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SAGES 2021 - Reimagining a Healthier World Register and Book Housing Today

We're looking forward to seeing as many of you in person as possible at the annual meeting August 31-September 3 in Las Vegas!



Co-chairs Dr. Adnan Alseidi and Dr. Dana Telem have a fantastic program lined up, with highlights that include all-new ADOPT hands-on courses, Lessons Learned from the Pandemic, Advocacy and Community Practice, Reimagining Wellness and a significant monetary award for this year's Shark Tank winner.

Register and book your housing [here](#).

IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES

SAGES Innovation Summit
Registration Deadline
May 28

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Webinar Registration
June 10

Social Justice Award
Nomination Deadline June
30

Oncology Webinars:
Registration
May 26 and June 30

SAGES 2021 Meeting, Las
Vegas
Aug 31-Sept 3



Inaugural Message from SAGES President Liane Feldman, MD

We're in a good place in 2021, and I'm excited and honored to serve as SAGES president. Despite the pandemic, we can be proud of our many accomplishments over the last year. As members, the year brought many challenges but it was also an opportunity to reassess our professional and personal priorities.

Last month's Board meeting showed that renewed excitement and engagement, with a multitude of ideas put forth by each of SAGES incredible 42 committees. SAGES has always been focused on surgical techniques that improve outcomes for patients – whether endoscopic, laparoscopic, robotic or the Next Big Thing. We'll continue to build on these accomplishments by focusing on innovative educational programs for surgeons at every stage of their professional lives that enhance performance and improve quality and outcomes for patients.

To read Dr. Feldman's complete message, please [go here](#).

Register Now for SAGES 2021 Innovation Weekend (In Person and Virtual Options)

SAGES 2021 Innovation Weekend will take place the weekend of June 4-5 at the Hilton Americas-Houston in Houston, TX. Highlights include: Joint Next Big Thing (NBT) Surgical Disruptive Technology Summit (SDTS); 15th International NOSCAR Summit; Advocacy Summit/Mini Boot Camp; and, SAGES Surgical Video Data Conference.

You won't want to miss this exciting event, and if you can't attend in person, a virtual option is available. For more information and to register, click here: <https://cvent.me/BQwdA1>



Yewande Alimi MD
MIS Bariatric Surgeon
Stanford University



SAGES Member Spotlight Dr. Yewande Alimi

Besides SAGES' unofficial value of FUN, "building members up" is what Dr. Yewande Alimi loves most about SAGES.

"I truly enjoy the annual meeting, not only as a place to learn, but also as a place to meet a ton of really cool, laid back surgeons in our field. Also, within this society there are so many innovators and thought-provoking individuals that it's been a pleasure to learn so much, from even casual interactions with other SAGES members."

Dr. Alimi's interest in laparoscopic surgery and desire to connect with others in the field led her to join SAGES as a Candidate member. She's been active in both the Resident and Fellowship Training (RAFT) and Membership committees, and said that "bringing new members into this welcoming society has been an absolute pleasure."

Read more about Dr. Alimi [here](#).

To learn more about SAGES membership and access an online application form, please go [here](#).

Social Justice and Health Equity Award - Nominations Open

If you know someone who has worked to personally address healthcare inequities due to longstanding systemic racism and/or social injustice, we want to hear from you. Examples include: improving educational opportunities for underrepresented minorities in medicine; addressing barriers to care that result in decreased entry to screening or treatments; improving access to advanced technologies; and, other actions that address inequities of race, gender, culture, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability.

The award is open to all SAGES members and, in special cases, non-members who interface with surgeons and contribute to their teams or the communities where they live. To learn more and apply, go [here](#). Nomination deadline is June 30, 2021.

GERD Update and New SAGES Guideline Available for Public Comment in June

A big thanks to all who submitted comments on the soon-to-be published guideline on GERD (SAGES Guidelines for the Surgical Treatment of Gastroesophageal Reflux (GERD)). Public comment closed on May 15 and the updated version will be submitted to "Surgical Endoscopy" and published on the SAGES website. Our next guideline, Guidelines for the Performance of Minimally Invasive Splenectomy, will be available for public comment in June. Please check communications over the next several weeks for the exact deadline.

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