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Registration for SAGES 2023 in Montreal opens next month! A reminder that Emerging Technology Abstract submissions will be accepted until December 7, 2022 and will undergo an expedited review process. This session is appropriate for technologies that may still be under development.

The clock is ticking on any necessary passport renewals! 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.

IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES

SAGES 2023 Emerging Technology Call for Abstracts Open

EAES/SAGES Webinar - Future of MIS
Nov 14, 2022

Annual General Surgery Review Part 1 Dec 6, 2022

SAGES Virtual 2022-CME Credits Available Through December 31, 2022

Annual General Surgery Review Part 2 Jan 10, 2023

SAGES NBT Innovation Weekend
Feb 2-4, 2023

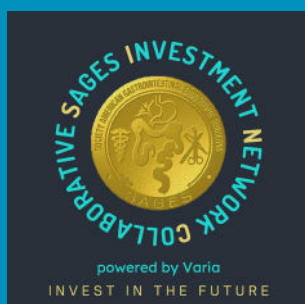
SAGES 2023 - Montreal
March 29-April 1, 2023

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EXPAREL
(cupiviscaine liposome injectable suspension)

MORE THAN 10 MILLION PATIENTS
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Interested in Venture Capital and the Future of Medicine? Join Tomorrow's Information Session

SAGES has made a concerted effort to reaffirm our society as a nucleus for surgical innovation. In support of this mission, we have recently launched the **SINC Opportunity Fund 1**, a new venture fund in partnership with **Varia Ventures**.

The SINC Opportunity Fund 1 presents an additional avenue

for supporting our membership and our mission. We're targeting a \$2.5 million fund to invest in five to eight innovative start-ups in the therapeutic GI / GI surgery space, with alternative opportunities outside of GI to diversify the portfolio.

Our Fund is structured to make venture investing more accessible by setting the **minimum commitment at \$10,000** paid upfront (rather than \$250,000 to \$1 million typically required by funds). SAGES is very excited to be able to offer this investment prospect, and encourages participants to review this opportunity with their personal financial advisor. Varia will also a 30-minute Information Session on **Thursday, October 27 at 8pm ET/5pm PT** to answer any of your questions. To register, please go [here](#).

SAGES Virtual 2022 Available Online Through December

Access On Demand Content

A reminder that whether you were unable to attend certain sessions or unable to travel to SAGES 2022 in Denver this year, you've still got until December 31, 2022 to access on demand content [here](#).

Earn CME Credits

Be sure to claim your CME credit no later than December 31, 2022. For more information about CME credits, please go [here](#). If you need help claiming your credits, please email cme@sages.org.



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SAGES Member Spotlight Dr. Amber Shada

Dr. Amber Shada was initially urged to attend SAGES 2010 annual meeting in Washington D.C. by her residency mentor Dr. Bruce Shirmer. She then went on to join SAGES as a fellow at the urging of Drs. Christy Dunst, Kevin Reavis and Lee Swanstrom.

"SAGES is the preeminent society for laparoscopic and endoscopic surgeons, and I became an active member recognizing its value not just for my own practice but for all of the trainees I work with."

Those initial mentors are now part of a list that Dr. Shada says has become too many to count. "As I have become increasingly involved, I could list dozens of SAGES members who have shaped my career in a meaningful way and continue to do so."

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

SAGES NBT Innovation Weekend- Save the Date!

SAGES NBT Innovation Weekend will be held February 2-4, 2023 in Los Angeles. Save this page for coming up updates <https://www.sages.org/sages-nbt-innovation-weekend/>.



SAGES Stories Features Community Practice Chair Dr.

Caitlin Halbert

You won't want to miss the latest SAGES Stories podcast with Dr. Caitlin Halbert. During the hour-long interview, Dr. Halbert talks about growing up in Delaware, her initial desire to be an art major and how bartending during medical school helped her better relate to people and her patients. While she thought about becoming an OBGYN, it was the "artistic" aspect of general surgery that ultimately spoke to her. A passionate advocate for fellow community surgeons, Dr. Halbert was the first-ever recipient of SAGES Excellence in Community Surgery award earlier this year. Listen and subscribe to all podcasts [here](#).



SAGES Guidelines Committee News

Guidelines Committee Publications

Our guideline systematic review "Minimally Invasive versus Open Hepatectomy for the Resection of Colorectal Liver Metastases: Systematic Review and Meta-analysis" has been published in *Surgical Endoscopy* and is available online.

Submitted to *Surgical Endoscopy* and available to members online:

- "Guidelines for the Use of Minimally Invasive or Open Liver Resection for Isolated Colorectal Liver Metastases"
- "Multi-Society Consensus Conference and Guideline on the Treatment of Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD)"
- "Surgical Approach to Microwave and Radiofrequency Liver Ablation for Hepatocellular Carcinoma and Colorectal Liver Metastases Less Than 5 cm: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis"

SAGES Guidelines Fellow (Australia) 2023

Applications for this two-year position will be accepted through October 31, 2022. For more information, visit the SAGES job board post [here](#).

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