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## October 2024

SAGES 2024 virtual meeting content and CME credits are available through December 15, 2024!



You'll have until January 15, 2025 to claim CME for the amount of education you complete by December 16, 2024 (registration ends on October 31, 2024).

Previously registered attendees can access virtual content (at no additional cost) [here](#). New attendees can register [here](#).

SAGES 2025 Schedule at a Glance is now [available online](#). Registration will be open soon!

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Shark Tank 2025; 2024 COSECSA conference, SAGES Podcast Dr. Jenny Shao, Member Spotlight Hillary Lia; and other important upcoming dates and deadlines.

### IMPORTANT DATES/ALERTS

TAVAC Committee Tech Alerts

Upcoming Free Webinars Mark Your Calendars!

SAGES 2025 Shark Tank Applications Open

SAVE THE DATE  
SAGES NBT Innovation Weekend 2025 Houston  
Jan 23-25

SAGES 2025 Long Beach  
March 12-15



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### Shark Tank 2025 - Applications Open Through November 22

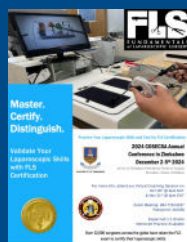


Shark Tank (simplified) applications are open at <https://www.judgify.me/sharktank2025> and due November 22!

This year's finalists will once again present both their idea and supporting business model to the Shark Tank judges at the **SAGES annual meeting** in Long Beach, March 14, 2025. All semi-finalists will present **in person** at the NBT Innovation Weekend, February 23, 2025 in Houston--and will have an opportunity to receive funding through **SINC**, a digital investment platform powered by Varia Ventures that allows fellow SAGES members to invest in their idea. The winner also receives the \$30,000 first prize. For questions or inquiries, please contact **Julie Miller** at [julie@sages.org](mailto:julie@sages.org).

SMART Website October Video Update - Ergonomics in the OR

Check out the SAGES SMART website for three new videos highlighting Ergonomics in the OR: How to Prepare Yourself to Avoid Injury or Rehab After One; Surgeons in Pain: The Hidden Pandemic; and, Laparoscopic Surgery: A Means of Transferring Pain from the Patient to the Surgeon.



## 2024 COSECSA Annual Conference in Zimbabwe

Practice your laparoscopic skills and test for FLS certification at the 2024 conference, December 2-5, 2024. Join the more than 30,000 worldwide who've taken the FLS exam. For complete information about the program, including attending the virtual coaching session on November 21, please view the entire PDF flyer.



Hillary Lia, Medical Student  
University of Toronto

## SAGES Member Spotlight Hillary Lia, Medical Student Surgical Data Taskforce Member

A combined MD-PhD student (she finished her PhD last summer) at the University of Toronto, SAGES member Hillary Lia is studying team dynamics and performance in surgery. She attended her first SAGES meeting in Montreal, where she discovered a supportive forum for students and residents to present their work.

Hillary, who presented an abstract for the SAGES meeting and published the corresponding paper in *Surgical Endoscopy*, says, "After learning so much from SAGES meetings, it's nice to know that you're giving back by contributing to materials that SAGES puts out."

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

## 2025 Grant Applications Open - Deadline November 15

The SAGES Research Awards are open to any principal investigator who is a SAGES member, including Candidate members. Grants are limited to no more than \$30,000 each, for a period of one year. The SAGES Robotic Surgery Research Grants are open to any principal investigator who is a current SAGES member, including Candidate Members. Grants are limited to no more than \$50,000. Please visit the [website](#) for more information and instructions.

## Podcast Features New Co-Host Dr. Jenny Shao

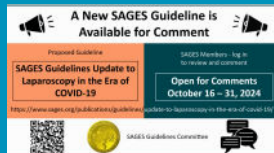
SAGES Stories interviews its new co-host and hernia surgeon Dr.

Jenny Shao, Dr. Shao, a Clinical Assistant Professor and Director of the Abdominal Hernia Program at the University of Michigan, covers a lot of ground, from moving to the U.S. from China at age 5, her initial dream of becoming an astronaut and, the society's DEI goals as chair of SAGES Diversity, Leadership and Professional Development (DLPD) committee. Visit the SAGES website to listen to all podcasts.



## Reminder: Executive MBA for Physicians at Brandeis University

The deadline is approaching for SAGES members to apply for the Executive MBA for Physicians program in January 2025. Contact Annalisa to Schedule a 30-Minute Informational Call or email [HellerPEMBA@brandeis.edu](mailto:HellerPEMBA@brandeis.edu).



## COVID-19 Update Available for Public Comment Please provide comments by Thursday, October 31, 2024.

The SAGES Guidelines Committee has completed our SAGES Guidelines Update to Laparoscopy in the Era of COVID-19. This document was prepared and revised by practicing surgeons from SAGES and individuals with backgrounds in nursing, infectious disease, and epidemiology. The guideline is under review by SAGES Board of Governors. The deadline for review and comment by SAGES members is Sunday, September 30, 2024. Visit and log in to comment.

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