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SAGES 2022-Registration Open!

Registration is now open for SAGES 2022 in Denver, March 16-19. Click on the image (right) to hear meeting co-chairs Dr. Archana Ramaswamy and Dr. Jacob Greenberg discuss some of this year's exciting highlights. To register for the meeting and book your hotel, please go [here](#). To see the full Schedule at a Glance, go [here](#).



A final reminder that SAGES 2021 On Demand Annual Meeting can still be accessed through the end of the month via the SAGES 2021 Meeting App or use the **Desktop Browser**.

IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES

ABSITE Webinar Review/Part 2
Jan 11, 2022

Margret Oddsdottir Application Deadline
Jan 14, 2022

Oncology Webinar - Thyroid
Jan 19, 2022

NBT Innovation Weekend
Feb 3-5, 2022
Hilton America's Houston, TX

SAGES 2022
March 16-19, 2022

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(oxycodone liposome injectable suspension)

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2022 Slate of Officers and Board Members

During SAGES November 2021 Board meeting, the following slate of Officers and newly/re-appointed Board members was approved. This slate will go into effect in mid March, following the SAGES 2022 Annual meeting in Denver.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

PRESIDENT – John D. Mellinger, M.D.

PRESIDENT-ELECT – Patricia Sylla, M.D.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT (2 year term) – Robert Lim, M.D. (1 more year in this position)

2ND VICE PRESIDENT (2-year term) – Dana Telem, M.D.

SECRETARY (3-year term) – Brent Matthews, M.D. (1 more year in this position)

TREASURER (3-year term) – Christopher Schlachta, M.D. (1 more year in this position)

BOARD MEMBERS--THREE-YEAR TERMS:

Re-Appointments (3-year terms):

Ross Goldberg, M.D.

Jose Martinez, M.D.
Eric Pauli, M.D.
Rebecca Petersen, M.D.
James Rosser, M.D.

New Members:

Christopher DuCoin, M.D.
Denise Gee, M.D.
Shaneeta Johnson, M.D.
Alia Qureshi, M.D.

Advocacy and the American Medical Association

Thank you for your continuous work in advocating for our surgical interests; our voice is further amplified by the **American Medical Association (AMA)** when we have ample co-membership. This is crucial for our ability to effectively advocate for our patients and maintain our representation during CPT and RUC policy development. The AMA is the physician organization with the most influence with the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), U.S. House of Delegates and the U.S. Senate.

If you are already an AMA member, THANK YOU! If not, please strongly consider joining the AMA and expanding your support with SAGES. **LEARN MORE HERE**

**SAGES Member Spotlight
Dr. Dmitry Nepomnayshy**



Dmitry Nepomnayshy MD MSc FACS
Associate Professor of Surgery -
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Program Director Surgery Residency
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Director of Simulation and Professional
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Even after many years as a member, Dr. Dmitry Nepomnayshy's most memorable SAGES experience is still the 007 spoof of his chairman and former SAGES president Dr. Desmond Birkett at the 1998 annual meeting in Seattle. At the time, Dr. Nepomnayshy was a resident and it was an opportunity to spend time with his mentor.

He says, "Being together at the meeting helped me see him in a different light, and helped us become friends rather than just having a chair/resident relationship."

As is the case with many members, the fun and camaraderie of the annual meeting was the initial draw for joining SAGES. But for Dr. Nepomnayshy, a graduate of the Ohio State University College of Medicine, "It's always so fun and exciting to see new techniques and equipment," adding that SAGES "is a quick moving society where in many committees things change and move forward quickly."

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

**Margret Oddsdottir Award Application Deadline -
January 14, 2022**



SAGES Foundation is now accepting applications for the Oddsottir Traveling Fellowship honoring Professor Margret Oddsottir, an international pioneer in laparoscopic surgery. It will be awarded to a woman surgeon from a low/middle income country and her chosen research or clinical team member to attend SAGES 2022. The award provides up to \$5,000 for travel, lodging and registration expenses. Awardees will be invited to attend the SAGES Awards luncheon where the applicant will accept the award and make a 2-minute acceptance speech.

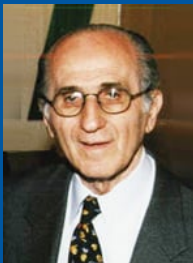
Please go [here](#) to complete the brief application. Questions can be directed to Colleen Elkins at colleen@sages.org, 310-437-0544, ext. 114. **Previous recipients of this award are ineligible.*

Publications & Journal Update

The SAGES Publications committee is happy to announce that our journal, *Surgical Endoscopy*, has experienced immense growth over the past year. Please see below for our highlights.



- SE's 2020 Impact Factor of 4.584 is its highest ever
- SE currently ranks **33rd out of 210 surgery journals** tracked for an Impact Factor
- Google ranks SE as **5th among surgery journals** in its H5 Index
- **2,777 submissions through Nov 11** which is on pace to surpass 3,000 submissions this year for the first time
- 2020 was the first year with **1 million + downloads**. Through Oct 31, SE has already exceed 1 million again as we are on pace to surpass 2020's record
- **91% of authors** rate their experience with SE as either Good (26%) or Excellent (65%)



Dr. George Berci Featured on the Latest SAGES Stories Podcast

Podcast co-hosts Dr. Shirin Towfigh and Kevin El-Hayek recently interviewed Dr. George Berci at his home in Los Angeles. In this latest podcast, Dr. Berci details his personal and professional life spanning many decades and several continents, discussing his partnership with Dr. Karl Storz along with how he balanced his clinical, teaching and research career with family life. You can listen and subscribe to all monthly episodes [here](#).

Use of Laparoscopy in the COVID Era - Document Available for Review and Comment

The SAGES Guidelines Committee has completed our guideline for Use of Laparoscopy in the COVID Era. This document was prepared and revised by the SAGES Guidelines Committee with input from Infectious Disease Physicians, Critical Care Surgeons, Epidemiologists, OR Staff, and Methodologists. This document is under review by the SAGES Board of Governors as well.

This 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 [here](#) by Thursday, December 30, 2021.

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