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SAGES 2024 #Hashtags, Abstract Submission Deadline, and Other Important Dates



It's not too early to start promoting SAGES 2024 in Cleveland, April 17-20, 2024. Please share #SAGES2024 and #sustainableSAGES on your personal social media accounts. More meeting specifics coming soon!

And yet another reminder that if you're running out of content to binge this summer, there's still plenty of time to catch up on SAGES 2023 online content and earn CME credits. See below for details.

IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES

SAGES Oral Exam Prep
Aug 15

FlexEndo Course for
Fellows (La Jolla)
Registration Deadline -
Sept 15

SAGES 2024 Scientific
Session Abstract
Submission Deadline -
September 22

2024 NBT Innovation
Weekend (Save the Date)
Feb 22-24, 2024



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SAGES Oral Exam Preparatory Session (via Zoom) Tuesday, August 15 (7-8:30pm ET/4-5:30 PT)

SAGES introduces its new Oral Exam Preparatory Session for senior residents and fellows preparing to take the Certifying Examination in General Surgery. Using a live mock oral exam format, you can simulate the test taking experience with SAGES faculty members. Each participant will have the opportunity to answer four scenarios and listen to another four scenarios. You'll receive individual feedback and tips from the Examiners, and there will also be a review of question content.

Space is limited and priority will be given to SAGES Candidate members. Please go [here](#) to register.

SAGES Officially Listed as AHRQ Patient Safety Organization (PSO)

Effective July 10, SAGES is officially listed as an AHRQ PSO. This is invaluable in continuing our culture of quality improvement and moves forward with quality-based initiatives such as video based assessments and registries! For those unfamiliar, a PSO collects and analyzes data voluntarily reported by healthcare providers to improve patient safety and quality. This is important for SAGES as surgeons may safely participate in projects designated under the PSO umbrella and receive certain legal

protections (varies by state). The goal is to foster a community of openness, feedback and improved care for our patients. Stay tuned for more information as to which projects will be included and how to participate!



SAGES Member Spotlight Dr. Shaneeta Johnson

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"SAGES is a welcoming organization making an impact in the field of surgery through innovation," says Dr. Shaneeta Johnson. "I'm really indebted to the society for its benefit to my practice."

Adding that SAGES' camaraderie "cannot be beaten," Dr. Johnson counts a long list of SAGES members as friends and colleagues who've mentored, sponsored and trained her, including Drs. Phil Schauer, Aurora Pryor, Pat Sylla, Matt Kroh and Dan Jones.

She credits former SAGES president Dan Jones, who she met at another surgical conference, for her ongoing involvement in SAGES. "He insisted that I commit to being fully involved in SAGES before I left the conference!"

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

SAGES President Dr. Patricia Sylla Co-Authors Green Surgery Article in *Surgical Endoscopy*

As part of SAGES sustainability initiative, Dr. Patricia Sylla is a co-author of the recently published "Green Surgery: Time to Make a Choice" piece in *Surgical Endoscopy*. The article, which you can access [here](#), talks about the need to gradually change our practice to achieve a better balance between technological advancements and respect for the environment.

Mesh Review and Catalog from the TAVAC Committee

The SAGES Technology and Value Assessment Committee (TAVAC) has curated a [catalog](#) to inform surgeons who use mesh as to the properties of the different products on the market. Pictograms that will contain information about each mesh are available in an easy to understand and comparable format. You can access the catalog [here](#).

Still Need CME Credits? 2023 Content is Available Online

A reminder that meeting content and CME credits are available through December 15, 2023. Previously registered attendees can access virtual content either [here](#) or on the [app](#) website. New attendees can register [here](#). For more information about available CME credits, please go [here](#).



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