our specific achievements in 2022, we can absolutely see how they were in service of our Purpose:

- **Community:** The MUSIC webinar on how surgeons deal with complications was our most popular yet, and truly showed how we value each other's well-being. Watch out for more news on this front, as MUSIC develops a peer support group for surgeons.
- **Improving patients' lives:** At our last collaborative meeting in Lansing, our patient advocates spoke to how MUSIC is *"always on the offense"* — being proactive to patients' needs. This Medscape article brings it to life: [shorturl.at/nEINT](https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/978454)
- **Data-driven:** At our last meeting we were reminded by one of our patient advocates, that our data registry was fundamental to the changes we intend to bring: *"In God we trust, all others must bring data"*. A big shout out and thanks to the practice data abstractors and managers, for all the hard work you do in keeping this collaborative fed with high-quality data!
- **Education:** Our teaching resources are now available as podcasts, helping urologists and patients as far as Montana. The skills workshops have also helped our learners. From a future urologist at the Medical College of Wisconsin, we heard: *"I not only left this session with valuable insight regarding urologic disease and management, but a sense that the MUSIC community is sincerely invested in holistically enhancing the practice of urology in every way... Thank you for being an accessible and innovative force in the field of urology."*
- **Innovation:** MUSIC was awarded a \$3.1 million grant from the Patient Centered Outcomes Institute for developing an innovative clinical trial — Stent Omission after Ureteroscopy and Lithotripsy (SOUL) — which will kick off next year in 13 practices in Michigan, and 4 outside Michigan. This is an enormous opportunity to make a lasting impact in the field of urology, and improve the lives of patients undergoing ureteroscopy for kidney stone disease.

We can't do this without you! From the whole MUSIC team, we thank you for all your support and partnership. All the best for the Holidays, and a Happy New Year!



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2023 Collaborative-wide Meetings

- Thursday, February 9, 6 – 8pm – Virtual
- Friday, June 16 – Grand Rapids, MI
- Friday, October 6 – New Hudson, MI

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