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## November 2022

**SAGES 2023**  
**REGISTER TODAY!**  
March 29-April 1, 2023 | Montréal, Canada  
Program Chairs: Rebecca Petersen MD, MSc and Dimitrios Stefanidis MD, PhD

You won't want to miss attending SAGES 2023 in person March 29-April 1, 2023. Registration is now open at <https://cvent.me/bnRaV5>.

This year, SAGES will live stream ONLY the main session room highlights on Thursday and Friday. This includes the two keynotes, the presidential address, and the presidential plenary and regular plenary sessions. The rest of the meeting content will be captured and posted online for the virtual meeting 8 weeks following the Montreal meeting. Virtual meeting attendees will have access to the very limited live streamed sessions, and all attendees will have access to the entire meeting content after the fact.

A reminder that Emerging Technology Abstract submissions will be accepted until December 7, 2022, and that passport renewals should wrap up ASAP. 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**

**Annual General Surgery Review Part 1 Webinar**  
Dec 6, 2022

**Shark Tank Applications Close**  
Dec 9, 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

**Margrét Oddsdóttir, MD, Traveling Fellowship Award Applications Due**  
Feb 13, 2023

**SAGES 2023 - Montreal**  
March 29-April 1, 2023

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### Shark Tank 2023- Applications Close December 9, 2022

Don't wait! Applications for this year's Shark Tank competition close next month. All semi-finalists will have an opportunity to receive funding through SINC, a digital

investment platform powered by **Varia Ventures** that allows SAGES members to invest in their idea. This year's finalists will again present both their idea and supporting business model to the Shark Tank judges at the SAGES annual meeting in Montreal, March 31, 2023. The winner will take home the \$30,000 prize.

Please go [here](#) to apply. For questions or inquiries regarding Shark Tank, please contact Julie Miller at [julie@sages.org](mailto:julie@sages.org).

## NBT Innovation Weekend in LA- Registration Open!

SAGES 4th NBT Innovation Weekend is moving to the Los Angeles area! Join us February 2-4, 2023 at the Torrance Marriott Redondo Beach in Torrance, CA. For those who've attended in the past, participants know that the NBT is designed to be a different type of surgical meeting + a place where industry and providers can have an open dialogue about innovations in surgical technology and surgical practice. For meeting highlights and to register go [here](#).



Jason Keune, MD  
SSM Health, SLUCare Physician Group  
St. Louis, MO



## SAGES Member Spotlight Dr. Jason Keune

"When someone suggests something on the cutting edge in my clinical space, or describes a technique they read about recently, my first thought is usually, 'I heard that at SAGES a year or two ago,'" says Dr. Jason Keune.

Attracted to the society's ongoing learning opportunities, Dr. Keune has been active on a number of committees. "When I started as an attending physician in 2014, I was truly fortunate to join both the Guidelines and Ethics committee, and as part of the former, I was able to start a patient engagement initiative for guideline creation. I'm passionate about bringing diverse people together from different walks of life to create teams that can achieve truly new things."

To read more about Dr. Keune, please go [here](#). To learn more about SAGES membership and access an online application form, 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](mailto:cme@sages.org).

## Margrét Oddsdóttir, MD Traveling Fellowship Award Application

Application deadline: Monday, February 13, 2023

SAGES Foundation is now accepting applications for the Oddsdottir Traveling Fellowship. This award honors Professor Margret Oddsdóttir, who was an international pioneer in laparoscopic surgery and a beloved member of the SAGES family. It is intended to help develop the next generation of minimally invasive surgeons, and will be awarded to a woman surgeon from a low/middle income country and her chosen research or clinical team member to attend the SAGES meeting.

The award includes registration for the two-person team as well as reimbursement up to \$5,000 to offset the cost of travel and hotel for the awardee and team member. Awardees will be invited to attend the SAGES Awards luncheon where the applicant will accept the award and make a 2-minute acceptance speech. The team will be seated at a table with SAGES leaders to foster a networking experience. For more information, please go [here](#).

## Don't Miss the Chance to Invest in the Future of Medicine with the SINC Opportunity Fund 1

Don't miss out! SAGES is 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.



The **SINC Opportunity Fund 1**, in partnership with **Varia Ventures**, 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 hold a final 45-minute Information Session on **Wednesday, December 7 at 8pm ET/5pm PT** to answer any of your questions. To register, please go [here](#).

## SAGES Liver Ablation Guidelines Available for Public Comment

The SAGES Guidelines Committee has completed the **SAGES/AHPBA Guidelines for the Use of Microwave and Radiofrequency Liver Ablation for the Surgical Treatment of Hepatocellular Carcinoma or Colorectal Liver Metastases less than 5cm**. This document was prepared and revised by the SAGES Guidelines Committee and surgeons from the Americas Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (AHPBA). This document has been reviewed and approved by the SAGES Board of Governors and has been submitted to the AHPBA Executive Committee.

The 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 by December 11 [here](#).

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