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SAGES 2023

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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 March 3. 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

Montreal Early Bird Registration - Feb 24

Communications in the Operating Room Free Webinar - Feb 28

Montreal Hotel Reservations - Mar 3

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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/>

Congratulations to SAGES Executive Director Sallie Matthews!

SAGES Executive Director Sallie Matthews was officially elected an International Honorary Member of the Japan Society for Endoscopic Surgery (JSES) at the society's latest council meeting. Sallie, the first non-surgeon to receive this honor, will be a guest at



the 36th Annual Meeting of JSES in Yokohama, Japan, December 7-9, 2023.



Jonathan DeLong, MD
Stanford University Clinical Instructor
Hepatobiliary & Pancreatic Surgery
Palo Alto, CA



SAGES Member Spotlight Dr. Jonathan DeLong

Jonathan DeLong, MD, says he's always "embraced the future of surgery," particularly AI, robotics, and technology integration in surgery. Dr. DeLong joined SAGES in 2015 while a resident in the MIS research lab at UC San Diego when he presented two video abstracts demonstrating different applications of indocyanine green (ICG) in endocrine and foregut surgery at the annual SAGES meeting.

Dr. DeLong has continued to leverage his expertise and enthusiasm to make a significant impact in the growing field of minimally invasive hepatobiliary and pancreatic surgery (MIS-HPB).

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

SAGES Stories Features Former SAGES President (and Caddy) Dr. Bruce Schirmer



"The best thing I've done is all the people I've trained," says former SAGES president Dr. Bruce Schirmer in the latest SAGES Stories podcast. The New Jersey native, who says his high school caddy days helped him deal with people under stress, details his 40 year practice and family life in Virginia, along with his years at SAGES and the evolution of the SAGES Fellowship Council. Listen and subscribe to all SAGES Stories podcasts [here](#).

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.

**Free Resident Webinar - Tools and Strategies for Effective Communications
in the Operating Room**

Tuesday, February 28, 4-6pm PT/7-9pm ET

Chaired by Dr. Denise Gee and Brianne Nickel (ARAS), participants in this free educational webinar will take part in lively, inclusive and challenging teamwork scenarios where they will have the opportunity to diagnose the causes and invent and try out solutions for optimal teamwork in the operating room. Please go [here](#) to register.



BE-SAFE Evaluation

ASMBS and SAGES have worked together to develop a verification process, Bariatric Endoscopy Skill Acquisition Focused Evaluation (BE SAFE), for members to verify they have acquired the necessary skills to perform these procedures. Candidates are required to have performed at least 50 upper endoscopic procedures and then complete the (free) video curriculum before taking the qualifying written exam. For more information, visit www.besafe.asmbms.org.

SAGES Guidelines Committee News

Read our latest guideline, newly published in *Surgical Endoscopy* and on our Publications page (<https://www.sages.org/publications/guidelines/>). The related systematic review was published last year and is also listed.

- NEW - SAGES/AHPBA Guidelines for the Use of Minimally Invasive Surgery for the Surgical Treatment of Colorectal Liver Metastases (CRLM), by Vreeland, et al. (2023)
- Minimally invasive versus open hepatectomy for the resection of colorectal liver metastases: a systematic review and meta-analysis, by Ozair, et al. (2022)

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