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## August 2023



It's not too early to start promoting SAGES 2024 in Cleveland, April 17-20, 2024. The goal of this year's meeting is to educate surgeons on quality surgery balanced with social and environmental demands. Please share #SAGES2024 and #sustainableSAGES on your personal social media accounts. Look for more meeting specifics and session previews in September!

Featured this month: Dr. Ross Goldberg on SAGES Stories podcast and Dr. Ron Barbosa as SAGES Member Spotlight.

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

FlexEndo Course for Fellows  
Registration Deadline -  
Sept 1

Free Resident Webinar (FUSE)  
Sept 12

SAGES 2024 Scientific Session Abstract Submission Deadline -  
Sept 22

SAGES Call For Award Nominations  
Sept 29

SAGES Fellows Career Development Course  
Oct 6-7



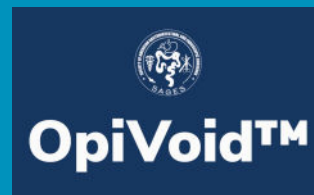
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### FREE SAGES OpiVoid™ Activity: 8 CME credits to meet DEA/MATE Act

The SAGES OpiVoid™ Activity is a FREE online enduring activity providing 8-hours of MATE Act-required training for DEA-registered surgeons and members of the surgical team on the prevention, recognition, and care of people with substance use disorders including those with concurrent pain and/or medical comorbidities. This program is focused on surgical issues related to substance use disorders, effective treatment planning, and pain management and substance misuse.

This activity is FREE and available only for SAGES members. Please go to [www.opivoid.org](http://www.opivoid.org) for more information. If you aren't a SAGES member, you can join [here](#).



## Safe Cholecystectomy: Pre, Intra and Post-Operative Strategies Tuesday, September 26 (7pm ET/4pm PT)

As a part of the Biliary Masters Program, participants will gain advanced insights and skills in laparoscopic cholecystectomy.

**Chair:** Dr. Michael Awad

**Faculty:** Drs. Brian Davis, Eric Knauer, Sujata Gill

### Program Outline (PT):

4:00-4:10 PM | Welcome and Introduction | Michael Awad, MD

4:10-4:25 PM | Pre-operative Procedures and Protocols | Brian Davis, MD

4:25-4:45 PM | Intra-operative Procedures and Observations | Eric Knauer, MD

5:00-5:15 PM | Post-operative Care and Procedures | Sujata Gill, MD

5:20-6:00 PM | Discussion / Q&A | Collaborative

Please go [here](#) to register, and contact [charlene@sages.org](mailto:charlene@sages.org) with any questions.



Ron Barbosa, MD FACS  
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### SAGES Member Spotlight Dr. Ron Barbosa

As a trauma surgeon, Dr. Ron Barbosa is an outlier given SAGES' mostly MIS and general surgery membership.

Still, unlike more specialty heavy societies, Dr. Barbosa values his membership in a society that is more general and practical – and with annual meetings and sessions that he says, “have a very high percentage of me paying attention.”

He adds, “SAGES does a good job of recognizing that much of its population are non-university people and allowing non-academic surgeons to have input.”

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

### SAGES Guidelines Committee Announcements

#### Welcome to our new RACS/SAGES Fellow

SAGES and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) / Australian Safety and Efficacy Registrar of New Interventional Procedures (ASERNIP) are co-sponsoring a second Guideline fellow, Dr. Elisa Calabrese, Surgery Resident at University of California San Francisco East Bay, who joined our team last month.

#### New SAGES Guideline Available for Public Comment

The SAGES Guidelines Committee has the *Peritoneal Dialysis Access Guideline Update 2023*. This document was prepared and revised by the SAGES Guidelines Committee and approved by the SAGES Board of Governors. 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 August 31st [here](#).



## Dr. Ross Goldberg Featured on Latest SAGES Podcast

It may not come as a surprise that entertainment was Dr. Goldberg's second career choice. Born in the Bronx and raised in Short Hills, New Jersey, the former child actor and emcee of SAGES Family Feud in Montreal, also took classical piano lessons growing up. As former chair of SAGES Advocacy Committee, Dr. Goldberg is known for his passion and optimism--and Lego creations. In fact, as he prepares to relocate from Phoenix to Miami to start a new position as Chief of Perioperative Services at Miami's Jackson Memorial Hospital, he expects to spend a lot of time packing up his Legos. Learn more about Dr. Goldberg and listen to all SAGES Stories podcasts 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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