## The Role of Social Media for Modern Surgeons

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## The value of each Facebook profile is $£ 118$...

...but what is it really worth?

## Background



## Education

- Rapid access to the latest evidencebased research worldwide
- Discussions occurring across borders
- Journal Clubs (@IGSJC)

Discussion Members Events Photos Files
Write Post Add Photo/Video E Ask Question © Add File
Write something...


## RECENT ACTIVITY

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Igor Belyansky
9 hrs
Interesting case. 45 year-old healthy woman with no significant PMHx, was transferred to me from outside institution with 18 hours of nausea vomiting and painful right groin bulge. CT scan performed at outside institution showed right inguinal hernia with incarcerated bowel, localized edema and stranding, no free air (do not have CT scan available). ED doc was not able to reduce the hernia. When she arrives at our hospital, she

## MEMBERS $\quad 1,675$ members (17 new)

+ Add people to group


Invite by Email

## DESCRIPTION

This is an international platform for all surge

* See More


## CREATE NEW GROUPS

Groups make it easier than
ever to share with friends

## Branding



## Clare Marx

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## Linked in



The Royal College of Surgeons of

## England

Hospital \& Health Care
201-500 employees

## \#ILookLikeASurgeon



## Study Recruitment

- Department of Health highlighted the need to increase study recruitment
- Patient recruitment remains difficult
- Several groups have shown the impact of social media in collaborator recruitment


## Professionalism

- Unprofessional content causes public mistrust
- Boundaries becoming blurred between professional and private lives
- No guidance yet from the RCS regarding conduct on social media


# The Real Benefits of Social 

 MediaGreater Education

## Healthcare Branding

Challenged Stereotypes
Improved Research

## The Challenge..?

# Thank you for Listening 

## @MikeFBath

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