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Got CME? SAGES Virtual 2020 is Still Available

The American Board of Surgery (ABS) requires 90 Category 1 CME credits every three years, 60 of which must be self-assessment credits. You can earn more than 90 CME credits (all eligible for ABS self-assessment credits) on demand now at SAGES Virtual 2020.

Whether you've already registered and haven't had time to get online, or haven't yet registered, don't miss out! Register here and claim CME credits through March 31, 2021.

SAGES 2021 Scientific Session Call for Abstracts

You are invited to submit paper and video abstracts to the SAGES 2021 Scientific Session. The program will consist of oral, video and poster presentations, with the program committee responsible for selecting the length of the oral and video presentations. There is a 400 word limit for written abstract submissions and a 100 word limit for video abstract submissions. No reference to the authors or the institution should appear within the body of the abstract or in the abstract title.

For the full list of accepted topics and other details, pleasehere.

Help Stop Medicare Payment Cuts to Surgeons

The American College of Surgeons is working aggressively to stop Medicare payment cuts scheduled for January 1, 2021.

To continue to make our voices heard, we need to reach every Congressional office. If

you have already sent a letter via *SurgeonsVoice*, now is the time to send another one. Thanks to your outreach, we have contacted Congress more than 10,000 times in the past four months, but we need to keep the momentum going. We need your help to reach at least 20,000 to ensure Congress feels the pressure to act now to prevent the cuts.

Please take five minutes and go**here** to write your member of Congress and urge your Representative to sign the letter led by Rep. Ami Bera MD (D-CA-07) and Rep. Larry Bucshon, MD, FACS (R-IN-08) to prevent cuts to Medicare payments for surgical services.

MesSAGES Member Spotlight to Begin in November

Beginning next month, MesSAGES will include a Member Spotlight section highlighting a different SAGES member each month.

Members from all categories are encouraged to send a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) describing yourself, why you joined SAGES, the value of your SAGES membership--and a fun professional or personal photo.

We look forward to showcasing SAGES' interesting and diverse members from all over the world.

Please send all submissions to julie@sages.org.

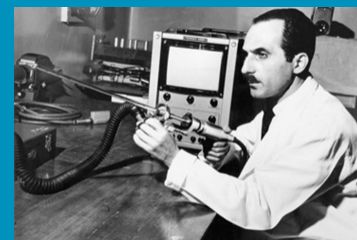SAGES Virtual 2020 co-chair
Dr. Leena Khaitan

SAGES Virtual 2020 Wrap up - Bariatric Times

The October issue of Bariatric Times included SAGES 2020 co-chair Dr. Leena Khaitan's meeting highlights from some of the most virtually attended sessions including: Masters Bariatrics: Everything Sleeve Gastrectomy; Duodenal Switch: Here to Stay?; Adolescent WLS; GERD; and, Devil is in the Details: Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass.

Please go **here** to read Dr. Khaitan's complete wrap up.

Donate $25 and Receive George Berci's *The Scope of My Life*

Thanks to the support of SAGES members, the SAGES Education and Research Foundation has been able to fund transformative initiatives ranging from consensus conferences to research grants to the Fundamentals of Laparoscopic Surgery (FLS) - and much more. We are so grateful for your generosity and are excited to be able to share Dr. George Berci's autobiography *The Scope of My Life*.

With a minimum $25 donation to the Foundation, you can receive either a personally signed copy or an e-version of Dr. Berci's remarkable story of perseverance and

ingenuity. To make your gift by check or credit card, and reserve a copy of Dr. Berci's book, please visit the Foundation website **here**.

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