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In celebration of one of the core values of SAGES, the theme of SAGES 2023 is **Innovation for the sAGES**. Registration will open up soon, so save the dates March 29-April 1, 2023.

While program sessions are still being finalized, details and upcoming deadlines for both the Scientific Session Abstract Submissions and the Emerging Technology Call for Abstracts can be found here.

We'll continue to remind those who need to renew their passports before the 2023 meeting not to procrastinate. The U.S. Passport Office estimates it may take up to 12 weeks to process and receive your updated passport. The Canadian government also strongly recommends that your passport is valid for at least six months prior to your entry into Canada to avoid any potential problems.

**Also in this issue:** free resident webinar in September chaired by Dr. Ivy Haskins; Dr. Jeff Ponsky podcast and Dr. Kellie McFarlin Member Spotlight.

# IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES

SAGES Flex Endo Course for Fellows Sept 15, 2022

Call for 2023 Awards Nominations Deadline Sept 15, 2022

SAGES 2023 Call for Abstracts Deadline Sept 8-10, 2022

Transition to Practice Webinar Sept 27, 2022

SAGES 2023 Emerging Technology Call for Abstracts Opens mid-Oct 2022

WCES 2022 Oct 5-8, 2022

SAGES 2023 - Montreal March 29-April 1, 2023



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SAGES FREE Resident Webinar
Transition to Practice/How to Negotiate Contracts/
How to be a Successful Young Surgeon
Tuesday, September 27, 2022 - 7pm ET/4pm PT

#### \*Co-produced with The Association of Residency Administrators in Surgery (ARAS)

Chair: Ivy Haskins, MD

Faculty: Jacob Greenberg, MD; Caitlin Halbert, DO; Hope Jackson, MD; Ajita Prabhu,

MD; Anne Ehlers, MD and Andrew Wright, MD

#### **Program Outline:**

- I'm Interested in Academic Medicine: Nuts and Bolts | Dr. Anne Ehlers
- I'm Interested in Community Medicine/Private Practice: Nuts and Bolts | Dr. Caitlin
   Halbert
- Road to Promotion | Dr. Andrew Wright
- What to Do When Things go Wrong: Managing Complications | Dr. Ajita Prabhu
- Work-Life Balance: Is It Possible? | Dr. Jacob Greenberg
- I've Landed My Dream Job but It's Actually a Nightmare: Managing Unhappiness in the Workplace | Dr. Hope Jackson

Please go here to register.

#### SAGES 2023 Awards - Call for Nominations

Open now through September 15! To recognize great accomplishments of our colleagues, we hope that you participate in this process so that we may honor those who have contributed a great deal to surgery and to SAGES. Please visit the following website to review individual awards and submit nominees at https://www.sages.org/about/awards/.

#### Nominations are open for the following awards:

- George Berci Lifetime Achievement Award In Endoscopic Surgery
- Pioneer in Surgical Endoscopy
- Kenneth Forde Excellence in Humanistic Clinical Care Award
- International Ambassador
- IRCAD Visiting Fellowship
- Social Justice and Health Equity
- Excellence in Community Surgery
- Distinguished Service
- Early Career Faculty Researcher
- Researcher in Training
- SAGES Foundation Jeffrey Ponsky Master Educator

If you would like to see someone nominated but don't have all of the requested information, please complete the initial nomination suggestion form at https://www.sages.org/award-nomination/.

Scholarships are also available; interested parties must submit an application:

- Advocacy Summit
- The Brandeis Scholarship
- SAGES Foundation Barbara Berci Memorial Award
- SAGES Foundation Excellence in Medical Leadership
- SAGES Foundation Dr. Margrét Oddsdóttir Traveling Fellowship



Kellie McFarlin, MD FACS General Surgery, Henry Ford Health Detroit, Michigan

## SAGES Member Spotlight Dr. Kellie McFarlin

If there's a consistent theme among SAGES members, it's that SAGES is FUN—a sentiment also shared by Dr. Kellie McFarlin.

"What makes SAGES special compared to other associations is that it's always advancing, showing the latest in surgical innovations and always keeping learning fun," says Dr. McFarlin, adding that her favorite aspect of being a SAGES member



is access to top training and video courses for her residents.

Always interested in minimally invasive surgery, the Detroit-based Dr. McFarlin joined SAGES in her second year of residency at Wayne State University. She's been active on both the Advocacy and Communications Committees since 2011, and currently serves as chair of the Communications Committee.

To read more about Dr. McFarlin, please go here. To learn more about SAGES membership and access an online application form, please go here.

#### Tech Alerts from the TAVAC Committee

Check out the latest tech alert here: Tech Alerts from the TAVAC (SAGES Technology and Value Assessment) Committee are posted monthly, reviewing recently approved new devices by the FDA. These devices range from surgical devices used in laparoscopic surgery, robotic surgery, and minimally-invasive surgery. Tech Alerts are not endorsements of new surgical devices but rather articles meant to increase public knowledge about FDA new devices.

### SAGES Stories Podcast Features Dr. Jeffrey Ponsky

Dr. Ponsky, known to some as "Papa P," recounts his evolution as a poor student in his Cleveland high school to an academic about face at Miami University and Case Western Medical School-and his initial plan to become a heart surgeon. He also talks about how his experience led him to mentor other high school students, his childrens' successes and how his own success could not have been achieved without the support of his family and colleagues. Listen to all podcasts here.





### SAGES Members - Join the Speaker Catalog

If you're a SAGES member looking for a way to share your surgical expertise and enhance your professional visibility, SAGES invites you to join the newly launched Speaker Catalog. The catalog will serve as a platform to promote and connect SAGES members for speaking opportunities, both

with SAGES and with local, national and even global groups and institutions. Log into your SAGES account, create your online profile and become a member of SAGES Speaker Catalog **here**.

SAGES Flexible Endoscopy Course for Fellows 2022, Sept 8-10
Center for Simulation and InnovationNorthShore University HealthSystem, Evanston, IL
Still a Few Spots Open!

Space is extremely limited, but there are still a few spots openfor 1st or 2nd year fellows in the 2022-2023 academic year. Don't wait! Register here today.



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