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SAGES 2022 - Excitement is Building!

Innovative sessions, exciting keynotes, all-new exhibits, nine industry symposia--and the Main Event and Sing-Off at The Grizzly Rose, named one of Denver's top 5 music venues. We can't wait to see you in person in just a few short weeks!



Hotel cutoff is February 23, so don't wait another day to reserve your room [here](#). For those who will be in Denver, your safety remains our top priority and we will follow the **COVID protocol**.

And for those unable to travel this year, the **virtual only** meeting option will broadcast most sessions in real time!

IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES

Oncology Webinar
Feb 23, 2022

SAGES 2022
March 16-19, 2022

NON-OPIOID
EXPAREL
(cupivacaine, iposome injectable suspension)

MORE THAN 9 MILLION PATIENTS
have received EXPAREL since 2012

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FLS, FES and FUSE Test Appointments are Now Available for SAGES 2022!

Testing will take place **Wednesday, March 16 - Friday, March 18** during the 2022 SAGES Annual Meeting.

For more information, to purchase test vouchers or schedule test appointments please click on the relevant link below:

- * FLS <https://www.flsprogram.org/testing-information/sages-annual-meeting-2022/>
- * FES <https://www.fesprogram.org/testing-information/sages-annual-meeting-2022/>
- * FUSE <https://www.fuseprogram.org/testing-information/sages-annual-meeting-2022/>



SAGES Member Spotlight Dr. Nicolo Pecorelli

As a research fellow at the Steinberg-Bernstein Centre for Minimally Invasive Surgery in Montreal in 2015, Dr. Nicolo Pecorelli remembers that the SAGES annual meeting was THE surgical event.

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And when he attended his first meeting in Nashville that year, he says, "I was surprised how different it was from any other scientific meetings. Students, residents, and fellows were all very much involved and included. SAGES has always been about inclusion, diversity, supporting innovation and the younger generations of surgeons and trainees."

Dr. Pecorelli is back in Milan after completing his fellowship training at McGill in 2018 under former SAGES president Dr. Gerald Fried and current president Dr. Liane Feldman. He's become a very involved international member, active on both the HPB Task Force and SAGES HPB Masters Program Facebook page, and the Surgical Oncology committee – all of which he finds exciting even if the time difference means attending late night calls in the kitchen to avoid waking his family!

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

SAGES 2022 Membership Campaign Reminder

SAGES year-long membership campaign is back! The member who recruits the most new members this year will win a \$500 gift card, and runners-up will have the chance to win one of several \$100 gift cards. Your name is entered into a drawing each time you sponsor a new member. Here's how it works:

1. Encourage non-members to join SAGES by filling out an online application <https://www.sages.org/membership/>
2. Make sure the applicant lists your name as their SAGES member sponsor

Campaign winners will be notified this time next year. Contact Member Services at membership@sages.org for more details.

ABS Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery FPD Application Now Available

The American Board of Surgery (ABS) is now accepting applications for its first Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (MBS) Focused Practice Designation (FPD) exam, which will be held on Friday, April 1, 2022 at the Pearson VUE testing centers nationwide. Applications will be accepted from eligible diplomates through March 18, 2022. Eligible candidates are diplomates who hold a general surgery certification from the ABS and are primarily engaged in the practice of MBS. For complete eligibility requirements, please go [here](#).

Listen to Former SAGES President Dr. Jo Buyske on the Latest SAGES Stories Podcast

Former SAGES president Dr. Jo Buyske is the latest featured guest on SAGES Stories. Dr. Buyske, the current CEO and president of the

American Board of Surgery, covers a variety of personal and professional topics: growing up in an academic family in New Jersey; her love of springboard diving and medical television shows; how she was once thought of as "not assertive enough" and never planned to be a surgeon -- and what it's like to be the mother of two sets of twins! Listen, like and subscribe to all monthly episodes [here](#).



SAGES Guidelines Update - Visual Abstract Gallery

Visit our Visual Abstract gallery [here](#) and view the new infographics for:

- Guidelines for the Performance of Minimally Invasive Splenectomy
- Guidelines for the Surgical Treatment of Gastroesophageal Reflux (GERD)
- Clinical Spotlight Review: Laparoscopic Common Bile Duct Exploration

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