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IN COLONIC
CIRCULAR ANASTOMOSIS**

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SAGES 2020 and 2021 Meeting Updates

Hoping to increase the odds of an in-person meeting next

year, SAGES has postponed the April meeting to June 15-18, 2021. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.



SAGES Virtual 2020 - Don't Miss Out!

A reminder that SAGES Virtual 2020 Still Rocks - both for registrants who haven't had time to check out the on demand content and those who haven't yet registered. Join your fellow surgeons and take advantage of the opportunity to earn more than 94 hours of CME credit **through March 2021**, along with live events, the Exhibit Hall, and industry-sponsored symposia.

Register and access on demand content at <https://virtual.sages2020.org>.

IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES

**Call for 2021 Awards
Application Deadline
October 30**

**Call for Abstract
Submissions Deadline
November 13**

**SAGES 2021 Meeting, Las
Vegas
June 15-18**

2021 Call for Awards and Scholarships is Open

Make your voice heard! A reminder that all SAGES members may nominate for the following awards: George Berci Lifetime Achievement; Pioneer in Endoscopic Surgery; Excellence in Humanistic Clinical Care; International Ambassador; and, IRCAD Visiting Fellowship.

Please go [here](#) to review available awards and submit your nominations. Nomination forms will be reviewed and winners will be selected by the Awards Committee. The Committee will recommend recipients to the Board of Governors in November. Awards will then be formally announced and given to the recipients during the SAGES 2021 annual meeting.

We hope that you participate in this process so that we may honor those who have contributed so much to endoscopic surgery and SAGES.

Five SAGES Recommendations included in ABIM's New Choosing Wisely Initiative



The American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) Foundation calls on leading medical specialty societies and other organizations to identify tests or procedures commonly used in their field whose necessity should be questioned or discussed with patients.

SAGES recommends avoiding the following: elective hernia repair for minimally symptomatic ventral hernias in patients with severe obesity without consideration for obesity managements; unnecessary perioperative fasting for elective general surgical procedures; open surgery for elective repair of bilateral inguinal hernias if minimally invasive approaches are feasible; elective abdominal surgery in the setting of adult patients with poorly controlled diabetes; and, elective repair of minimally symptomatic abdominal wall hernias in patients who are actively smoking.

For additional recommendation details along with the complete Choosing Wisely list, please go [here](#).

POEM Update and new SAGES Guideline Available for Public Comment in October



A big thanks to all who submitted comments on the soon-to-be published guideline on POEM (Guidelines for the Use of Peroral Endoscopic Myotomy) for the treatment of achalasia.

Our next guideline, tentatively titled Guidelines for the Performance of Minimally Invasive Splenectomy, will be available for public comment in October.

Public comment closed on September 15 and the updated version will be submitted to "Surgical Endoscopy" and published on the SAGES website.

Please check communications over the next several weeks for the exact deadline!



Dr. Morris Franklin Tribute in General Surgery News

The contributions of Dr. Morris Franklin, who passed away in August and was memorialized during SAGES Virtual 2020, were recently highlighted in a GSN tribute. Dr. Franklin was integral to the development and adoption of laparoscopic techniques.

Please go [here](#) to read the full tribute.

Partnership Between SAGES and AWS Continues

As part of its continued commitment to inclusivity,

SAGES has extended its collaboration with the Association of Women Surgeons (AWS) through September 2021. Founded in 1981, AWS is one of the largest international organizations dedicated to encouraging and empowering women surgeons.

Through this partnership, AWS members can join SAGES and SAGES members can join AWS at discount of up to **30 percent** off first-year membership fees.



SAGES members--both women and men--joining AWS should enter promo code SAGES2020 when completing the AWS online membership form. For more information, please go [here](#).

Next month, the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Clinical Congress 2020 (October 3-7) will be virtual and free of charge. To learn more or register, visit www.FACS.org/ClinCon2020. For free access to the ACS Quality and Safety Conference, register here: https://www.compusystems.com/servlet/ar?evt_uid=889.

Have a suggestion for MesSAGES? Please submit your comments to julie@sages.org.

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