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## May 2023

### 2023 Meeting Content and Photos!



Below, you'll find links and details about SAGES 2023 content now available online--along with a link to a 2023 photo gallery on the SAGES website.

Also online: SAGES

President Dr. Patricia Sylla recently sent out her inaugural message detailing her vision for SAGES during her term, including the society's dedication to outlining strategies to achieve sustainable practices. You can read her entire message [here](#).

### IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES

Free RAFT Webinar-AI and Surgical Education  
June 13

SAGES/ASERNIP-S  
Evidence Guidelines  
Research Scholarship  
Application Deadline  
May 31

SAGES 2023 Virtual  
Meeting Content

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### 2023 Meeting Content and CME Credits Now Available Online!

Good news! For those who attended the meeting in person and missed sessions, or those unable to travel, the 2023 meeting content and CME are now available online. Meeting content and CME credits are available through **December 15, 2023**.



Previously registered attendees can access virtual content either [here](#) or on the [app web site](#). New attendees can register [here](#). For more information about available CME credits, please go [here](#).

#### 2023 Photo Gallery

Relive SAGES 2023 highlights with this gallery of photos: award winners, SAGES board, committee and program chairs; Executive Director Sallie Matthews' 25 year celebration; presidential and keynote lectures; Shark Tank winner; Family Feud; and, Friday night Sing-Off.

**Tuesday, June 13, 2023 - 4pm PT/7pm ET**  
**RAFT Webinar - AI and Surgical Education**

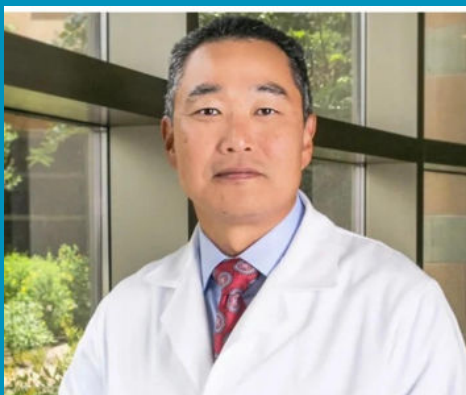
Chair: Amin Madani, MD  
Topics to be covered:

- Overview of machine learning, computer vision and surgical data science
- AI for assessment and feedback (20 + 5 min)
- AI to augment operative performance: current state and emerging methodologies
- Developing and validating an algorithm: best practices

Please go [here](#) to register.



Yong Choi, MD  
Bariatric and Foregut Surgeon  
Woodlands, Texas



## SAGES Member Spotlight Dr. Yong Choi

From academia to the military to community practice (to being a father of five), Dr. Yong Choi literally has a world of experience as a surgeon.

Dr. Choi's wide range of experience extends to his participation on several committees since joining SAGES as a fellow in 2005. Current chair of the Continuing Education committee, he has also served on the Metabolic and Bariatric and Community Practice committees, the Education Council, and worked with Dr. Rob Lim as co-chair on the initial Military "Working Group," now the Military committee.

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

## SAGES Stories Features Dr. Shaneeta Johnson

In the latest SAGES Stories podcast, Dr. Shaneeta Johnson discusses juggling her many roles at Morehouse College of Medicine in Atlanta. For Dr. Johnson, "being in the OR is my zen, and I love the complexity of laparoscopy and helping people better their quality of life." Dr. Johnson also talks about supporting her native Bahamas after the 2019 hurricane and MIS work in Zambia. As the inaugural winner of SAGES Social Justice and Health Equity award and co-chair of the Diversity, Leadership & Professional Development committee, she is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion becoming an integral part of SAGES. Listen and subscribe to all podcasts [here](#).



## Join the Speaker Catalog for the Chance to Share Your Expertise at SAGES 2024 in Cleveland

Looking for a way to share your surgical expertise and enhance your professional visibility in Cleveland next year? Now's your chance! The SAGES 2024 co-chairs are seeking international experts to potentially be included as speakers on a range of topics during next year's session panels.

To be considered as a speaker, you'll need to create your profile in the SAGES Speaker Catalog by **July 31, 2023**. Join your colleagues by logging into your SAGES account and creating your profile at <https://www.sages.org/speaker-catalog/>.

## SAGES Critical View of Safety Data Challenge

The SAGES Critical View of Safety (CVS) Challenge is the first international data challenge led by a surgical society.



The CVS Challenge aims to create a large, annotated, diverse dataset of laparoscopic cholecystectomy videos that will enable computer science teams from all over the world to develop AI capable of accurate and sensitive detection of the CVS. Visit [www.cvschallenge.org](http://www.cvschallenge.org) to learn more.



## SAGES/ASERNIP-S Evidence Guidance Research Scholarship

The SAGES/ASERNIP-S Evidence Guidance Research Scholarship collaboration supports the recipient taking time away from a clinical position to participate in systematic review research and development of clinical practice guidelines (CPGs) in Adelaide. The recipient will work on projects both for RACS ASERNIP-S and SAGES. For more information, email [scholarships@surgeons.org](mailto:scholarships@surgeons.org). The application deadline is May 31.



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