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SAGES 2020-2021 SLATE OF OFFICERS

The following Officers & new/re-appointed Board members will take effect as of April 4, 2020.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

PRESIDENT *Horacio J. Asbun, M.D.*

PRESIDENT-ELECT *Liane S. Feldman, M.D.*

1ST VICE PRESIDENT *John D. Mellinger, M.D.*
(2-year term)

2ND VICE PRESIDENT *Patricia Sylla, M.D.*
(2-year term)

SECRETARY *Brent Matthews, M.D.*
(3-year term)

TREASURER *Chris Schlachta, M.D.*
(3-year term)

BOARD MEMBERS (3-YEAR TERMS):

RE-APPOINTMENTS *Fredrick Brody, M.D.*
Matthew Goldblatt, M.D.
Archana Ramaswamy, M.D.
Dimitrios Stefanidis, M.D.

NEW MEMBERS *Adnan Alseidi, M.D.*
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Scott Davis, M.D.
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Caitlin Halbert, D.O.
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Aurora Pryor, MD

I hope you have all had a wonderful start to 2020! With the new year comes great excitement and continued activity for SAGES. I would like to thank the incredible Executive team, SAGES leadership and BSC staff for their ongoing commitment. We couldn't do it without you!

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

During the ACS Clinical Congress in San Francisco, in addition to 42 SAGES committee and task force meetings, we convened leadership training for almost 100 SAGES Board members, committee chairs and co-chairs... in the form of improv! Consultant Rob Nickerson led us through a high energy, extremely interactive morning program to enhance our leadership ability and communication. Many of our committee chairs incorporated what they learned into leading their committee meetings during the week. And we had FUN! Did you know FUN is an unofficial SAGES value? Read more below.

Following up on the improv leadership training, I asked the We R SAGES Task Force to expand their role to become the Leadership and Professional Development Task Force. While still focusing

on SAGES diversity and inclusion, Dr. Dana Telem and her team will broaden their work, overseeing SAGES future efforts in this area.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

In November, we convened in Asheville, NC for the SAGES annual Fall Board meeting, but also a day of true strategic planning.

I invited several young and more senior SAGES members to join us, to help plan our mission, goals and vision for the future. Consultants Tom Nelson and Colin Rorrie led us through a formal process which resulted in a document to guide us for at least the next two years. I'll debut the Objectives, Priorities and Strategic Initiatives during my presidential address in April, and we will post the full plan online after that time. For now, here is a sneak peek:

Vision

Reimagining surgical care for a healthier world.

Mission

Innovate, educate and collaborate to improve patient care.

Values

SAGES is committed to the following Values:

- Inclusivity
- Innovation
- Service
- Excellence
- Global Community

(and an unofficial value of FUN)



Goals

Education: SAGES will lead the development and adoption of impactful programs.

Innovation: SAGES will drive and disseminate advances in surgery.

Member: SAGES will provide value through engagement.

Finance: SAGES will ensure financial sustainability in support of the Mission.

Organizational Resources/ Governance: SAGES will be governed with efficiency and transparency while reflecting the needs of the members.

EDUCATION COUNCIL

Under the leadership of Dr. Matthew Ritter, the Education Council continues its important work through the Curriculum Development, Assessment and Program Evaluation, and Business and Technology sub-committees. See more detailed information about the Masters Program, Video Based Assessment (VBA) and more in a related article later in this newsletter.

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OWLS

The Organization Wide Learning System (OWLS) is the largest project SAGES has undertaken since FLS and was led by Dr. Steven Schwaitzberg. It is the fruit born of dedication and collaboration of several SAGES Presidents, program chairs, and Executive committee members. Thank you all for your diligence and unwavering support. This catalog of online learning will soon be available.

INNOVATION WEEKEND

SAGES Innovation Weekend, scheduled for late February, is shaping up to be an exciting trio of summits, all with the goal of discussing the Next Big Thing in surgery, and how SAGES and industry can work together to advance new technology. More than 100 surgeons, scientists, industry partners, representatives from insurance companies, and other medical device innovation experts, will convene for two days in Houston for the NBT (Next Big Thing) Summit, led by Dr. Christopher Schlachta, the Advocacy Summit, led by Dr. Ross Goldberg, and the Video Annotation Conference, led by Dr. Ozanan Mireles. These three summits will explore SAGES involvement in commercialization, working with technologies / companies to develop evidence, and how SAGES can work with advocacy, industry and other partners to explore alternative avenues to support the development and research of integrating technological innovation into

surgical practice, as well possible ways to expedite studies to meet CPT and RUC requirements. In addition, recognizing the coming of artificial intelligence, SAGES will begin the creation of a surgical video annotation framework and standards. We look forward to sharing the conclusions and next steps that are sure to result from this weekend.

I would like to personally thank Dr. Pon Satitpunwaycha for his generous donations in support of both OWLS and the Innovation Weekend, as well as the SAGES Foundation. Stay tuned for more details about both in the coming weeks.

GERD CONSENSUS CONFERENCE

Dr. Jeffrey Marks has been leading a multi-society consensus conference on managing patients with GERD. We hope to convene the conference on Saturday, October 3, prior to the 2020 ACS Clinical Congress in Chicago. ASGE, ASMBS, EAES, SSAT and STS are our partners in this conference, which will address treatment and surgical technique comparisons, pre-op assessment and re-operations.

RESIDENT & FELLOW TRAINING

Training future surgeons remains a key priority of SAGES. During calendar 2020, SAGES will convene more than 15 resident and fellow training courses, in addition to our [free webinars](#).

In addition, we encourage 2019-2020 fellows to obtain their [SAGES Fellowship Certificate](#) when

the application opens in May. Certified fellows are members of an elite group with specialized qualifications in Advanced GI MIS, Flexible Endoscopy, or both. The certification markets your advanced training and skills to patients, hospitals, and referring physicians.

GETTING INVOLVED

SAGES is one of the few surgical societies with more than 13% of membership actively participating in committees. If you are interested in serving on a SAGES committee or task force in the future, or if you would like to change your existing committee assignment, please login to your SAGES member account, and visit <https://www.sages.org/leadership/committees/volunteer/>. President-Elect Dr. Horacio Asbun will make new committee member appointments in the late spring.

SAGES 2020 ANNUAL MEETING IN CLEVELAND

If you haven't already registered for SAGES Annual Meeting in Cleveland, *Vision 2020: Rockin' the Future with Innovation & Discovery*, DON'T WAIT! Visit <http://www.sages2020.org/> to register, book housing, view the scientific program, and even download a PowerPoint slide to help us promote it in the remaining weeks before the meeting. Drs. Matt Goldblatt and Leena Khaitan have organized a conference with a program filled with excellence and innovation. The most popular topics to be

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highlighted at the meeting are biliary, colorectal, hernia, bariatric, robotics, foregut, minimally invasive liver and pancreas surgery, flexible endoscopy, and emerging technologies. Highlights include “live” surgery, innovation sessions and incorporating new technologies into practice, again focusing on the SAGES Masters Program, a non-CME track of programming, career development and more. The keynote lectures focus on opioid abuse with Dr. Andrew Kolodny and innovation with Dr. Silvana Perretta. The hands-on courses are on New Technologies in Endoscopy and Hernia Repair, using the ADOPT method, allowing course participants to both learn on-site and then be mentored to foster adoption into their practice. New this year: Train the Trainers courses are also available towards the end of the meeting week.

Remember our unofficial core value of FUN? You will experience that on Friday night at the Rock-n-Roll Hall of Fame. I look forward to seeing all of you there!

I hope you have a wonderful Winter and Spring, and can't wait to see you in Cleveland. I remain open to additional ideas and suggestions for the Society. Please feel free to email me at President@sages.org.

Sincerely,

Your President

Aurora D. Pryor, MD, MBA



UPCOMING WEBINARS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SAGES RAFT Committee offers a series of FREE educational webinars throughout the year. The webinars are developed specifically for residents and feature four SAGES expert panelists. All webinars will be from 7PM to 9PM (Eastern Standard time), and include didactic sessions plus an opportunity to chat online with the experts.

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Laparoscopic and Endoscopic Treatment for Peptic Ulcer Disease
Chair: Ruchir Puri, MD

Tuesday, April 14, 2020

Robotic Hernia Repair
Chair: Garth Jacobsen, MD

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

FUSE 3.0
Chair: Thomas Robinson, MD

For all past Webinars, please visit our website https://www.sages.org/residents_courses/free_courses/

SAGES ADOPT PROGRAM: HELPING YOU “ADOPT” NEW TECHNIQUES & PROCEDURES!

We all had adequate training during our residencies but there are still challenges that we face on a daily basis, and we may not have all the skill sets or confidence to push ourselves to the next level. Isn't it amazing that in these modern times of rapid change in surgery there is no real independent, unbiased infrastructure to help practicing surgeons learn new techniques and safely adopt them into practice? SAGES is working to change that.

One of the SAGES programs that is changing how practicing surgeons learn is called ADOPT (Acquisition of Data for Outcomes and Procedure Transfer). This innovative program transforms the usual Hands-On Post-Graduate Course conducted during the SAGES annual meetings into a gateway to a one-year longitudinal curriculum that is improving successful procedural adoption.

First, ADOPT ensures that the expert faculty are also excellent teachers. Each ADOPT expert must attend a special Train-the-Trainers (TT) course to prepare them to be good surgical coaches.

Next, mentees will complete a pre-course survey to understand their practice better and what they hope to gain from the course. Then, during the hands-on training course at the Annual Meeting, mentees are asked about their specific goals and the course experience is modified to meet them. By the end of the day, the mentors have come to understand each trainee's needs and skills, and assigned them a personal take-home message to work on before their first case.

Over the next 12 months, there are multiple touch points for mentors and mentees to connect in order to help the mentees navigate through the early part of their learning curve. The whole

program concludes with a presentation of results at the next SAGES Annual Meeting.

ADOPT is not only providing a better training curriculum, it is also creating a community where experts, and surgeons less experienced in those procedures, can come together to foster successful procedural adoption.

We are offering one ADOPT course in Cleveland:

- Wednesday, April 1, 2020: ADOPT Hernia Hands-On Course: No Plastic, No Cry

Given the complexities of abdominal wall reconstruction and the concerns regarding synthetic mesh, the goal of this course is to provide exposure and mentorship to allow surgeons to implement tissue-based techniques as well as non-permanent synthetic mesh products into their armamentarium.

With programs like SAGES ADOPT, you have an entryway into a 12-month longitudinal training program conducted by expert coaches. Sign-up for ADOPT and join a community of surgeons like yourself receiving expert guidance from mentors who have taken the time to learn how to be effective coaches!

PREVIOUS ADOPT PROGRAM TESTIMONIAL

"The ADOPT Hernia program was a very rewarding experience for me as a new attending surgeon. Initially during my first three months of practice, I found it intimidating to perform hernia repairs and I would ask a senior partner to assist me with hernia cases. [After two years in practice] I signed up for the ADOPT Hernia program.

The initial ADOPT workshop was very informative. The talks were followed by a cadaver lab which was a great experience.

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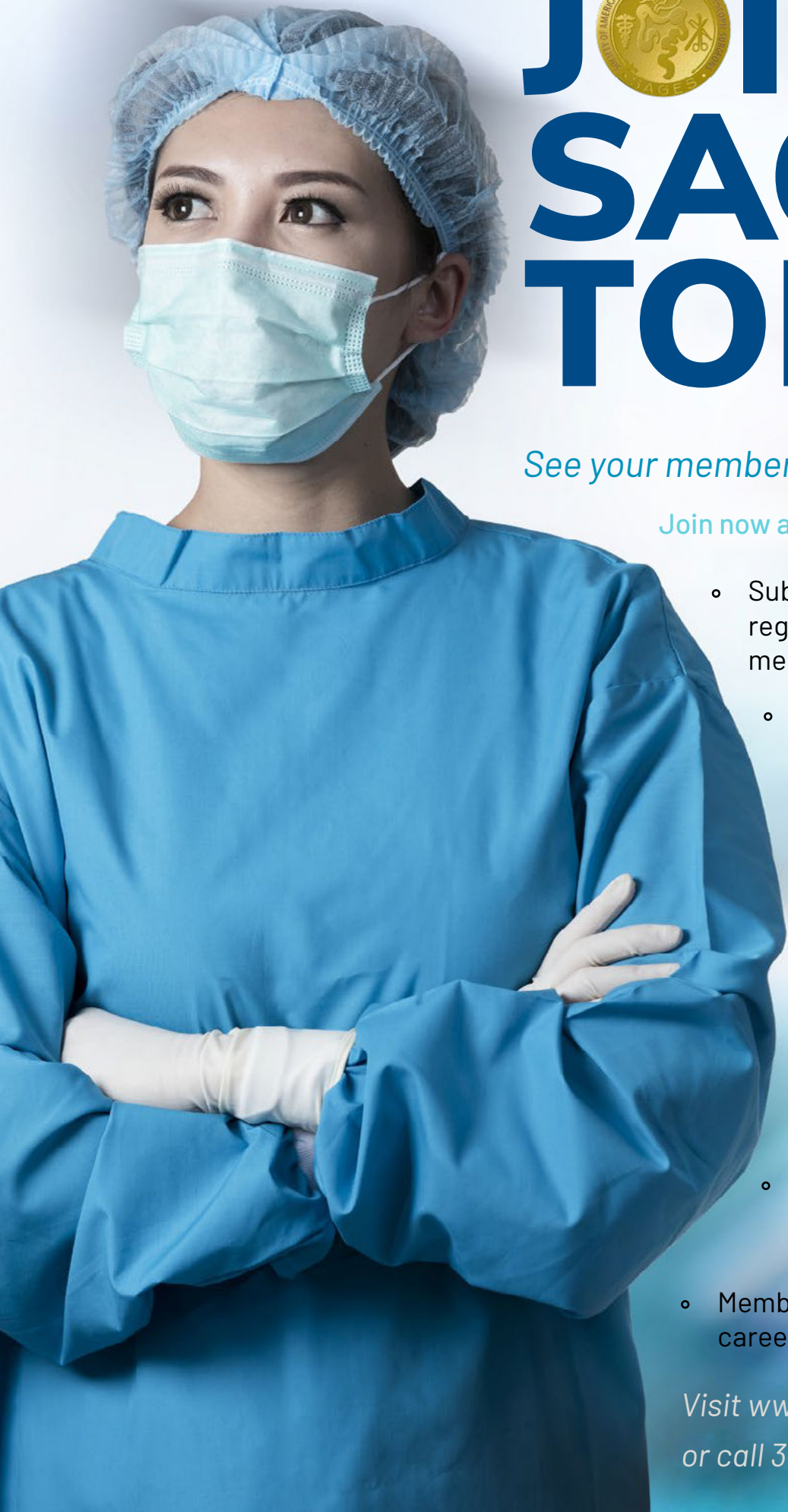
I participated in every webinar available, and would write down clinical questions that would come up to ask during these webinars. It was a wonderful experience to know that I had a forum where I could ask clinical questions. Sometimes I would see an outpatient and tell the patient that I was unsure of the right approach for his/her hernia, but I would be asking experts about the approach and would come back with a better, more informed answer. My patients felt good about this, and I felt good about

our treatment plan. I have performed a few complex abdominal wall hernia repairs with component separation through the year, and have had good outcomes. I feel that the mentorship provided by the ADOPT program has helped me tremendously through my first years of being an attending physician. I now have more confidence for future hernia repairs. I would highly recommend the program to any surgeon who wants to refine his or her skills."

Membership Category Change

To better recognize the breadth and variety of our membership, SAGES Allied Health member category has been re-named to Affiliate member. We believe this change better reflects the role in and contribution to SAGES by surgical educators, biomedical professionals, residency coordinators and others dedicated to improving patient care, along with Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, and other non-physician clinical providers. Affiliate membership dues are \$140 USD annually. Help us spread the word about SAGES Affiliate membership by directing your colleagues to <https://www.sages.org/membership/sages-online-membership-application>.





JOIN SAGES TODAY!

See your membership pay for itself

Join now and enjoy the following benefits:

- Substantial discount for registration to SAGES annual meeting
- Discounts on annual dues for Active U.S. military members
- Discount on annual dues for 1st year surgeons upgrading from Candidate to Active membership
- Cutting-edge education and professional development
- Network with colleagues and surgical endoscopic experts
- Exposure to state-of-the-art surgical technology and techniques
- Member-only research grants and career development awards

Visit www.sages.org/membership
or call 310.437.0544 ext. 110

JOIN THE AMA!

WHY MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMA IS IMPORTANT

Are you concerned about reimbursement? What about healthcare reform? Do you wonder about patients' diminishing access to quality care? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then your membership in the American Medical Association (AMA) is important.

YOUR AMA MEMBERSHIP – WHAT IT MEANS FOR SAGES

In order for SAGES to retain seats in the House of Delegates (HOD), a significant percentage of our members also have to be members of the AMA. Your membership in the AMA allows SAGES to:

- Keep our seats in the AMA HOD
- Have representation on the CPT Advisory Committee
- Have representation on the RUC Advisory Committee

While SAGES continues to gain experience and recognition in the legislative arena, there is no denying that being a part of a larger organization has its benefits. The government recognizes the AMA as representing physicians across the country. They take the lead in tracking action on Capitol Hill and in organizing member associations and grass roots efforts to affect positive change.

KEEP THE SAGES VOICE STRONG

To join the AMA, renew your membership, and learn more visit the AMA website: www.ama-assn.org



BRANDEIS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM IN HEALTH POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

June 2-8, 2019 by Konstantinos Spaniolas, MD, FACS, FASMBS

It was a distinct privilege to attend the Brandeis Leadership Program in 2019, an opportunity afforded to me as an awardee of the SAGES Brandeis award. The Program was attended by surgeons from different disciplines and parts of the country. I was particularly delighted to be part of this Program because of how it exposed me to concepts and tools that I will subsequently use for my local, regional and national endeavors.

The director of the Program, Dr. Jon Chilingirian, put together a unique agenda for the participants. We kicked off the event with a dinner presentation by Ross Goldberg, a well-recognized SAGES member, on how he was able to apply in his hospital the knowledge and insight he obtained from his previous participation in the Leadership Program. This certainly got everyone's attention. The week was full of interactive talks on strategic thinking and decision-making, healthcare economics,

U.S. healthcare policy, process and patient flow, Medicare payment models, performance measures, leadership styles, finance and accounting, negotiation strategies and conflict resolution. The Brandeis faculty provided an immersive experience for us to develop an understanding of such key concepts in leadership, management and policy. Furthermore, the opportunity to hear firsthand about the history of bundled payments from Stuart Altman, who was personally involved in the inception and use of the DRG system, was truly memorable. I will never forget Jon's opening and closing line "as a leader, you will be mostly remembered for the decisions you made." Over the past two months since completing the Leadership Program, these words have very frequently come to mind.

During the program at Brandeis, I got the opportunity to work -closely and interact with many

of the other surgeons from many other disciplines and locations. We worked in groups to tackle some of the didactic assignments, but more importantly, had the opportunity to discuss the issues we all encounter in our clinical practice and professional settings. It was a great opportunity to get to know such people and be able to exchange our different perspectives on common challenges that we face in modern surgical practice. I have been fortunate enough to maintain some of these relationships since the end of the Program, and look forward to re-engaging in upcoming surgical national meetings.

On the first day of the program, Jon Chilingirian gave all of us a suggestion. He pointed out that this was a week-long activity of professional and personal development, away from clinical and other obligations, and urged us to take the opportunity to reflect on our career and leadership goals. This process

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of absorbing all the concepts discussed during the didactics and exploring the question of how I can move forward my career, home institution and national professional associations, was the essence of the program for me.

I am grateful to SAGES for the opportunity to attend the program, and look forward to applying the concepts and experiences learned to my activities within the organization.

SAGES GUIDELINES COMING SOON:

- SAGES Choledocholithiasis Guideline has been completed and submitted to Surgical Endoscopy.
- Bile Duct Injury (BDI) Guideline has been completed, accepted and will soon appear in Surgical Endoscopy.
- SAGES guidelines are also posted on [sages.org/publications/guidelines](https://www.sages.org/publications/guidelines)



BRANDEIS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM IN HEALTH POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

Gina L. Adrales MD, MPH, FACS

I am grateful for the honor of receiving the 2019 SAGES Brandeis Award which allowed me the opportunity to join a multidisciplinary group of surgeons from across the country for a week of intense study in health policy, quality improvement, and healthcare leadership. Directed by the highly capable and enthusiastic Dr. Jon Chilingirian, this course featured a number of excellent faculty with expertise in the broad economic landscape of healthcare policy, physician payment models, accounting, cost behavior and financial literacy, quality and performance measures, relational coordination, and conflict negotiation. Collaborative group exercises reinforced principles highlighted in the lectures and promoted thoughtful discussion and hands-on learning of the models and decision tools.

While some of the coursework overlapped with my prior studies in Public Health, I found the faculty to be highly engaged and knowledgeable and, as such, the topics felt fresh and the new perspectives from faculty and fellow attendees were insightful. It was an incredible opportunity to hear Dr. Stuart Altman speak about Medicare, DRG, and Healthcare Economics. The leadership and strategic thinking sessions with Dr. Chilingirian were thought-provoking and encouraged valuable self-reflection. Lessons from Brandeis in this area and in negotiation have helped me at various times in my day to day work in my leadership roles.

I found the Brandeis program to be highly useful in clinical program development, collaborative work with administration in quality

improvement and resource utilization, and in my personal development in the areas of strategic thinking and negotiation at both home and work. The skills learned at Brandeis have been invaluable as I have moved forward with programs to cut operative and hospital costs, improve patient education and engagement, and implement integration of minimally invasive surgery across hospitals and clinics within the Hopkins system and the complex payment system of Maryland.

I highly recommend the Brandeis program to any surgeon who is interested in improving healthcare quality and value. I hope to use my skills to the benefit of SAGES and I am extremely grateful for this opportunity that SAGES provided which I believe will have a positive impact for years to come.

SAVE THE DATE

Multi-Society Consensus Conference on GERD

Tentative Date: October, 2020 in Chicago, IL





SAGES EDUCATION AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION AWARDS LUNCHEON

This 14th annual ticketed event celebrates and honors distinguished leaders in minimally invasive surgery. Proceeds benefit the SAGES Foundation and its mission to advance endoscopic, laparoscopic, and emerging minimal access surgical methods and patient care. The awards listed below reflect laudable service and innovation, and are presented to outstanding, experienced, and reputable leaders in minimally invasive surgery.

How to RSVP: To become an event sponsor, purchase individual tickets, tables, or virtual ads, please contact the Foundation office at (310) 347-0544 or foundation@sages.org. Individual tickets are \$175 each and tables of ten are available for \$1,300. Since this event benefits the SAGES Foundation, a portion of your purchase is tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law. Note: After March 8, 2020 a late registration fee will apply as follows: individual tickets will be \$195 and tables of ten will be \$1,325. On-site registration for individual tickets will be \$225 and tables of ten will be \$1,375.

2020 HONOREES TO DATE ARE LISTED BELOW:

SAGES Young Researcher Award – Deborah Keller, MD
SAGES Researcher in Training Award – Joshua Weis, MD and Daniel Hashimoto, MD
SAGES Foundation Gerald Marks Rectal Cancer Award: tbd
SAGES IRCAD Visiting Fellowship Award – Brett Parker, MD
*SAGES gratefully acknowledges support by Karl Storz Endoscopy
SAGES Brandeis Award – Racquel Bueno, MD, David Renton, MD and Christopher DuCoin, MD
SAGES Foundation Jeffrey L. Ponsky Master Educator Award – Thadeus Trus, MD
SAGES Foundation Barbara Berci Scholarship Award – Sara Hennessy, MD
SAGES Advocacy Summit Award – Rohan Abraham Joseph, MD
SAGES Kenneth Forde Excellence in Humanistic Clinical Care Award – Spencer Amory, MD
SAGES International Ambassador Award – Surendra Ugale, MD
SAGES Pioneer in Surgical Endoscopy Award – Chuck Kennedy
SAGES Distinguished Service Award – Jo Buyske, MD
SAGES George Berci Lifetime Achievement Award – Walter Pories, MD

FLS, FES and FUSE Test Appointments are now available for SAGES 2020!

Testing will take place Wednesday, April 1 - Friday, April 3 during the 2020 SAGES Annual Meeting in Cleveland, OH.

For more information, to purchase test vouchers or schedule test appointments, please click on the relevant link below:

- * FLS <https://www.flsprogram.org/testing-information/sages-annual-meeting-2020/>
- * FES <http://www.fesprogram.org/testing-information/sages-annual-meeting-2020/>
- * FUSE <https://www.fuseprogram.org/testing-information/sages-annual-meeting-2020/>

IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS WITH HANDS-ON COURSES AT SAGES 2020

Register for **SAGES Hands-on Courses** and learn from SAGES top faculty! Continue to improve your skills and stay current in your specialty with these opportunities in Cleveland:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1: ADOPT HERNIA HANDS-ON COURSE / MENTORSHIP

This course starts with 4 hours of personalized cadaveric experience tailored to your goals and skill level. The ratio in the lab will be 2:1 attendee to faculty. Our mentorship continues through the year-long program with ongoing individual interactions with assigned mentor and group webinars to share experiences, give advice and improve adoption rates of new procedures with a supportive environment.

To register, please visit: <https://www.sages2020.org/registration/>

THURSDAY, APRIL 2: NEW TECHNOLOGIES IN BARIATRIC ENDOSCOPY HANDS-ON COURSE

This hands-on course session focuses on techniques in surgical endoscopy in general and bariatric endoscopy in particular. Attendees will rotate through various stations over the course of

the session to learn various current technologies available in surgical and bariatric endoscopy. Attendees will gain exposure not only to primary endoscopic weight loss procedures but also endoscopic techniques to manage bariatric surgical complications.

To register, please visit: <https://www.sages2020.org/registration/>

THURSDAY, APRIL 2: HANDS-ON TESTING BE-SAFE! VERIFICATION

SAGES and ASMBS have worked together to develop the Bariatric Endoscopy - Skill Acquisition Fundamentals Exam (BE-SAFE!) verification process for surgeons. The verification process is for members with experience in performing bariatric endoscopy to verify they have acquired the necessary skills to perform these procedures. The goal is to further strengthen the important role in endoscopic treatment of bariatric patients.

Pre-Recs required: For more information on pre-requisites and to register, please visit: <https://besafe.asmbbs.org/>

SAGES ROBOTICS COURSES

There are six upcoming SAGES Robotic Fellow Courses that will open for registration soon: August 6-7 (Atlanta, GA), September 3-4 (Atlanta, GA), October 1-2 (Atlanta, GA), November 2-3 (Houston, TX), December 3-4 (Houston, TX), January 21-22, 2021 (Sunnyvale, CA).

For more information and to register, visit: www.sages.org/robotics-fellows-course/.

MINIMALLY INVASIVE PANCREAS RESECTION: NEW INTERNATIONAL GUIDELINES (IG-MIPR)

SAGES HPB/Solid Organ Task Force is pleased to announce the evidence-based internationally-sponsored Minimally Invasive Pancreas resection guidelines.

For over a year, international experts in pancreas surgery worked together to develop evidence-based guidelines on minimally invasive pancreas resection surgery. The guidelines were finalized and voted on during an international meeting co-organized by seven surgical societies. These societies included SAGES, E-AHPBA, EAES, IHPBA, Pancreas Club, SSO, AHPBA, and SSAT.

Under the leadership of Dr. Horacio Asbun (Chair), IG-MIPR was hosted by the Miami Cancer Institute, March 18-19, at the Eden Roc in Miami Beach, Florida. The evidence-based process, a joint initiative of the international surgical societies and involving more than 70 pancreas experts from the United States and 18 countries internationally, resulted in over 26 recommendations that have been published (Annual of Surgery ref below*) and are

currently being discussed individually via the 1400+ member strong [SAGES-HPB Facebook discussion group](#). We encourage everyone practicing pancreas surgery to read these recommendations and join the discussion. The SAGES-HPB/ solid organ taskforce is working diligently to implement the consensus recommendations.

Dr. Asbun said, "There is no debate that laparoscopic, robotic and open approaches are all here to stay. However, in experienced hands, there are specific patients who will definitely benefit from MIPR and these guidelines will help surgeons, hospital administrators and patients make decisions on the surgical direction to take."

Co-chairs : Mohammed Abu Hilal, MD (Italy); Marc Besselink, MD (Netherlands); Michael Kendrick, MD (USA); Herbert Zeh, MD (USA).

* Asbun, et al, The Miami International Evidence-based Guidelines on Minimally Invasive Pancreas Resection. Ann Surg. 2020 Jan;271(1):1-14.



International Evidence-Based Guidelines for Minimally Invasive Pancreas Resection



March 18-19, 2019
Eden Roc Hotel ■ Miami Beach, Florida

Conference Chair
Horacio Asbun, M.D.

Co-Chairs
Professor Mohammed Abu Hilal, M.D.
Professor Marc Besselink, M.D.
Michael L. Kendrick, M.D.
Herbert J. Zeh, III, M.D.



SAGES EDUCATION COUNCIL UPDATE

By Chair, Education Council, E. Matthew Ritter, MD, FACS

Formed in the fall of 2018, the SAGES Education Council provides specialized expertise in the areas of curriculum development, instructional methods, assessment and evaluation, and education technology.

The Council serves as both a body to integrate SAGES vast educational efforts and as a group of “internal consultants” to the other SAGES entities wishing to develop or revise educational products.

In addition to the Chairs of all education-oriented committees, membership in the Council consists of three groups: Curriculum Development; Assessment & Program Evaluation; and, Business & Technology. Last summer, we were thrilled by the overwhelming number of self-nominations received from our members eager to participate in these groups. The Council leadership, SAGES Executive Committee, and ultimately, SAGES President Aurora Pryor selected and approved inaugural members with key skills for each of the groups.

Now hard at work, the Council members are advancing several important Society initiatives:

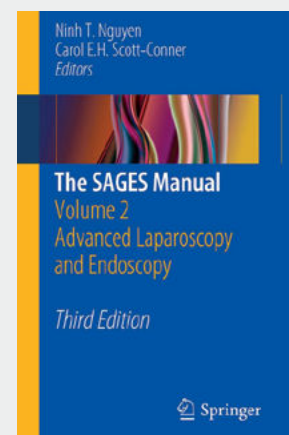
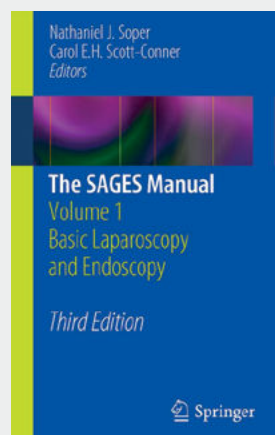
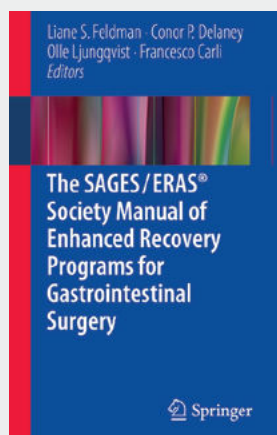
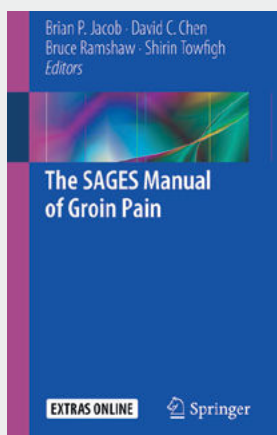
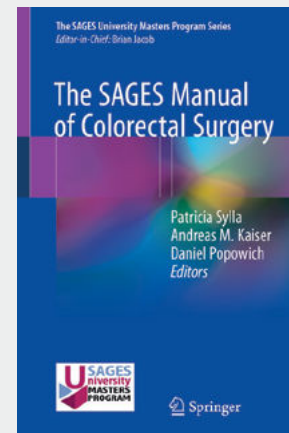
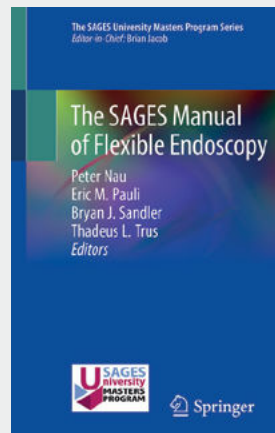
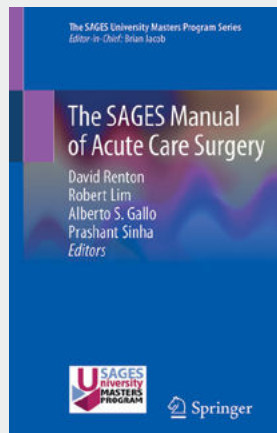
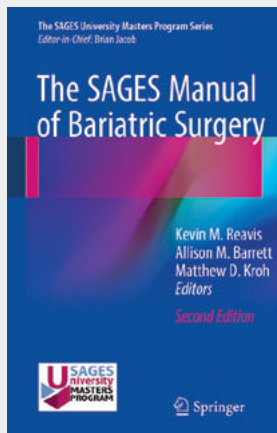
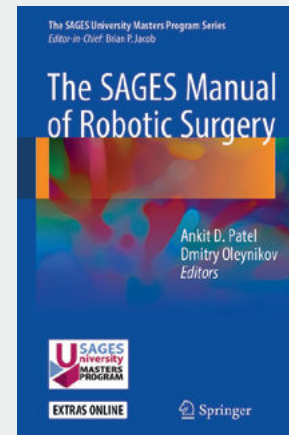
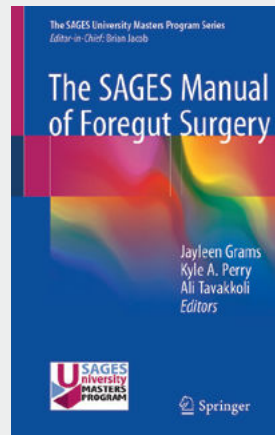
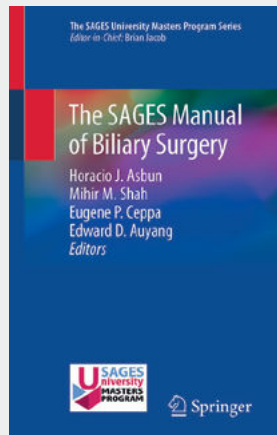
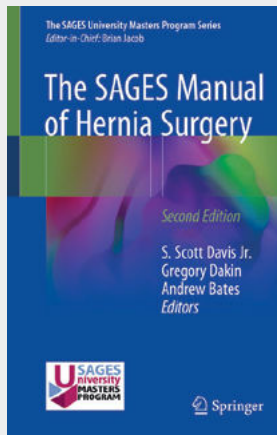
- Our new Organization-Wide Learning System (OWLS) is scheduled for launch this spring. This new learning management system will unify and streamline the delivery of our educational content and allow easier navigation and access for our members and other users. The catalog of online learning will start with SAGES existing education programs, and will continue to grow as new offerings become available.
- The SAGES Masters Program continues to take shape, with the initial focus on the Foregut Pathway. Goals and objectives have been developed and refined for all of the original pathways. In addition to the seven pathways already in development (Acute Care, Bariatric, Biliary, Colon, Flexible Endoscopy, Foregut, Hernia and Robotics), the HPB Task Force is

creating pathways for Liver and Pancreas. Dr. Pryor’s focus on leadership and strategic planning this year has also inspired a future Leadership & Professional Development pathway.

- The SAGES Video Based Assessment (VBA) for Laparoscopic Fundoplication is in the first stages of rubric testing. With help from the SAGES Foregut Task Force and Educational Resources Committee, we have plans for a broader implementation later this year. In addition, we’ve recently initiated VBA development plans for Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy and Inguinal Hernia. Current fellows and early career surgeons: Please help by providing videos of your Lap Fundoplication, Lap Chole, and Lap Inguinal Hernia procedures. [Click here for more information.](#)

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2020

SAGES Scientific Sessions

7:30am-5:00pm

SAGES Military Surgical Symposium: Improving Care on the Battlefield
Per-Oral Technologies: Mind Blown
Update on Diverticulitis: Controversies and Challenges
Devil's in the Details: Roux en Y Gastric Bypass
Masters Foregut: Paraesophageal Hernia
Building a Comprehensive Weight-loss Center
The Digital World and the Modern Surgeon: Useful Apps in Surgery and Managing Social Media
"But I Don't Want Mesh": Options for Hernia Repair Without Permanent Synthetic Mesh

Weight-loss Medications and How I Use Them

SAGES Foundation Awards Luncheon

12:00pm-1:30pm

Hands-On Course: ADOPT Hernia - No Plastic, No Cry
Masters Flexible Endoscopy: Lower GI Endoscopy
Putting out the Fire: Time to Burn the Burnout
Masters Bariatrics: Everything Sleeve Gastrectomy
Back to School Basics: Relearning the Hand-Sewn Anastomotic Technique in Colorectal Surgery
Serious Mishaps in the OR- Burnin' Down the House
Optimizing Patients for Surgery: Prehab and Rehab in MIS
Devil's in the Details Session: Revision Foregut Surgery
Managing Bariatric Complications On-Call: This Patient is too Sick to Transfer... Now What Do I Do?

Pain and Hernia: How to Prevent and Treat Pain

Opening Session - Welcome Ceremony

5:00pm - 5:30pm

Exhibits Opening Welcome Reception

5:30pm - 7:30pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2020

Exhibits/Posters/Learning Center

open 10:00am-4:00pm

SAGES Scientific Sessions

7:30am-5:30pm

Parastomal Hernia: Tips and Tricks
Oh No, It Slipped Again: Tips and Tricks to Managing Primary and Recurrent Hiatal Hernias

Evolving Techniques in Revisional Bariatric Surgery (*non-CME*)

Keynote: Gerald Marks Lecture - Andrew Kolodny, MD

Status of Opioids 2020: Aim - No Opioids

Mesh from Soup to Nuts

Motility from Soup to Nuts: How to Interpret and Manage Disorders

A Nightmare on CRS Street: Whatever You Do, Don't Fall Asleep

In search of the Magic Weight-loss Procedure: Current and Evolving Endoscopic Procedures for Weight-loss

Emerging Tech Session (*non-CME*)

Hands-On Course: New Technologies in Endoscopy

Educators Session: Strategies for Increasing Resident and Fellow Autonomy in Training

Free Lunch in the Exhibit Hall for All Attendees

12pm-1:30pm

Residents & Fellows Session

The Great Hernia Debate

GERD and Bariatric Surgery: Prevention and Management

No Longer "Back in My Day" - Surgery in the Millennial Era

SAGES/ELSA: The Future of Colorectal Surgery - Innovations (*non-CME*)

Refreshment Break/ Happy ½ Hour in Exhibit Hall

Esophageal Cancer: Updates in MIS and Endoluminal Management

Managing Trauma with MIS Techniques

Minimally Invasive Pancreatic Surgery

Navigating the Long Road Ahead: Career Planning, Mastering the Fundamentals, and all that SAGES Has To Offer

Shark Tank (*non-CME*)

Industry Educational Events

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2020

Exhibits/Posters/Learning Center

open 10:00am-4:00pm

SAGES Scientific Sessions

7:30am-5:30pm

My Device was Recalled! What do I do? (*non-CME*)

Keynote: Presidential Address - Aurora Pryor, MD

Keynote: Karl Storz Lecture - Silvana Perretta, MD

Refreshment Break/ Morning Mimosas in Exhibit Hall

Scientific Session: Best Papers I

Which Endoscopic Reflux Procedure should I Offer my Patient?

All About Innovation: Surgical Inventions from the Garage to the Fortune 500 (*non-CME*)

SAGES Stories: Challenging Bariatric Problems You're Glad Weren't Yours to Solve

Free Lunch in the Exhibit Hall for All Attendees

12:00pm-1:30pm

Artificial Intelligence: Changing How We Practice Surgery (*non-CME*)

The Great Foregut Debate

Masters Colorectal: MIS Approaches to the Rectum

Masters Biliary - SAGES/ILLS: Liver Resection

Adolescent Weight-loss Surgery: How to Get Them Through College

Complex Cases from the SAGES Masters Program Facebook Collaboratives

Masters Hernia: Ventral Hernia

SAGES/AHPBA: Challenging Bile Duct Injuries - A Historical to Contemporary Perspective and Opportunities for Change

Pioneers in Foregut Surgery: Stories from the Masters

Technology Changing Our World (*non-CME*)

Candidate Networking Townhall

Main Event & Sing-Off

7:30pm-midnight

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2020

Exhibits, Posters, Learning Center

CLOSED

SAGES Scientific Sessions

8:00am-3:30pm

Emergency General Surgery: The Role of MIS

Barrett's 2020: What's Hot, What's Not

Scientific Session: Best Papers II

Foregut Surgery: Who Should Do It and How To Set Up a Center

Hernias in Contaminated Fields

Anorectal Emergencies: What Every Surgeon Should Know

Community Practice for the Uninitiated

Duodenal Switch: Here to Stay?

Everything You Wish You Knew About the Surgical Treatment of Gastroparesis

What's New in Fellowship Training? An Update on the Changes and Challenges Facing our Fellows

Avoiding and Managing Recidivism after Bariatric Surgery

EAST/AAST/SSAT/ASCRS/SAGES Joint Symposium: Acute Care Surgery

Controversies in Complex Ventral Hernia Prevention and Repair

New and Emerging Procedures in Bariatric Surgery: What is the Evidence?

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Runners Up – Drs. Michael Marohn and Mustafa Aman, Amazon Gift Cards

We are once again challenging members to encourage colleagues to join SAGES during 2020. For every new member you sponsor this year, your name will be entered into a drawing. Grand prize is FREE registration for SAGES 2021 Annual Meeting.

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As a service to members, SAGES offers Course and Program Directors the opportunity to have their courses reviewed and endorsed by the Continuing Education Committee.

Surgery of the Foregut Symposium | February 16-19, 2020

Course Director Drs. Raul Rosenthal and R. Matthew Walsh

Website <https://www.cfcme.org/Foregut2020>

IRCAD-EITS | January – December 2020

Course Director Dr. Jacques Marescaux

Website <https://www.ircad.fr/>

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FUSE HOSPITAL COMPLIANCE MODULES

Over the past year, the FUSE Committee has focused its efforts on developing a 25 minute abbreviated version of FUSE, clinically focused surgical hospital compliance modules aimed at educating learners on surgical energy devices. The FUSE Hospital Compliance Modules are currently undergoing beta testing to allow hospitals to integrate the modules into their internal training software. Be on the lookout for more exciting details in the upcoming months regarding the FUSE Hospital Compliance Modules!

FUSE AT THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF ENDOSCOPIC SURGEONS

SAGES FUSE faculty led a hands-on course last June on the principals of electrosurgery at the European Association of Endoscopic Surgeons (EAES) program in Seville. The areas covered were fundamental principals of radio frequency electrosurgery, electrosurgical safety in laparoscopy, monopolar devices, bipolar devices, and implantable devices and electrosurgery.



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