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SAGES 2025 registration is open. We can't wait to see everyone in Long Beach, March 12-15, 2025.

SAGES 2024 Virtual Meeting

Reminder that you have until January 15, 2025 to claim CME for the amount of education you complete by December 16, 2024. Previously registered 2024 meeting attendees can access virtual content (at no additional cost) [here](#).

SAGES NBT Innovation Weekend

Registration for SAGES NBT Innovation Weekend, January 23-25 in Houston is open. See details below.

Also in this issue:

2025 Meeting updates, Past Presidents Podcast, Spotlight on Dr. Alejandro Rodriguez and other news.

IMPORTANT DATES/ALERTS

TAVAC Committee Tech Alerts

Upcoming Free Webinars Mark Your Calendars!

REGISTRATION OPEN
SAGES NBT Innovation Weekend 2025 Houston
Jan 23-25

SAGES 2025
Long Beach
March 12-15

Mini Med School 2025
March 15



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SAGES NBT Innovation Weekend - Register Today!

2025 meeting highlights include:

- **Surgical Disruptive Technology Summit (SDTS)** – featuring the popular “Innovators M&M” session, “My Favorites” session, A Fireside Chat with Innovation Leaders, SAGES Shark Tank Semifinals and more.
- **19th International NOSCART Summit** – Hosted by SAGES and the American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE), with topics like POEM, innovative bariatric approaches, and non-operative cholelithiasis management.
- **Networking Receptions** – Join the Thursday Welcome and Friday Pre-Dinner Receptions with exhibitors for one-on-one networking.



Latest agendas, supporting companies, registration, and hotel information can be found [here](#).

SAGES 2025 Updates: Mini Med School, SAGES Got Talent and Wellness Activity Details



Spread the word! **Mini Med School Boot Camp & Interactive Experience**, Saturday March 15, 2025 is open for student applications through February 4, 2025. Space is limited.

Did you previously participate in SAGES Sing-Off, or wondered how to get on the stage? You're in luck! This year, you can participate in the Sing-Off evolution, "SAGES Got Talent." For more information and application details go to: <https://www.sages.org/sages-got-talent-the-sing-off-evolves/>.

This year's wellness activities include: Goat Yoga; Morning Run; Strength/Resistance Beach Workout; Whiskey Tasting; Sushi/Sake Takeover; Match Tea Tasting; and a Saturday Night Sports event (TBD). Watch for upcoming details on how to sign up!



SAGES Stories Features Four Past Presidents

SAGES Stories hosts Drs. Jenny Shao and Kevin El-Hayek held a joint interview with past SAGES presidents Drs. Asbun, Feldman, Mellinger and Sylla. All four talked about their respective paths to the presidency and the society's impact on surgery. Visit the SAGES website to listen to all **podcasts**.



SAGES Member Spotlight Alejandro Rodriguez, FUSE and Communications Committee Member

Dr. Alejandro Rodriguez joined SAGES as a Candidate Member in 2014 after attending his first annual meeting in Baltimore the year prior.

"Being at the meeting made me realize that SAGES valued its new members, and that 'big shot' surgeons were happy to mingle and get to know trainees," said Dr. Rodriguez, who joined SAGES at the urging of Dr. Morris Franklin.

Dr. Rodriguez has been active in the Foregut Facebook group pretty much since its inception, along with the Facebook Committee (which has since folded into Communications). Since taking the FUSE course and becoming interested in surgical energy, he's also taken an active role in the FUSE committee.

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



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Message from SAGES Foundation President Dr. Stephen Unger

Dr. Unger's message this month reiterates the importance of pledging to the Foundation to ensure excellence and continuity for the next generation of general surgeons and enhance patient safety. Read the entire message, including the Foundation's new Board members [here](#).



In Memoriam - Professor Jacques Périssat

EAES founding member, past-president and pioneer of laparoscopic surgery Jacques Périssat has passed away. Périssat was one of the founding fathers of the European Association of Endoscopic Surgery. He brought surgeons, pioneers, residents and students together with kindness, charm, generosity and elegance. Intelligence, vision and diplomacy were his hallmarks, and his contributions to minimally invasive surgery have paved the way to where we are today.

Coming Soon: Public Comment for a New SAGES Guideline

The SAGES Guidelines Committee is completing "SAGES Guidelines for the Use of Intraoperative Imaging of the Common Bile Duct." It will be open for public comment in December; look for announcements via email and social media. Thank you for your input as part of our guideline development process.

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