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2021 On Demand Meeting Open/ Save the Date for SAGES 2022

The SAGES 2021 On Demand Annual Meeting is open! Log on to the SAGES 2021 Meeting App or use the **Desktop Browser** to access recordings of the scientific sessions and panels that occurred during the live meeting. Participants may also earn more than 100+ CME credits through December 2021. Please go [here](#) to register. If you already registered for the meeting, check your email for your access codes.



SAVE THE DATE for SAGES 2022, March 16-19 in Denver, CO. Please go [here](#) for a schedule at a glance and stay tuned for exciting program details!

Finally, if you missed president Liane Feldman's update in last week's e-blast, you can read it [here](#).

IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES

Oncology Webinar -
Adrenal
Oct 27, 2021

Last Call for Awards
Nominations Deadline
Oct 29, 2021

Research Grants
Application Deadline
Nov 19, 2021

ABSITE Review/Part 1
Dec 7, 2021

ABSITE Review/Part 2
Jan 11, 2022

SAGES 2022
March 16-19, 2022



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SAGES Resident and Fellow Training Committee Announces Winners of the 2021 Annual Meeting Abstract Awards

Best Resident/Fellow Abstract Presentation Award for the best presentation delivered during the plenary/symposium/general meeting sessions:

1. Dr. Alexa Roth- "THE WOUND PROTECTOR CONDUIT: A NOVEL APPROACH TO TRANSGASTRIC ERCP IN THE REVISIONAL RYGB PATIENT"
2. Dr. Samantha Warwar- "MULTIMODAL LAPAROSCOPIC AND ENDOSCOPIC TREATMENT OF CHRONIC SLEEVE LEAK OVER THE COURSE OF ONE YEAR"
3. Dr. Craig Profant- "REVISIONAL GASTRIC BYPASS AND HIATAL HERNIA REPAIR FOR TREATMENT OF GERD AFTER REDO SINGLE LUNG TRANSPLANT"

Best Resident/Fellow Scientific Session Presentation Award for the best presentation delivered during the Resident and Fellow Session:

1. Dr. Jessica Blumhagen- "PATIENT-REPORTED OUTCOMES DEMONSTRATE IMPROVEMENT IN BOTH DEPRESSION AND SATISFACTION WITH SOCIAL ROLES ONE YEAR AFTER BARIATRIC SURGERY"
2. Dr. Grace Chao- "FINANCIAL INCENTIVES TO IMPROVE PATIENT FOLLOW-UP AFTER BARIATRIC SURGERY"
3. Dr. William Yi- "REMOTE INSTRUCTION OF FUNDAMENTALS OF LAPAROSCOPIC SKILLS THROUGH VIDEO STREAMING"

For more information about these awards, please visit us [here](#).

SAGES Research Grants - Applications Now Open

Applications are now open for the following grants:

- SAGES Research (up to \$30,000)
- Robotic Surgery (up to \$50,000)
- Disparities in Healthcare (up to \$20,000)

All three are open to any principal investigator who is a current SAGES member, including Candidate members

- Career Development (up to \$60,000)

Open to a young surgeon or surgeon-in-training

For more detailed descriptions and information, please go [here](#) or email research@sages.org with any questions. All awards are conferred on a competitive basis by submission of a grant application, which is reviewed and evaluated by the SAGES Research & Career Development Committee and approved by the Governing Board. Applications close **Tuesday, November 19 at 11:59 pm PST**.



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SAGES Member Spotlight Dr. Yagnik Pandya

How do you entice a new surgeon to join SAGES? For Dr. Yagnik Pandya it was SAGES member Dr. Todd Ponsky's combination of descriptive adjectives during his residency at Case Western: Collegiality, camaraderie, relaxing and informative.

Dr. Ponsky and his father Dr. Jeff Ponsky, along with Dr. Leena Khaïtan, his advisor at Case Western, have all been mentors to Dr. Pandya, who completed his medical schooling in his native Mumbai. He says, "I always knew I wanted to be a surgeon, and came to the United States where I could further my training and learn about the most state of the art medicine."

Dr. Ponsky also advised that the best way to get involved is to work on a SAGES committee, adding that Dr. Pandya's combined Indian and U.S. clinical backgrounds would provide a unique perspective. Read more about Dr. Pandya [here](#).

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

Opivoid.org is Live! Pain Management Without
Opioids



The recent launch of the online resource OpiVoid.org provides practical tips and information for surgeons to reduce opioid prescriptions while ensuring pain management for their patients after surgery. The website includes a wealth of information including: preoperative patient education; techniques for intraoperative nerve blocks; recommendations for multimodal analgesia; opioid-prescribing guidelines; and, links to prescription drug monitoring programs in your state. Access videos, downloadable patient education and additional materials at www.opivoid.org.

Dr. Aurora Pryor Interviewed on Latest SAGES Stories Podcast



A reminder that three SAGES presidential podcasts are currently available for listening: Dr. Horacio Asbun, Dr. Liane Feldman and Dr. Aurora Pryor. Listen to all three and subscribe [here](#).

SAGES Guidelines Development Fellow

We are seeking candidates for the SAGES Guidelines Fellow position.

- The role of the Fellow is: to engage in the development of clinical practice guidelines for surgeons under the auspices of the SAGES Guidelines Committee; appraise the literature and conduct systematic reviews on high yield surgical topics; effectively guide SAGES guidelines committee working groups in the development of guidelines; and, participate in publications of developed guidelines and in research projects of the department as needed.
- This two-year position will start on July 1, 2022
- Application deadline: December 1, 2021
- For more information and to apply, please visit: <https://www.sages.org/application-for-sages-guidelines-fellow>

WCES 17th World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery - Hosted by the EAES



The 17th World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery (WCES) will be held in Barcelona November 24-27, incorporating the 29th annual Congress of the European Association of Endoscopic Surgery (EAES). The theme of the Congress is "EAES Goes Global." For more information, please go [here](#).



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