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## January 2023

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

If you haven't yet registered for the Montreal meeting, take advantage of early bird rates through **February 24**. Registration is at <https://cvent.me/bnRaV5>.

Hotels are also filling up fast and we can't guarantee room rate or availability after **February 24**. Rooms are available on a first-come, first-serve basis and we are anticipating our blocks will sell out. Book your hotel [here](#). Don't wait!

### IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES

**SAGES NBT Innovation Weekend**  
Feb 2-4

**Margrét Oddsdóttir Traveling Fellowship Award Applications Due**  
Feb 13

**Registration Early Bird & Hotel Reservations Deadline** - Feb 24

**Communications in the Operating Room Webinar** - Feb 28

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### SAGES 2023: FLS, FES and FUSE Test Appointments Now Available

FLS, FES and FUSE Test Appointments are now available for SAGES 2023!

Testing will take place Wednesday, March 29 - Friday, March 31 during the 2023 SAGES Annual Meeting in Montreal, Canada.

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

- \* FLS <https://www.flsprogram.org/testing-events/>
- \* FES <https://www.fesprogram.org/testing-information/testing-events/>
- \* FUSE <https://www.fuseprogram.org/testing-information/sages-annual-meeting-2023/>

### NBT Innovation Weekend in LA Meeting next week!

It's not too late to join us February 2-4, 2023 for SAGES

**SAGES NBT INNOVATION WEEKEND**  
February 2-4, 2023, Torrance Marriott (Inlands) South, Torrance, CA



Seung Gwon, MD  
Seung S. Gwon MD, Inc.  
El Centro, CA



## SAGES Member Spotlight Dr. Seung Gwon

Community practice surgeon Dr. Seung Gwon, who owns her solo practice in El Centro, Calif., says she always knew she “wanted a lot of autonomy” as a physician.

A California native, Dr. Gwon graduated from the Chicago Medical School and completed her residency at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital. She joined SAGES in 2011, after close friend and SAGES member Dr. Gretchen Purcell-Jackson asked her to sit on a panel discussing social media use among physicians.

Initially a member of the Educational Resources Committee, Dr. Gwon was encouraged by Dr. Purcell-Jackson to join the Community Practice committee as a way to connect with others in private practice.

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

## SAGES Stories Features Former SAGES President Dr. Gerald Fried

In this month's podcast, former SAGES president and Montreal native Gerald Fried details both his professional and international MIS journey. Dr. Fried, who recently received honorary membership from JSES (Japan Society of Endoscopic Surgeons), also talks about the evolution of SAGES as a society and his "mentor" role that includes the importance of ongoing surgical education and enhanced patient recovery.



## The FUSE Hospital Compliance Modules are Now Available for Purchase!

Train your entire OR staff on OR Safety while minimizing risks to patients and staff. There are four modules that make up the 25 minute training which includes review questions after each module.

- Module 1: Safe Energy Use in the Operating Room
- Module 2: Fires in the Operating Room
- Module 3: Impacted Cardiac Devices
- Module 4: Surgical Smoke and Aerosolization Safety (COVID-19 Safety)

For more information, please contact [fuse@sages.org](mailto:fuse@sages.org).

## SAGES Guidelines Committee News

We are celebrating our latest articles, newly published in Surgical Endoscopy and on our Publications page (<https://www.sages.org/publications/guidelines/>):

- 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, by Abdalla, et al.
- Multi-Society Consensus Conference and Guideline on the Treatment of Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD), by Slater, et al
- Process for Quality Assessment Review of Societal Guidelines: An Editorial to Accompany "Multi-Society Consensus Conference and Guideline on the Treatment of
- Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD), by Kohn, et al

## Margrét Oddsdóttir, MD Traveling Fellowship Award Application

**Application deadline: Monday, February 13, 2023**

SAGES Foundation is still accepting applications for the Oddsdottir Traveling Fellowship. This award honors Professor Margret Oddsdóttir, and is intended to help develop the next generation of minimally invasive surgeons.

The award includes SAGES 2023 registration for a 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. For more information, please go [here](#).

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