

**COMET – THE CONSORTIUM ON MEDICAL EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY, A NEW
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP OF THE AAMC NORTHEAST GROUP ON
EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS**

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This breakout session invites persons interested in learning more and participating with this new AAMC NEGEA (Northeast Group on Educational Affairs) Special Interest Group (SIG) focused on the use of technology for medical education. Its mission is to facilitate and foster development of innovative teaching modalities through collaborative development, implementation, and assessment of learning technologies.

This SIG was created at the March 2005 NEGEA annual meeting with members from thirteen, primarily northeast US medical schools. This organization is patterned after the successful CRIME (Computer Resources in Medical Education) SIG of the Western GEA but welcomes members from all regions.

At this breakout session, members of COMET will discuss and invite input related to its first two projects:

Clinical Reasoning Assessment Project

This project is an assessment of the impact of the Carotid Surgical Interactive Multimedia Module (SIMM) on medical students' clinical reasoning skills, knowledge, and enthusiasm/motivation to learn.

Technology Sharing Demonstration Project

Existing multimedia teaching tools, created independently by different COMET members, will be integrated around a common Virtual Patient, into one continuous learning module. This project aims to identify and work through issues related to successfully sharing rich media education tools created on disparate systems.

For more information please see the COMET website at <http://comet.med.nyu.edu> or contact J.B. McGee at jbmcgee@medschool.pitt.edu.