Theme 6: Advancement & Innovation

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Key trends, which may have an impact on this area over the next 5 to 10 years:

Key opportunities

- 1) Establish the Brand of the Department of Surgery
- 2) Support Advancement, Innovation, and Social Responsibility initiatives
- 3) Provide infrastructure to unite innovation efforts in the Department of Surgery
- 4) Lead social responsibility efforts regionally, nationally, and internationally.

Key issues/challenges

- 1) University/Department versus Hospital priorities
- 2) Defining the benefit for advancement at the University/Departmental levels
- 3) Most innovation projects are conducted locally at the institutions.
- 4) There is no database/catalogue centrally to identify and acknowledge faculty who demonstrate high levels of social responsibility.

Goals	Actions	Expected Outcomes/
		Measures
1) Develop the Brand of the Department of Surgery.	Create the case for the support of the Department of Surgery; clear and consistent messaging to faculty, residents and fellows; create sense of belonging so that the whole is greater than the sum of the parts.	1) Survey of Faculty to measure efficacy of brand; creation of Dept Surgery logo; engagement of faculty in Departmental activities.
2) Establish inspiring advancement initiatives	2) Fundraising within Divisions and at the Departmental level; develop a menu of advancement goals and opportunities within the Department; set reasonable but aggressive targets for Advancement;	2.Measure efficacy of fundraising activities with incremental gains each year;

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	establish Advancement Committee within the Department of	secure large gift naming
	Surgery	opportunity in first 5 years;
		establish additional Chairs
		within the Department of
		Surgery
3) Be a world leader in surgical innovation4) Demonstrating our social responsibility in all that we do.	 Create inventory of innovation efforts in surgery across the University (e.g. CIGITI, TECHNA); promote innovation centrally; establish committee on innovation which synergizes activities across the University; provide infrastructure and seed funding for innovative ideas in surgery. 	3)Translate innovation towards commercialization;
		return on investment; international impact;
	4) Create inventory of international efforts in surgery across the	approach MOHLTC, OHTAC with innovation projects
	Department of Surgery; encourage participation amongst faculty in regional, local, provincial, national and international outreach efforts in surgery; identify key initiatives that could be led by the Department of Surgery to demonstrate the impact of the brand on the world; provide infrastructure to support our social responsibility.	4) Measure impact of programs by numbers served and extent of outreach; measure identity of the Brand in regions where outreach occurs.

Unique considerations for this theme including overlaps with other working groups:

This theme overlaps and cuts across all other themes. Advancement, innovation and social responsibility are part of the education, research, quality, faculty development, and integration pillars.

Opportunities to advance cross-cutting themes:

- Advancement initiatives will provide further funding to launch and sustain new Departmental initiatives, committees and programs.
- Innovations can be taken to commercialization and have impact on patient care and outcomes (quality).
- Innovations help enhance the Brand of the Department of Surgery

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- Our social responsibility will advance the field of surgery on a per patient and per community basis.				

Top 2 implementation priority activities for this area – for next 12 to 18 months

- 1. Large gift naming opportunities within the Department of Surgery
- 2. Setting the infrastructure (Committees, chairs, and directors) for advancement, innovation, and social responsibility.

Key processes, mechanisms and infrastructure required to achieve these goals.

- 1) Liaisons with Office of Advancement, University of Toronto
- 2) Identification of key faculty willing to serve on new committees
- 3) Synergies with other working groups to be maximized.
- 4) Support from the Department of Surgery to ensure these efforts can be successful.