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Read below for highlights from this month's very successful NBT weekend in Houston along with other SAGES news including: the FLS price decrease; Dr. Patricia Sylla's podcast; the open Guidelines Fellow position; and, the release of the second edition of SAGES Quality, Outcomes and Safety Manual. Also, be sure to check out all of the upcoming submission and nomination deadlines, including the 2023 Awards and Call for Abstracts deadlines in September.

Get ready! Over the next few months, 2023 program chairs Dr. Rebecca Petersen and Dr. Dimitrios Stefanidis will begin revealing exciting details about next year's meeting in Montreal, March 29-April 1 2023. And this will be the first of many reminders to make sure your passport is up to date.

IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES

Minimally Invasive & Bariatric Surgery Career Development Symposium

Call for 2023 Awards Nominations Deadline Sept 15, 2022

SAGES 2023 Call for Abstracts Deadline Sept 23, 2022

WCES 2022 Oct 5-8, 2022

SAGES 2023 - Montreal March 29-April 1, 2023

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SAGES NBT INNOVATION WEEKEND



NBT Innovation Weekend a Big Success!

SAGES 3rd Annual NBT Innovation Weekend rocketed through Houston, TX, June 9-11. The Innovation Weekend, chaired by Dr. Christopher Schlachta, was comprised of three stages: the 16th International NOSCART Summit, jointly hosted by SAGES and ASGE and co-chaired by Drs. John Romanelli and Amber Shada of SAGES and Drs. Petros Benias and Reem Sharaiha from ASGE; the Surgical Disruptive Technology Summit (SDTS) chaired by Dr. Erik Wilson; and, the Artificial Intelligence Summit, chaired by Dr. Ozanan Meireles.

The 2.5 day Innovation Weekend was sponsored by 23 companies enabling 300 attendees from surgery and industry to network face to face and shoulder to shoulder while sharing and debating the latest, cutting edge surgical innovations and technologies. The meeting generated enormous excitement and enthusiasm. We look forward to next year's Summit in mid-winter 2023, which will again feature the NOSCART, SDTS and AI Summits, and more stimulating and innovative topics. SAGES thanks our sponsors, and gratefully appreciates Dr. Pon Satitpunwaycha for his generous donation in support of our innovation mission.

FLS Announces Price Decrease Beginning Next Month

Exciting news about FLS! SAGES and the ACS are happy to announce a \$50 price DECREASE for FLS over the next two years. As of July 2022, the price of FLS vouchers will go down by \$25 and there will be an additional \$25 decrease the following year. We continue to offer in person and remote FLS testing options. The FLS committee is also working hard on finalizing FLS 2.0 which will be based on a competency framework and include new questions and an updated skills test.



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SAGES Member Spotlight Dr. Nia Noelle Zalamea

"I love that SAGES played and continues to play a significant role in establishing the standards around quality and safety with all things minimally invasive. Because of this, there is a certain humility and adventure around the work of SAGES. While never cavalier or cowboyish, it's always forward thinking and unassuming. This lack of fear around intellectual curiosity and change ensures that we will always be learning and will always be made humble."

Looking back on her years as a resident at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital, Dr. Nia Zalamea wanted to be well-prepared when she went into private practice. This is one of the reasons she took the advice of Dr. David Thoman to join SAGES and take advantage of the society's many educational resources.

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



SAGES Guidelines Fellow - Seeking Candidates

We are seeking candidates for the SAGES Guidelines Fellow position.

- This Evidence Guidance Research Scholarship is a collaboration between RACS Australian Safety and Efficacy Register of New Interventional Procedures – Surgical (ASERNIP-S) and SAGES and focuses on systematic review research
- The fellow will support the development of Clinical Practice Guidelines and evidence synthesis work to inform health policy and funding (e.g. health technology assessment/systematic review (HTA/SR))
- This two-year position will start July 2023, ideally working in Adelaide, Australia
- **Application deadline: July 1, 2022**
- For more information and to apply, please visit our [Job Board announcement](#)



SAGES President-Elect Dr. Patricia Sylla Latest Featured Podcast Guest

This month on SAGES Stories Dr. Sylla, professor of surgery at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City, talks about her childhood on the Ivory Coast, her early love of biology and medicine and education in the U.S., and how the late SAGES co-founder Dr. Kenneth Forde helped shape her decision to

become a colorectal surgeon. Subscribe and listen to all podcasts [here](#).

SAGES Co-Endorses ACS-COT Firearm Strategy Team (FAST)

SAGES co-endorses 13 recommendations from the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma's Firearm Strategy Team (FAST) Workgroup. Based on public safety principles, these recommendations were developed by trauma surgeons and firearm owners to make firearm ownership safer for all Americans. Read the full statement and outline [here](#).

Minimally Invasive & Bariatric Surgery Career Development Symposium



 Cleveland Clinic

Sept. 16–17, 2022

Digestive Disease & Surgery Institute presents

4th Annual MINIMALLY INVASIVE AND BARIATRIC SURGERY FELLOWS CAREER DEVELOPMENT COURSE

This 4th annual event, endorsed by SAGES, provides Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery fellows from around the country with 2 days of career and personal development led by practicing general and bariatric surgeons. Interactive talks cover a variety of topics including find a job, negotiating your worth, choosing an academic vs private practice, work life balance and learning from your mistakes. View the entire program [here](#). Register today [here](#).

All-New Quality, Outcomes and Patient Safety Manual

In this second edition of the frequently downloaded SAGES manual, a panel of experts update and expand their survey of the many factors that influence quality in the world of surgery, surgical outcomes, and threats to patient safety.



Among the highlights include a section devoted to threats to quality and outcomes and safety, such as surgeon wellness and burnout, disruptive behavior, second victims, the surgeon with declining skills, and maintaining quality in the setting of a crisis. Please go [here](#) to order your e-book or softcover copy.

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