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Chair’s Welcome & Introductions
Dr. Raja welcomed everyone and gave a general overview of section activities, webinars, and newsletter activities for the 2014-2015 Section year. Dr. Raja noted that Scott Weiner, MD is principal investigator on a Section grant. He is developing a short patient education video tutorial that can be shown to any patient who leaves the ED with an opioid prescription.

Elections for Chair-Elect
Christopher E. Barsotti, MD was elected as TIPS Chair-Elect and will begin his term in October 2016.

ED Naloxone Distribution Webinar
“The ED Naloxone Distribution: key considerations and implementation strategies” webinar was presented on Wednesday, August 19th at 1:00 p.m. ET. This webinar included discussion of the practical steps necessary to set up an ED naloxone distribution program. Experts from across the U.S., who have helped establish ED naloxone distribution programs, shared their experiences and insights into the key policy and logistical considerations to understand before starting a program in an ED. You may view the presentation here: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/4408542817748093185

Panelists included:
- Elizabeth Samuels, MD MPH — A Chief Resident in the Emergency Medicine Residency Program at the Alpert Medical School of Brown University.
- Lauren Whiteside, MD, MS — Assistant Professor in the Division of Emergency Medicine at the University of Washington.
Human Trafficking and the Mass General Human Trafficking Initiative
Wendy Macias-Konstantopoulos, MD, MPH informed the section that there are roughly 20.9 million human trafficking victims worldwide. More than $150 billion in profit is derived from the practice of human trafficking. According to the U.S. department of Justice 95% of labor traffickers are undocumented immigrants. Many victims of human trafficking flow through the ED and are unrecognized by providers as victims. Dr. Macias-Konstantopoulos noted that it has been difficult to get articles published in journals and there have been no large studies on human trafficking in the US.