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SAGES 2024 virtual meeting content is now available! To access, go to [registration](#) and then [sages2024.org](#) to get the app and watch online.

Whether you attended or were unable to attend the Cleveland meeting in person, you can also check out a gallery of **highlights** on the SAGES website. These include the Exhibit Hall, opening reception, Foundation Award winners, the Family Feud, Shark Tank, Keynote speakers, President's Dinner and Main Event.

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### IMPORTANT DATES/ALERTS

TAVAC Committee Tech Alerts

2025 SAGES Scientific Session Abstract Submission Deadline Sept 20

WCES-IAGES Registration Open Oct 23-28

SAVE THE DATE NBT 2025 Houston Jan 23-25

SAGES 2025 March 12-15



### SAGES Executive Retreat Held in Canada - 2025 Annual Meeting Theme Chosen

Earlier this month, SAGES President Dr. Christopher Schlachta hosted a retreat in Canada with Executive Committee members.

The committee addressed SAGES new initiatives aimed at empowering members' voices and helping them advocate for both themselves and their patients. The group confirmed "Unleashing Our Potential" as the theme for SAGES 2025 in Long Beach, Calif., while unleashing their own creative potential in team-building activities.



## SAGES OpiVoid Activity: Earn 8 CME Credits to Meet DEA/MATE Act

The SAGES OpiVoid™ Activity is an 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 co-morbidities. This program, free for SAGES members and \$150 for non-members, is focused on surgical issues related to substance use disorders, effective treatment planning, and pain management and substance misuse.

1. Go to [www.sages.org/owls](http://www.sages.org/owls)
2. If you already have an account, fill in your credentials and click **LOG IN**. If you're new to the system, scroll down to the non-member section, and fill out the form to create an account.
3. From the user panel, click **Access Organization Wide Learning System (OWLS)**.
4. The OWLS dashboard will appear.
5. After logging in, click **Catalog** from the menu or **Browse All** from the dashboard.
6. Type "OpiVoid" into the search bar or look for the OpiVoid logo.
7. Click **Continue** to enroll or **View Details** to learn more about the course.



### GoFundMe Page for SAGES Candidate Member Dr. Samantha Woolery

SAGES mourns the sudden loss of Candidate member and PGY1 resident from Morehouse, Dr. Samantha Woolery. She leaves behind 14- and 18-year-old children, who have established a GoFundMe page. Please consider

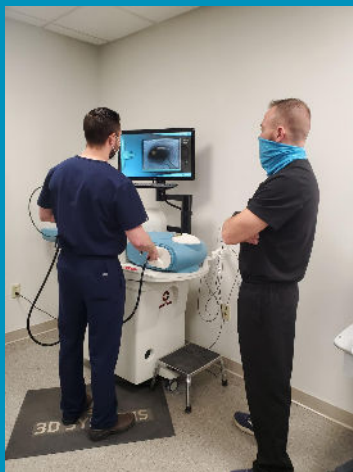
a donation at <https://gofund.me/a9a031db>. For more information on Intimate Partner Violence, please go [here](#).



Ryan Horsley, DO  
General Surgery  
Geisinger Health System, Scranton PA

### SAGES Member Spotlight Dr. Ryan Horsley

Dr. Ryan Horsley has attended and presented at nearly every SAGES meeting over the past 13 years. He says "the opportunity to present at the national level and publish my first papers in *Surgical Endoscopy* has allowed me to mentor my fellows, residents and medical students and offer them the same opportunities."



And Dr. Horsley is definitely paying it forward. As the newly elected FES Committee co-chair Dr. Horsley is also in charge of training his residents in endoscopy at Geisinger Health System and has been actively involved in re-working and updating the exam. He says that being on the FES Committee has given him a greater understanding of what goes into the process of offering this exam.

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

## Dr. James Korndorffer Praises the Brandeis Program



Brandeis Award Winner Dr. James Korndorffer recently attended the 2024 Leadership Program in Health Policy and Management. The Stanford University-based Dr. Korndorffer says, "Attending the program through the generosity of SAGES and the SAGES Foundation helped me enhance skills that will be not only beneficial personally but also to those organizations I serve, locally and nationally. The one-week course is a full immersion into general health policy, advocacy as well as leadership development." To read more, please go [here](#).

## Join the Speaker Catalog for a Chance to Speak at SAGES 2025

Don't miss the chance to share your surgical expertise and enhance your professional visibility at the SAGES 2025 meeting in Long Beach.

The SAGES 2025 co-chairs are seeking international experts to potentially be included as speakers on a range of topics during next year's session panels. The catalog includes a number of categories (hernia, flexible endoscopy, foregut, biliary, bariatric, colorectal, robotics, acute care, professionalism, career development, business of surgery, diversity/inclusion, wellness, education) and practice types (academic, community practice, hybrid practice private practice, urban, rural, hospital-employed, large and small surgical groups). To be considered, you'll need to create your profile in the SAGES Speaker Catalog by July 31, 2024.

Don't wait! Join your colleagues by logging into your SAGES account and creating your profile at <https://www.sages.org/speaker-catalog/>.

*\*Please note that the creation of a profile does not guarantee an invitation to participate in the 2025 meeting.*

## FUSE Test Centers - Closed as of June 1, 2024

Effective June 1, 2024, test takers will be able to take the FUSE Exam as a self-scheduled and un-proctored exam using their own personal computer, and all test centers will be closed. This won't affect the administration of either the FLS or FES examinations, which will remain proctored and at dedicated testing centers. If you have any questions, please reach out to [testcenters@sages.org](mailto:testcenters@sages.org). FUSE has also updated its pricing. To learn more, please also reach out to [testcenters@sages.org](mailto:testcenters@sages.org).

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