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Co-chair Dr. Caitlin Halbert introduces this month's SAGES 2024 session highlight "The Future of Bariatrics" chaired by Dr. Abdelrahman Nimeri. Watch for more program highlights in the coming months and help promote SAGES 2024 by downloading the Save the Date PPT slide [here](#).

There's still time left to access 2023 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](#).

IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES

MIS Techniques of the Modern Pediatric Surgeon Webinar
Nov 7

2024 SAGES Research Grant Application Submission Extended Through Nov 10

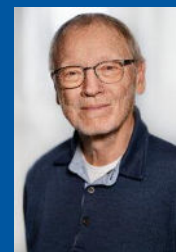
2024 Robotics Resident and Fellow Courses 2023-2024-Registration Open

2023 Virtual Meeting CME Credits Available Through Dec 15

2024 NBT Innovation Weekend
Feb 22-24, 2024

Introducing SAGES 2024 Keynote Speakers

Gerald Marks Lecture: Jens Hols is Professor of Medical Physiology at the Department of Biomedical Sciences, University of Copenhagen. He is also Senior Group Leader at the Novo Nordisk Foundation Center for Basic Metabolic Research, University of Copenhagen.



Professor Hols' scientific work has focused on the regulatory peptides of the pancreas and the gut and their importance in the regulation of the functions of the GI-tract and metabolism, with particular focus on blood glucose and appetite regulation, obesity and diabetes.



Karl Storz Lecture: Dr. Andrea MacNeill is a surgical oncologist at Vancouver General Hospital and BC Cancer, and a clinical associate professor at the University of British Columbia where she specializes in sarcoma and peritoneal malignancies. She is the founder and principal investigator of the UBC Planetary Healthcare Lab, a novel interdisciplinary research collaborative dedicated to creating health systems that promote both human and planetary health. As the Medical Director of Planetary Health for Vancouver Coastal Health, Dr. MacNeill is working on a transformational planetary health strategy for the health authority to mitigate the healthcare climate footprint while creating

SAGES Member Spotlight Dr. Catherine Straub



Catherine Straub MD, FACS
Chair of the Department of Surgery
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Describing herself as a surgeon who “wanders in and out of sessions keeping to herself,” Dr. Cate Straub calls the SAGES annual meeting a completely different experience, one that makes her feel “part of an inner echelon where you don’t just attend sessions and go home. You meet and learn from mentors, talk about your practice and create a sense of community that you take home with you.”

That supportive environment is especially valuable for Dr. Straub, a community surgeon in Wenatchee, Washington. She was first invited by Dr. Adnan Alseidi to present on healthcare advocacy and the community surgeon at SAGES 2021 in Las Vegas. And earlier this year in Montreal, friend and mentor Dr. Caroline Reinke asked her to make a presentation on Robotics and Acute Care Surgery.

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

Robotics Resident and Fellow Courses 2023-2024 - Registration Now Open

The SAGES Robotics Committee and Resident and Fellow Training (RAFT) Committee would like to formally invite eligible Residents and MIS Fellows to participate in several newly added SAGES Robotic Resident and Fellow Courses! These one-day courses are designed for Residents and MIS fellows who are currently participating in programs where robotic surgical systems and general faculty with robotic privileges are both available. Please view additional dates and register at the following link: <https://www.sages.org/robotics-raf-course/>

Eligible applicants will receive a letter of acceptance including travel planning information. Please do not make travel plans prior to receiving an acceptance letter to the course. If you have any questions about the course, please contact Jillian Kelly at jillian@sages.org.

Help Shape the Future of Sustainable Surgery

EAES and SAGES Sustainability in Surgical Practices Taskforce have joined forces to gather data that will help us better understand the knowledge, interests and initiatives regarding sustainable practices in surgery globally.

This 5-minute survey will help us focus efforts on empowering surgeons through education, collaborative actions and initiatives in promoting sustainable practices. We urge you to complete it so we better understand your interests, local resources and concerns. We want to hear from students, trainees and surgeons across all levels of leadership and diversity of practice. Please complete the survey [here](#).

SAGES Guidelines Committee Update

SAGES Guidelines Development Fellow

We are seeking candidates for the SAGES Guidelines Fellow position. The role of the Fellow is to engage in the development of clinical practice guidelines for surgeons under the auspices of the SAGES Guidelines Committee; appraise the literature and conduct systematic reviews on high yield surgical topics; effectively guide SAGES guidelines committee working groups in the development of guidelines; and to participate in publications of developed guidelines and in research projects of the department as needed. This two-year position will start on July 1, 2024, and the application deadline is November 15, 2023. For more information and to apply, please visit [here](#).

New SAGES Guideline Available for Public Comment

Thank you to everyone who commented on the updated *Guidelines for the Use of Laparoscopy During Pregnancy*. It will be submitted to *Surgical Endoscopy*. The SAGES Guidelines Committee has also completed *Guideline for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Appendicitis*. This document was prepared and revised with input from practicing adult and pediatric surgeons from the SAGES membership. It is under review by the SAGES Board of Governors and is now available for public review and comment by SAGES members. Please provide all comments by Tuesday, October 31, 2023, [here](#).



SAGES Ingenuity Featured in General Surgery News

This month GSN's features an article focused on SAGES Ingenuity SINC Fund's investment in early stage companies, including 2021 Shark Tank winner Endolumik. Together with Varia Ventures, the newly incorporated SAGES subsidiary was founded to invest and accelerate innovation in support of the SAGES mission and goal of supporting surgical innovation. Those interested in investing in the SINC fund can enroll and learn more at <https://sincinvest.varia.com>.

An advertisement for SUFLAVE and SUTAB laxatives. On the left, it says "NEW" in large white letters on a purple background, with "560-751-v2" and "August 2023" below it. In the center, the SUFLAVE logo is shown above its ingredients: "(polyethylene glycol 3350, sodium sulfate, potassium chloride, magnesium sulfate, and sodium chloride for oral solution)" and dosages: "178.7 g/7.3 g/1.12 g/0.9 g/0.5 g". To the right is a "LEARN MORE" button with a right-pointing arrow. Further right is a cartoon character of a pill with a face, arms, and legs, sitting on a pile of colorful pills. On the far right, the SUTAB logo is shown above its ingredients: "(sodium sulfate, magnesium sulfate, and potassium chloride)" and "1.479 g/0.229 g/1.18 g".

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