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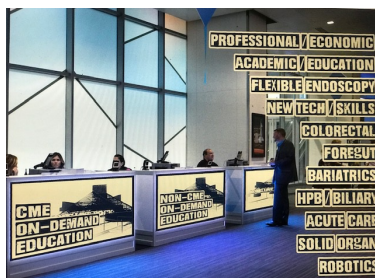
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## August 2020

### SAGES 2020 is a Virtual Success!

SAGES ROCKS! SAGES Virtual 2020 had nearly 2,100 registrants. The best news is that the fun's not over.



Whether you missed any of the August 11-13 live events, didn't have the chance to attend certain online sessions, or haven't yet registered, we've got you covered. SAGES 2020 content is available online for the next seven months, including more than 94 hours of CME credit available through March 2021.

If you haven't already, register now at <https://virtual.sages2020.org>.

### IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES

Free Resident Webinar  
September 8

New POEM Guideline:  
Member Comments by  
September 15

Virtual Hernia Hands-On  
Course Registration  
Deadline:  
September 21

### Register Now for SAGES Virtual Hernia Hands-On Course

This first-ever virtual hands-on course, **ADOPT Hernia - No Plastic, No Cry**, transforms the usual hands-on course conducted during the SAGES annual meetings into a virtual one-year curriculum designed to facilitate successful procedural adoption of component separation techniques into ventral/incisional hernia repair.

This immersion experience provides learners with a personalized 4 hours of telementored hands-on experience utilizing a simulated porcine module that will be shipped directly to you. Register by September 21 [here](#).

Due to COVID-19 shipping restrictions, this course is limited to U.S. participants only.

### Congratulations to the SAGES 2020 Award Recipients

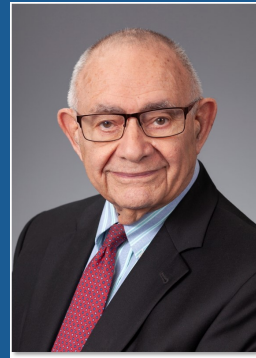
The 14th annual SAGES Education & Research Foundation Awards Presentation included Distinguished Service Award recipient Dr. Jo Buyske and George Berci Lifetime Achievement Award recipient Dr. Walter Pories. Other awards included: Chuck Kennedy (Pioneer in Surgical Endoscopy); Dr. Thadeus Trus (Master Educator in Endoscopy); and, Dr. Spencer Amory (Excellence in Humanistic Clinical Care).

A complete list of all awards, video presentations and acceptances can be found at the [SAGES 2020 Annual Meeting Awards page](#).

Congratulations to everyone!



Dr. Jo Buyske,  
Distinguished Service Award



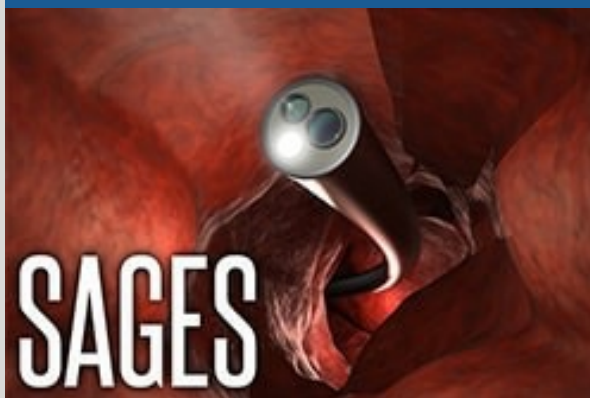
Dr. Walter Pories,  
George Berci Lifetime Achievement Award

## SAGES POEM Guideline Available for Public Comment

The SAGES Guidelines Committee has completed its guideline for the use of Peroral Endoscopic Myotomy (POEM) for the treatment of Achalasia. This document was prepared and revised by the SAGES Guidelines Committee with input from gastroenterologists, patient advocates and methodologists. This document has been reviewed and approved by the SAGES Board of Governors.



The document is now available for public review and comment by SAGES members before submitting it for publication. You will need to log in to your SAGES membership account to access the content and comment form. Please provide all comments by September 15 [here](#).



## SAGES Press Highlights

Telemedicine (Dr. Kaela Parnell), colonoscopy positioning (Dr. Alison Greene) and laparoscopy on older patients (Dr. Shoichi Fujii) are just a few of the SAGES Virtual 2020 presentations covered by MedPage reporters.

To see MedPage's full coverage, please go [here](#). And look for any additional press in next month's MesSAGES.

## #MaskUp - Stop the Spread of COVID-19

The American Medical Association has launched a public health campaign called #MaskUp encouraging the public to

wear masks. It works to debunk myths and misconceptions around mask usage rooted in science and equips physicians with simple tools to help patients understand their risk for transmission. For more information on how to participate in the campaign, please go [here](#).



Have a suggestion for MesSAGES? Please submit your comments to [julie@sages.org](mailto:julie@sages.org).

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