

# Scope



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

### “Of Those To Whom Much Is Given, Much Is Required”



**SAGES President**  
**Jo Buyske, MD**

**J**ohn F. Kennedy said it. Bill Gates' mom said it (and so did Bill). It is written in the Book of Luke, and in myriad other places. Surgeons live the spirit of it every day. As I embark on my presidential year at SAGES, I plan to keep that admonition in sharp focus. I am so proud of our profession, of our society, of the work that we do and the good that we do. We need to remember that, and to celebrate it amongst ourselves.

The theme of the year is service: the service that we at SAGES do as teachers, as researchers, and as physicians. Our fall retreat will focus primarily in two areas of service: education and volunteerism.

In the arena of surgical education, SAGES role as a leader has been richly developed over the last 20+ years. SAGES has the only specialty society seat on SCORE, the Surgical Council on Resident Education, which is a consortium of groups including the American Board of Surgery, the American College of Surgeons, the Residency Review Committee, the Association of Surgical Educators, and the Association of Program Directors in Surgery. SCORE has undertaken the enormous task of defining the curriculum of surgical education, which has never been done before. SAGES has contributed hours of labor in providing surgical videos and educational materials for the SCORE website, in developing learning modules, and in having a seat at the decision making table. Fundamentals of Laparoscopic Surgery, the skills teaching and assessment tool developed and validated through SAGES over the last 12 years, is now a required part of surgical training. At the retreat we will work on further defining our contributions to continuing medical education for the lifelong learning of the fully trained surgeon.

In the arena of volunteerism, SAGES members activities are legion. Individual members go to countries all over the world, as well as participate in domestic and military volunteer activities. SAGES as an organization has participated in teaching all over the world as well, both in lecture form and in hands-on teaching of basic laparoscopy skills through Go Global. This year we plan to highlight all the ways in which SAGES and SAGES members serve—look for a slide show of SAGES volunteers at work at the SAGES Meeting in San Antonio, for on-line lists of opportunities for volunteerism, and more. Part of the fall leadership retreat will be dedicated to pursuing the further development of this commitment.

Service. Much is required of us. Teaching, learning, practicing, serving. I am proud to be a member of a group that gives so much.

— Jo Buyske, MD

## Reminder!

If your contact information has changed recently (address, phone, fax, e-mail), you may easily update it on-line. Just go to [www.sages.org](http://www.sages.org) and access the members' area to make any changes to your information.



# SAGES 2010 - 2011 Slate of Officers

## Officers and Members of the Executive Committee:



◀ **PRESIDENT**  
Jo Buyske, MD



**PRESIDENT-ELECT** ▶  
Steven D. Schwartzberg, MD



◀ **SECRETARY**  
(3 year term)  
Adrian Park, MD  
(2 more years in this position)



**TREASURER** ▶  
(3 year term)  
L. Michael Brunt, MD



◀ **1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**  
(2 year term)  
Gerald M. Fried, MD



**2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT** ▶  
(2 year term)  
W. Scott Melvin, MD

## Board Members—Three-Year Terms:

### Re-Appointments:

Horacio Asbun, MD  
Brian Dunkin, MD  
Michael Edye, MD  
Daniel Herron, MD  
Ninh Nguyen, MD  
Daniel Scott, MD  
Steven Wexner, MD

### New Members:

Edward Felix, MD  
(2 year term, fulfilling unexpired  
term of Mike Brunt)  
Santiago Horgan, MD  
Matthew Hutter, MD  
Raymond Onders, MD  
Vic Velanovich, MD

### Rotating Off:

Craig Albanese, MD  
Michael Holzman, MD  
William Richards, MD

## Why Membership in the AMA is Important

Are you concerned about reimbursement? What about healthcare reform? Do you wonder about patient's diminishing access to quality care? If you answered yes to any of these questions then your membership in the American Medical Association (AMA) is important.

### Your AMA Membership – What it Means for SAGES

In order for SAGES to retain its seat in the HOD, a significant percentage of our members also have to be members of the AMA. Maintaining your membership in the AMA allows SAGES to:

- Keep our seat in the AMA House of Delegates (HOD)
- Have representation on the CPT Advisory Committee
- Have representation on the RUC Advisory Committee

But that is just a part of it. The AMA is still the physician organization with the most influence with:

- Center for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS)
- US House of Delegates
- US Senate

While SAGES continues to gain experience and recognition in the legislative arena, there is no denying that being a part of a larger organization has its benefits. The government recognizes the AMA as representing physicians across the country. They take the lead in tracking action on Capitol Hill and in organizing member associations and grass roots efforts to affect positive change.

**Keep the SAGES voice strong. Please check your AMA membership status and keep it current. To join the AMA or renew your membership, visit the AMA website:**

<https://membership.ama-assn.org/JoinRenew/search.jsp>

Presenting...SAGES Media Madness!

## SAGES iMAGES Library



The SAGES Image Resource Library



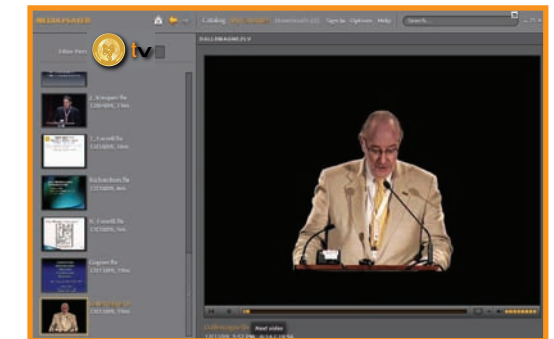
iMAGES at SAGES

## SAGES SURGICAL WIKI



Now available on sages.org

## SAGES Video Library



*Share your own videos  
with the Surgical Community.*



# SAGES

Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons



# 2010

sages.org

### → what does it do?

iMAGES provides SAGES Members with access to various digital images, photos and graphics. All images are donated by SAGES Members to be used by other SAGES Members to advance education and excellence in minimally invasive surgery.

Content may be uploaded, shared, downloaded, edited and used for publication and presentation by any SAGES member as long as appropriate credit is given to SAGES and the original submitter(s).

### → what does it do?

S-WIKI is a surgical "Wikipedia" editable by all SAGES members.

This has significant potential to become the most authoritative and frequently accessed surgical reference on the web.

The SAGES Wiki will be open for public viewing but may be edited only by SAGES membership.

*The SAGES Surgical WIKI*



### → what does it do?

SAGES TV is a central "searchable and fully navigational" depository for SAGES related videos. SAGES members will be able to submit, view, and rate videos on the site.

SAGES TV is the new home for all official SAGES videos including the existing the classic SAGES video library and past SAGES meeting content.

Features:

- 305 free videos and counting
- Narrated by leading laparoscopic surgeons
- Free access with no registration required
- Classic videos from 1995-2003
- Keynote Lectures
- SAGES PG Courses
- And much more!!



# 2010 SAGES Award Winners

## *Berci Lifetime Achievement Award*

Jacques Marescaux, M.D.

## *Distinguished Service Award*

Nathaniel Soper, M.D.

## *Young Researcher Award*

Vivian Strong, M.D.

## *Researcher in Training Award*

Erica Moran, M.D.

## *Karl Storz/IRCAD Award*

Basil Yurcisin, M.D.

## *Excellence in Clinical Care*

Paul Hansen, M.D.

## *Health Policy & Management Scholarship*

Vic Velanovich, M.D.

# 2010 SAGES Research Grant Winners

### Principal Investigator: Sarah Evans, M.D.

**Institution:** Duke University

**Title:** Gastric Bypass Surgery Alters the Secretion of the Anorexogenic Gut-Derived Hormones Glucagon-like Peptide-I and Peptide YY

**Supported by:** Covidien

### Principal Investigator: Toshitaka Hoppe, M.D.

**Institution:** The Heart, Lung and Esophageal Surgery Institute

**Title:** Prevention of Stricture Formation Following Subtotal Endoscopic Mucosal Sleeve Resection in the Swine Model

**Supported by:** Covidien

### Principal Investigator: Kyle Perry, M.D.

**Institution:** The Ohio State University

**Title:** Identifying the Optimal Duration of Gastric Ischemic Conditioning to Improve Gastroesophageal Anastomotic Wound Healing

**Supported by:** Covidien

### Principal Investigator: Corey Deeken, M.D.

**Institution:** Washington University School of Medicine

**Title:** Fixation of Biologic Mesh at the Hiatus with Fibrin or Polyethylene Glycol (PEG) Sealant in a Porcine Model

**Supported by:** Ethicon Endo-Surgery

### Principal Investigator: Karem Harth, M.D.

**Institution:** University Hospitals Case Medical Center

**Title:** Tension Free Ventral Hernia Repair: Is This the Wrong Operation?

**Supported by:** Ethicon Endo-Surgery

### Principal Investigator: Brian Dunkin, M.D.

**Institution:** The Methodist Hospital

**Title:** A Pilot Study to Determine the Risk of Graft Contamination Following Transvaginal Extraction of the Kidney During Laparoscopic Living Donor Nephrectomy

**Supported by:** Karl Storz Endoscopy

### Principal Investigator: Liane Feldman, M.D.

**Institution:** McGill University Health Centre

**Title:** Mastery Versus Standard Proficiency: Laparoscopic Technical Skills Training: A Randomized Controlled Trial

**Supported by:** SAGES Foundation

### Principal Investigator: Eric Hungness, M.D.

**Institution:** Northwestern University Department of Surgery

**Title:** Laparoscopic Common Bile Duct Exploration: Simulator Development

**Supported by:** SAGES Foundation

### Principal Investigator: William Richards, M.D.

**Institution:** University of South Alabama

**Title:** Downregulation of G6PD Activity is a Mechanism of Action of Improvement of Type II Diabetes after Bariatric Surgery

**Supported by:** SAGES Foundation

## Career Development Award:

**Principal Investigator:** Timothy Jackson, M.D.

**Institution:** Massachusetts General Hospital

**Title:** Development of a Clinical Predictive Model to Drive Surgical Quality Improvement in Bariatric Procedures

# SAGES 2011 Award Nominations

SAGES has four major awards which are open for nomination from the general membership. Nomination forms will be reviewed by the Awards Committee prior to the ACS Clinical Congress in October. The Committee will recommend recipients to the Board of Governors during ACS. Awards will then be bestowed upon the recipients during the 2011 SAGES Annual Meeting next year in San Antonio, TX.

You may obtain a copy of the nomination forms by visiting the SAGES website:

<http://sages.org/about/awards/>

or by calling, faxing, or e-mailing Mr. Wootae Kim in the SAGES office (Phone: 310-437-0544, Fax: 310-437-0585, E-Mail: [admin@sages.org](mailto:admin@sages.org)). We encourage you to participate in this process so that we may honor those who have contributed a great deal to endoscopic surgery and to SAGES.

Please submit all nominations no later than September 3, 2010.

The awards that are open for your nomination are:

## ***Pioneer in Endoscopy Award***

- The award is designated for a person in industry, or a physician/surgeon.
- The award will be given to an individual, not to a company.
- The award will be granted for a significant, long-term scientific or technological contribution to the field of surgical endoscopy.
- The award will not be given every year, but bestowed when the Board determines a worthy nominee. It is intended for those whose efforts have substantively changed and improved the field of endoscopy.
- One person may not receive the award twice, as it is for a body of work as opposed to an individual achievement.
- Past winners include: Karl Storz 1995, Bob Quint 1997, Robert Anderson 1999, William Chang and Richard Newman 2001, Kurt Semm, MD 2002, Basil Hirshowitz 2003, George Berci, MD 2004, Jeffrey Ponsky, MD 2005, Gregory Stiegmann, MD 2006, John Abele 2007, Gerald Marks, MD 2008, Robert Croce 2009.

## ***The George Berci Lifetime Achievement Award in Endoscopic Surgery***

- This is the highest honor SAGES bestows.
- It is bestowed for a lifetime contribution as an innovator in the field of endoscopic surgery, which may be scientific, technological or educational.
- It is designated to be granted to an endoscopic surgeon who may or may not be a member of SAGES.

- The award will not necessarily be given every year, but bestowed when the Board determines a worthy nominee.
- Past winners include: Sir Alfred Cuschieri 2001, Gerald Marks 2004, Kenneth Forde 2005, George Berci 2006, Jeffrey Ponsky 2009, Jacques Marescaux 2010.

## ***SAGES Annual IRCAD Visiting Fellowship Award***

### **Sponsored by Karl Storz Endoscopy**

This Award is designated to give a fellow the opportunity to study at IRCAD, a private institute that is dedicated to the valorization of basic research against cancer. The visiting fellow will attend a two or three day intensive course and will receive a certificate upon completion. The Award is available to an Active or Candidate member of SAGES, who is enrolled in a Fellowship Council recognized fellowship program.

Karl Storz will provide for all expenses (i.e. room/board, transportation and cost of the course) for the award winner to attend the course at the IRCAD/EITS Facility.

The winner will be chosen by the SAGES Awards Committee based on merit and their desire to attend. The Applicant must submit the following:

- One page statement of why they want to attend the course
- Copy of their current Curriculum Vitae
- Note from their Program Director
- Past Winners include Eric Hungness, MD 2005, Carlos Galvani, MD 2006, Kevin Reavis, MD 2007, Patricia Sylla, MD 2008, Timothy Kennedy, MD 2009, Basil Yurcisin, MD 2010.

## ***The Excellence in Clinical Care Award***

- The award is designated for a surgeon who may or may not be a member of SAGES.
- The award is for a clinician who is recognized by the surgical/GI community for excellence in patient care and surgical practice.
- The award will be granted for significant surgical/endoscopic skills, contributions to community and volunteerism.
- The award will not be given every year, but bestowed when the Board determines a worthy nominee. It is intended for those whose efforts have substantively changed and improved the field of clinical care.
- One person may not receive the award twice, as it is for a body of work as opposed to an individual achievement.
- Past Winners include Paul Hansen, MD 2010.

## 2010 Resident/Fellow Award Recipients

The SAGES Resident Education Committee would like to congratulate the following surgeons-in-training for placing in the top of the Best Resident/Fellow Presentation Awards at the 2010 12th World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery:

### **Best Resident/Fellow Presentation Awards – Scientific Session**

#### **TOP 5**

- **1st Place: Eric D. Jenkins, MD** – *Evaluation of Intraoperative Placement of Absorbable and Nonabsorbable Barrier Coated Mesh Secured with Fibrin Sealant (New Zealand White Rabbit Model)*
- **2nd Place: Ushast Dir, MD** – *Can Dysphagia be Objectively Characterized Using Multichannel Intraluminal Impedance?*
- **3rd Place: Michael Parker, MD** – *Hiatal Mesh is Associated with Major Resection at Revisional Operation*

- **Andras Legner, MD** – *Reoperative Antireflux Surgery for Dysphagia*
- **Yanghee Woo, MD** – *Robotic Gastrectomies Offer a Sound Oncologic Surgical Alternative for the Treatment of Early Gastric Cancers Comparing Favorably with Laparoscopic Resections*

### **Best Resident or Fellow Presentation Award – Resident and Fellows Scientific Session**

**Emily Boyle, MD** – *Improving Surgical Training: The Use of Feedback to Reduce Errors and Improve Retention During a Simulated Surgical Procedure*

## 2011 Research Grant Application and Career Development Award

### **Research Grants**

The SAGES Research Grant Application will be available on the SAGES website at: <https://sages.org/leadership/committees/research/> beginning in August. The Research Awards are open to any principal investigator who is a SAGES member, including Candidate members. SAGES would like to especially encourage grant funding to young investigators/candidate members in the hopes that funding through SAGES will lead to extramural funding. The purpose of these grants is to stimulate original research in gastrointestinal and endoscopic surgery. The study may be either “bench” research or clinical. In the spirit of supporting the goals of our membership, applicants are encouraged to review: Urbach DR, Horvath KD, Baxter NN, Jobe BA, Madan AK, Pryor AD, Khaitan L, Torquati A, Brower ST, Trus TL, Schwaitzberg S. A research agenda for gastrointestinal and endoscopic surgery. *Surgical Endoscopy* 2007 for a recent review of key research questions.

### **Career Development Award**

The focus of this SAGES Foundation supported award is to provide funding for a young surgeon or surgeon-in-training for the development of critical skills required for their academic career in gastrointestinal and endoscopic surgery. The intent of this award is to delay the start of a faculty role or ongoing residency training for supplemental training/traveling fellowship or intense research time. This grant will provide the awardee with a unique educational opportunity that would not otherwise be available. Eligible applicants must be SAGES candidate members (including residents and fellows), or SAGES members early in their faculty appointment (within five years of completed training). Additional information for this Award is available at: <https://sages.org/leadership/committees/research/>

For more information on SAGES Research Grants or the Career Development Award, please contact Maribeth Balon at the SAGES office at [research@sages.org](mailto:research@sages.org) or at (310) 437-0544, ext. 125.





# SAGES 2011

## Scientific Session & Postgraduate Course

### CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

SAGES 2011 Annual Meeting  
March 30<sup>th</sup> - April 2<sup>nd</sup>, San Antonio, TX

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:  
OCTOBER 1, 2010**

*Deadline will not be extended / no late submissions accepted.*

Dear Colleague,

You are invited to submit paper and video abstracts to the 2011 SAGES Scientific Session. The meeting will be held March 30 – April 2, 2011 in San Antonio, TX at the San Antonio Convention Center. **You must be a member of SAGES or have a member of SAGES sponsor you to submit an abstract.**

The program will consist of oral presentations, video presentations, and poster presentations. The program committee will be responsible for selecting the length of the oral and video presentations.

**All paper and video abstracts MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE VIA THE SAGES ABSTRACTS SUBMISSION SITE. Please visit the following web page for instructions:**

<http://www.sages.org/meetings/abstracts>

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

**The following Abstract Submission Policies will be firmly enforced:**

- **No Previously Published Submission:** The abstract submitted must present original work that has not and will not be published or presented prior to the 2011 SAGES meeting.
- **No Dual Submissions:** The abstract must not have been submitted to any other upcoming meeting in North America.
- **No Previously Presented Data:** All abstracts must be new and original content OR include at least 50% new data if previously presented at a meeting.
- **Manuscript Submission:** Accepted Oral Abstract Presenters must submit a complete manuscript to Surgical Endoscopy.
- **Digital Poster Submission:** If selected for a Poster Presentation, a digital version of the poster must be submitted.

If you have any questions, please contact the SAGES office at 310-437-0544 • FAX: 310-437-0585 or email: [abstracts@sages.org](mailto:abstracts@sages.org).

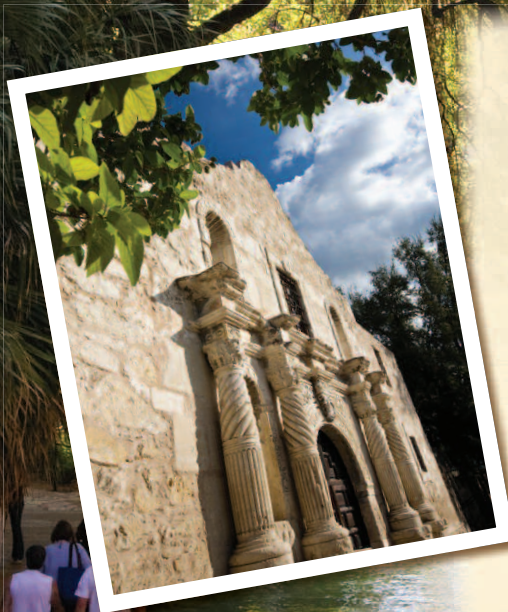
Sincerely,

Brian J. Dunkin, MD, 2011 Program Chair

**March 30 -  
April 2, 2011**

**San Antonio  
Convention Center  
San Antonio, TX**

**PROGRAM CHAIR:  
Brian Dunkin, MD**





## 2010 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The **SAGES** Foundation hosted the **4<sup>th</sup> Annual SAGES Awards Luncheon**. More than 200 people attended to honor those in research, education and leadership.



Current and past SAGES Presidents C. Daniel Smith (L), Bruce Schirmer and Lee Swanstrom (R) congratulate their friend and fellow past President Nathaniel Soper (2nd from Left) on receiving SAGES 2010 Distinguished Service Award.



Drs. Lee Swanstrom (R) & Bruce Schirmer (L) congratulate Prof. Jacques Marescaux (Center) on winning the 2010 Berci Lifetime Achievement Award.



SAGES President C. Daniel Smith, MD (L) congratulates the 2010 Young Researcher Award Winner, Vivian Strong, MD (R).



Dr. C. Daniel Smith (L) congratulates Dr. Bastiaan Klarenbeek (R) on winning the Gerald Marks Rectal Cancer Award, a SAGES Foundation Award.



Drs. C. Daniel Smith (L) and Aurora Pryor (R) congratulate Dr. Erica Moran (center) on receiving the first annual SAGES Researcher in Training Award.



Dr. Basil Yurcisin (2nd from Left) receives the IRCAD Fellowship Award, and is congratulated by Dr. C. Daniel Smith (L), Mr. Ali Amiri from Karl Storz and Dr. Lee Swanstrom (R).



Dr. Paul Hansen (2nd from Left) is congratulated by Drs. C. Daniel Smith (L), Bruce Schirmer (R) and Lee Swanstrom (2nd from Right) for winning the first annual Excellence in Clinical Care Award.



Incoming President Jo Buyske, MD (L) congratulates President C. Daniel Smith, MD (R) on his compelling Presidential Address.



Dr. Carol Scott-Conner (L) is congratulated by Dr. Jeffrey Ponsky (R) for receiving the Foundation Jeffrey L. Ponsky Master Educator in Endoscopy Award.



Drs. C. Daniel Smith (L), Brian Dunkin and Aurora Pryor (R) congratulate Dr. Rohan Joseph (2nd from Right) on receiving a SAGES research grant. Mr. Ali Amiri from Karl Storz (middle) looks on.



Dr. Sarah Evans (2nd from Left) is congratulated by Drs. C. Daniel Smith (L) and Aurora Pryor (2nd from Right), and Mr. Matt Fahy from Covidien (R) for receiving a SAGES research grant.



Dr. Richard H. Bell (2nd from left) is thanked by Drs. Gerald Marks (L), C. Daniel Smith, Barry Salky and Jo Buyske (R) for delivering the Gerald Marks keynote lecture.



Drs. Barry Salky (L) and Steven Schwaitzberg (R) congratulate Dr. Christopher Gostout (center), the 2010 Karl Storz Lecturer in New Technology.



SAGES President C. Daniel Smith describes "Plan B" in the world of surgery to SAGES members and World Congress Meeting attendees.





Our Canadian colleagues join SAGES in celebrating Dr. Robert DiRaddo's (2nd from left) delivery of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada lecture. Joining Dr. DiRaddo: CAGS President, Chris Jamieson (L), Barry Salky (center), Christopher Schlachta (CAGS Program Chair) and William Fitzgerald (R), President of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.



SAGES Past, Current and Future Presidents gather for a photo op during the annual meeting.



SAGES & CAGS World Congress Program Chairs, Drs. Christopher Schlachta, Barry Salky & Daniel Herron, celebrate the end of a successful World Congress Meeting.



**The World Congress culminated Saturday night with a Gala at the Newseum in Washington, DC. While the International Sing-Off took a hiatus, SAGES friends and colleagues from Japan entertained the group with "We Are the World Congress"!**



## 2010 Luncheon Packed With Awards

As SAGES and the SAGES Foundation grows each year, the accomplishments and number of outstanding leaders increases as well, as is evident in this year's SAGES Foundation Awards Luncheon. In an event that normally presents four major awards, the Awards Luncheon program this year was full with the addition of three new awards. Much was squeezed into the one-hour event, but the luncheon progressed in a timely fashion and the most respected minimally invasive surgeons were recognized and lauded by 250 of their peers, friends, and family. In total, the luncheon helped to raise more than \$90,000 to benefit future minimally invasive research and educational opportunities!

Honors this year went to:

**Jacques Marescaux, MD – George Berci Lifetime Achievement Award**

**Erica Moran, MD – Researcher In Training Award**

**Nathaniel Soper, MD – Distinguished Service Award**

**Vivian Strong, MD – Young Researcher Award**

**Basil Yurcisin, MD – Karl Storz/IRCAD Fellowship Award**

**Carol Scott-Conner, MD – Jeffrey L. Ponsky Master Educator Award**

**Bastiaan Klarenbeek, MD – Gerald Marks Rectal Cancer Award**

**Paul Hansen, MD – Excellence in Clinical Care Award**

Without a doubt, the success of our events is largely due to the support we receive from sponsors. The minimally invasive field would not be where it is today without the partnership between surgeon and industry. Therefore, the SAGES Foundation would like to give special thanks to the \$5,000 Honorary sponsors **Covidien** and **Ethicon Endo-Surgery**; and the \$2,500 Patron sponsors **Karl Storz Endoscopy**, **Simbionix** and **Atrium Medical**! We sincerely thank you for your loyalty and commitment to our shared mission.

### ***New Corporate Supporters***

As everyone is aware, the economy has impacted everything, particularly charitable giving. Like so many nonprofit organizations, the SAGES Foundation has seen a decline in the amount of support we have received this year from both SAGES members

and industry. It is for this reason that we are particularly grateful to those who are joining the Foundation's growing circle of friends or recommitting as a loyal partner again. The SAGES Foundation is more than ecstatic to recognize the following new companies for their wonderful commitment to our mission and also welcome an old friend back into the fold!

**Aesculap - \$25,000**

**LifeCell – \$15,000**

### ***Margret Oddsdottir***

### ***Traveling Fellowship Fund***

Margret Oddsdottir, MD had a profound influence on many physicians' careers, professionally and personally. She helped shape their practices and surgical expertise and experience, while also shaping the Icelandic health system. Dr. Oddsdottir's lifelong commitment to international education and research has enriched the world of many surgeons, which is why the SAGES Education & Research Foundation has set up **The Margret Oddsdottir International Traveling Fellowship Award**.

We ask you to consider contributing to a new fund that we hope to establish in Margret's name. The goal of the endowment fund is to initially raise \$100,000 and use the annual spin-off to offset travel expenses for one promising surgeon and allied health professional to attend SAGES. The Margret Oddsdottir Traveling Fellowship is an international traveling fellowship that is open to all applicants, with preference given to women.

The fund is administered through the SAGES Foundation and given at the SAGES Annual Meeting each year. The first award will be presented at the 2011 SAGES Meeting, and given annually should a presentation of merit exist each year. Contributions should be made to the SAGES Education and Research Foundation in care of the Margret Oddsdottir International Traveling Fellowship Fund. Please be sure to state this on your check or credit card form.

It is our hope that all SAGES members make a gift in her honor. We hope you will consider joining us in this worthwhile endeavor as a way of furthering Margret's legacy. If you would like to donate to the SAGES Education & Research Foundation to commemorate Margret's legacy, please contact the Foundation office at 310-437-0544 ext. 114 or email [foundation@sages.org](mailto:foundation@sages.org)





# SAGES 2011

## Scientific Session & Postgraduate Course

### 2011 Program – Schedule Outline (as of August 2010)

#### Program Chair:

Brian J. Dunkin, MD

#### Video:

Chair – Leena Khaitan, MD

Co-Chair – Archana Ramaswamy, MD

#### Poster:

Chair – Melina Vassiliou, MD

Co-Chair – Benjamin Poulouse, MD

#### Learning Center:

Chair – Brian Jacobs, MD

Co-Chair – Kent VanSickle, MD

#### Equipment Czar:

Chair – Jose Martinez, MD

Co-Chair – Jeffrey Hazey, MD

### Wednesday, March 30, 2011

Postgraduate Course: Fundamentals for the Use of Safe Energy (FUSE)

Postgraduate Course: Foregut

Postgraduate Course: Minimizing MIS

Postgraduate Course: MIS Colon Surgery

SAGES Foundation Awards Lunch

Half Day Hands-on Course: Fundamentals for the Use of Safe Energy (FUSE)

Symposium: Getting Paid for What You Do –  
EMR, Coding, Reimbursement

Video Session: Unexpected Intraoperative Findings

Symposium: Ideas to Product – How to Commercialize  
Your Great Ideas

Panel: Incorporating FLS and FES Into Your  
Residency Training Program

Half Day Hands-on Course: Minimizing MIS

Half Day Hands-on Course: MIS Colorectal Surgery

Session: SAGES Pearls

**Exhibit Hall Opening Welcome Reception**

**5:00 - 7:00 pm**

### Thursday, March 31, 2011

SAGES Scientific Sessions

Postgraduate Course: Endoscopy for Surgeons

Postgraduate Course: Bariatric Sleeve and Band

Panel: Safety for Surgeons

SAGES/JSES Joint Symposium: What's New in Lower GI Surgery

SAGES/SSAT Joint Symposium: MIS HPB – The Next Frontier

Panel: Getting New Technology Into Your Hospital

Session: Learning Center Rounds

Session: Poster Rounds

SAGES/ACS Joint Symposium: Health Care Reform Update

**Posters Open 7:30 am - 4:00 pm**

**Exhibits/Learning Center Open 9:30 am - 4:00 pm**

Educator's Lunch

Half Day Hands-on Course: Endoscopy for Surgeons

Half Day Hands-on Course: Bariatric Sleeve and Band

Debate: Inguinal Hernia – Laparoscopic or Open?

Panel: When Bad Things Happen to Good Surgeons

Session: Managing Bariatric Surgery Emergencies  
for Non-Bariatric Surgeons

**Industry Education Evening Events**

### Friday, April 1, 2011

SAGES Scientific and Sessions

Presidential Address

Gerald Marks Keynote Lecture

Session: Lessons Learned from Private Practice on  
Efficiency and Cost Savings

Panel: Controversies about Hernia Mesh

Session: Robotics for General Surgeons – It's Coming Your Way

**Exhibits/Posters/  
Learning Center Open**

**10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

Fellowship Council Lunch

Emerging Technology Session

Video Symposium: Complications and Reoperations

SAGES/ALACE Joint Symposium

SAGES/ASCRS Joint Symposium: Laparoscopic Colon Surgery –  
Why Not More?

Session: Advanced Ventral Hernia

Session: Difficult Problems in Reasonable Patients

Residents/Fellows Scientific Session

Meet the Leadership Reception

Main Event & International Sing-Off

### Saturday, April 2, 2011

SAGES Scientific Sessions

Karl Storz Keynote Lecture

Session: General Surgery in Obese Patients – Tips and Tricks

Panel: Patient Safety

Session: GERD and PEH

**Exhibits/Posters/  
Learning Center Open**

**10:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**Lunch in Exhibit Hall for All Meeting Attendees**

Panel: Patient Centered Outcomes

Session: Lessons Learned from Military Surgery

Session: Adolescent Surgery

Session: Advancing Beyond Optical Imaging

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### Continuing Education

#### ***SAGES 2010 Annual Meeting Evaluations***

The Continuing Education Committee simplified and streamlined the meeting evaluations into one overall evaluation for the World Congress this year. SAGES followed up with Congress attendees in July 2010 to determine how they have changed their practice due to the information that was presented at the World Congress. If you attended the World Congress, please take the time to complete this follow up survey when you receive it. Your feedback is vital to enhancing the program for the years to come.

The Continuing Education Committee would like to thank attendees of the Postgraduate courses for participating via the Audience Response System (ARS). This important initiative was implemented in order to assess changes in knowledge, competence, and performance. World Congress attendees are strongly encouraged to participate in the follow up online postgraduate course surveys in July so that we may conclude the assessment. This will help to ensure that SAGES is meeting its overall educational objectives.

#### ***SAGES ACCME Reaccreditation***

SAGES is in the process of reapplying for CME accreditation through the ACCME. SAGES is currently undergoing a critical self-study process to determine if the Society is meeting its educational objectives and affecting change in its learners. We thank all SAGES members who have participated in SAGES' educational activities and post activity assessments.

#### ***SAGES Learning Management System***

The SAGES Board of Directors approved moving forward with the creation of a Learning Management System, which will facilitate online content paired with assessment questions. This is planned to include a journal club based on *Surgical Endoscopy* articles as well as access to other SAGES materials such as videos and postgraduate courses. These programs are being developed such that members will be able to receive traditional CME credit and to be compatible with the American Board of Surgery Maintenance of Certification (MOC) requirements.

### Educational Resources

The Educational Resources Committee is proud to announce the release of the anticipated *Top 21 Minimally Invasive Procedures Every Practicing Surgeon Should Know* Video Product.

This Collection contains the most common minimally invasive procedures performed by general surgeons, as determined by the SAGES Educational Resources Committee. SAGES Top 21 replaces the very popular SAGES Top 14 DVD, with all new videos and commentaries.

#### ***Residency Training***

This Collection is an ideal training tool for Surgical Residents and Program Directors. Each procedure is presented by an

expert laparoscopic surgeon. The accompanying PDF commentaries offer additional insights, techniques and other viewpoints.

#### ***For Practicing Surgeons***

SAGES Top 21 is also a great resource for surgeons in practice both in academic centers and private practice.

#### ***Available on DVD***

Play it on your TV or computer.

#### ***Access Your Episodes Online!***

In addition, with the purchase of each episode you also have access to this episode online. That means that even if you do not have your DVD handy you can still view the videos from anywhere that you have internet access.

For details on all official Enduring Material or to order, please visit [www.cine-med.com/sages/](http://www.cine-med.com/sages/) or call 800-515-1542.

**Special Note:** The original Top 14 Videos are now available for free viewing at [www.sages.tv/](http://www.sages.tv/)

### FES

The FES Task Force, headed by Jeffrey Marks, MD and Brian Dunkin, MD, led a well-received panel presentation introducing the FES educational program at the World Congress in April 2010. The session gave an overview of the rationale behind the FES program, reviewed the development process of the didactic curriculum and cognitive and skills testing, and discussed future plans for distribution.

The World Congress also was the venue for a "sneak peek" at the online learning management system, which consists of twelve modules written by SAGES members. The modules are now undergoing a review by the gastroenterology community. The "gold" version of the didactic curriculum is on track to be completed in Fall 2010 and includes rich text, images, interactive navigation and learning review functionality.

The cognitive multiple-choice, computer administered test is in the final stages of validation. During the next few months, final data analysis, test question selection and standard setting are scheduled under the guidance of psychometricians and using high-stakes test-writing procedures. Beta testing of the hands-on skills component, which consists of five tasks performed on the Simbionix GI Mentor, is continuing this summer with final validation expected this fall.

Please visit our new FES website at [www.fesprogram.org](http://www.fesprogram.org) or call 310-437-0544, ext. 130 for more information on the Fundamentals of Endoscopic Surgery.

### Flexible Endoscopy Committee

#### ***2010 SAGES Flexible Endoscopy Surgery Course for MIS Fellows***

This year SAGES will be holding one Flexible Endoscopy Course for MIS Fellows. The course will take place September 23-24, 2010 at the Methodist Institute for Technology, Innovation and Education (MITIE) in Houston, Texas. We are asking



Fellowship Directors to nominate their MIS Fellows from their program to attend the hands-on course. The nominees must be SAGES Candidate Members. Space is limited and therefore registration will be on a "first-come, first-served" basis. For those selected SAGES will provide the following: lodging, meals, course fees, and ground transportation. If you are interested please contact Maribeth Balon at [Maribeth@sages.org](mailto:Maribeth@sages.org) to request an application. Additional course information can be found at: [http://www.sages.org/meetings/endoscopy\\_workshops/index.php](http://www.sages.org/meetings/endoscopy_workshops/index.php)

## **SAGES & Olympus Project: STEP**

SAGES and Olympus have partnered together to develop a hands-on program, which would expose surgical training programs around the United States to Flexible Endoscopy. STEP: Surgeons Training Endoscopic Proficiency has nearly 35 programs taking part and will be looking to expand to additional institutions within the year. Further information on this program can be found at <http://www.sages.org/projects/step/>

## **FLS**

The Fundamentals of Laparoscopic Surgery (FLS) Program has been very focused on supporting the new ABS mandate. This year ABS has required that all graduating residents seeking board certification in general surgery successfully complete the FLS exam. By June 1, 2010, 1045 of the 1060 chief surgical residents passed the FLS exam, a 98% completion rate. This monumental achievement has been possible due to the hard work of FLS test proctors across the country, administering the test at 67 FLS test centers, along with proctors that traveled to many residency programs for onsite testing.

To ensure surgical residents have access to FLS, The Covidien Educational Fund continues its success across North America with over 245 surgical residency programs and 60 fellowships participating. Over 3,000 FLS test vouchers have been distributed to residents through this generous grant.

The FLS Task Force continues its work to complete FLS 2.0, which will include updated didactic content, new images and videos, and streamlined navigation. It is anticipated to be available later in 2010. Simultaneously, a new pool of test questions are also being written and beta tested for inclusion in the FLS cognitive exam. A group of twenty beta test sites are involved in collecting the results, and the validation process will be finished in time for release with FLS 2.0. For more information, please visit [www.flsprogram.org](http://www.flsprogram.org) or call 310-437-0544, ext. 130.

## **Global Affairs Committee**

### **2010 World Congress Webcast**

This year, the SAGES webcast had over 1,400 viewers and over 22 countries participating. The REPLAY is available now through April 28, 2011! To view, please visit:

<http://www.orlive.com/sages2010>

Password: sages

Details for the 2011 Webcast Sessions coming soon!

## **2010 Top International Abstracts Presenters**

The SAGES Board of Governors and the SAGES Global Affairs Committee would like to acknowledge the following Top International Abstract Presenters:



### **Ju Yan, MD**

Fujian Provincial Tumor Hospital, China

Abstract title: *A Pilot Study of Using Multiphoton Microscopy to Diagnose Gastric Cancer*

### **Alberto R Ferreres, MD PHD MPH FACS**

University of Buenos Aires, Argentina

Abstract title: *Prospective Randomized Trial Comparing Laparoscopic and NOTES Cholecystectomy: Preliminary Results.*

### **Yuedong Wang, MD FACS**

Zhejiang Provincial People's Hospital, China

Abstract title: *Prospective Comparative Therapies for Portal Hypertension Using Laparoscopy and Open Azygoportal Disconnection.*

### **Tran Cong Duy Long, MD**

Medical University Center at Hochiminh City, Vietnam

Abstract title: *Initial Experiences in 70 Cases of Totally Laparoscopic Liver Resection for HCC.*

### **Ke Gong, MD**

Beijing Shijitan Hospital, China

Abstract title: *Open – Tension- Free- Mesh – Plug versus Transabdominal Preperitoneal (TAPP) versus Totally Extraperitoneal (TEP) Laparoscopic Techniques for Preliminary Unilateral Inguinal Hernia Repair: A Prospective Randomized Controlled Trial*

## **2010 Supporters**

SAGES gratefully acknowledges the following companies for their unrestricted support towards the SAGES Global Affairs Initiative:

### **• SAGES Research & Education Foundation**

SAGES gratefully acknowledges the following companies and individuals for their unrestricted contribution in kind:

- **Ethicon Endo -Surgery, Inc.**
- **Jason Kivo**

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- **Kevin Reavis, MD – UC Irvine**
- **Kelly Reavis, MPH**
- **Brian Smith, MD – VA Healthcare Systems, Long Beach**

### Guidelines

Your SAGES Guidelines Committee continues to be active in the production of evidence-based clinical practice guidelines, credentialing guidelines, and other materials supporting the practice of minimally invasive surgery and flexible GI endoscopy. We are in the process of finalizing a few updated guidelines and plan to have them available shortly. All current SAGES guidelines are available on the SAGES website at <https://sages.org/publications/guidelines/guidelines.php>. If you are unable to access the guidelines on-line and wish a copy sent to you, please contact Aaron Goodman ([aaron@sages.org](mailto:aaron@sages.org)) at the SAGES office (310-437-0544).

### Legislative Committee

On April 16, a number of Congressional staff from both the House and Senate participated in a tour of SAGES Annual Meeting, which was held just outside of Washington DC. Dan Smith, Mike Holzman, Mark Talamini, Jo Buyske and David Rattner guided Hill staff through many of the educational opportunities being featured at the World Congress.

Congressional staff visited the FLS booth, and sat in on a number of educational sessions, including the NOTES Symposium and the Conflict of Interest Panel. Of particular interest to the staffers was SAGES White Paper on the relationship between professional medical associations and Industry – a subject that continues to generate great interest in Congress. During the tour, the staffers observed several examples of SAGES' leadership role among medical societies in meeting the highest standards of transparency and separation of education and marketing. The highlight of the tour was a visit to the Learning Center, where each congressional staffer had an opportunity to try out their skills in suturing, basic instrumentation, and advanced laparoscopic skills.

Given the success of this event and the interest of many on Capitol Hill who could not participate in the tour, the Legislative Committee is developing plans for a briefing on the Hill during the Clinical Congress, including bringing a mini-Learning Center to Congress. We are hopeful that many more Congressional staff will come to learn more about SAGES and see the latest innovations in minimal and non-invasive surgical simulator training technology.

If you are planning to attend the ACS Clinical Congress and are interested in participating in this SAGES Hill Briefing, please contact Shelley Ginsberg in the SAGES office at 310-437-0544 ext. 111, or via email at [shelley@sages.org](mailto:shelley@sages.org).

## Membership

In response to such enthusiastic SAGES members and your innovative ideas, our organization continues to provide VALUABLE BENEFITS in every way. Our newest membership benefits include iMAGES (image library), SAGES TV (video library), and SAGES Surgical Wiki.

Please support SAGES by getting the word out to your colleagues who would benefit from SAGES membership!

**Application deadline for the Fall review period: August 15th.**

Are you **moving** this year? Remember to notify the Membership Dept. of any changes to your member profile! Log into the Member area to update your contact information at [www.sages.org](http://www.sages.org).

Have you recently **become board certified** and need to be upgraded to Active status? Please send a request in writing to be upgraded from Candidate to Active and a copy of your board certificate to [membership@sages.org](mailto:membership@sages.org) or fax to 310-437-0585 or mail to SAGES Membership Dept, 11300 W Olympic Blvd #600, Los Angeles, CA 90064.

Our Membership Dept staff is available for questions about your membership at 310-437-0544 x110 or email [membership@sages.org](mailto:membership@sages.org).

Membership numbers as of June 2010:

Active	3,628
Associate Active	16
Candidate	1,406
International	701
Allied Health	60
Senior	425
Honorary	21
Hiatus	11
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>6,268</b>

### In Memoriam

**Harold Haston, MD**, Sun City, AZ  
December 2009

### Online/Website Update

The SAGES Web Task Force encourages all SAGES members to take advantage of the following on line resources:

- **The SAGES Surgical Wiki:** A surgical "Wikipedia" editable by all SAGES members. This has significant potential to become the most authoritative and frequently accessed surgical reference on the web. The SAGES Wiki is open for public viewing but may be edited only by SAGES membership.
- **iMAGES:** A central depository of SAGES related images to be shared amongst SAGES members. Members are able to submit new images, download existing images for profession-



al use, edit/revise and re-upload existing images. Proper use of a SAGES Image Library Image will require that credit be given to both SAGES and the submitting author.

- **SAGES TV:** A central “searchable and fully navigational” depository for SAGES related videos. SAGES members will be able to submit, view, and rate videos on the site.

#### **Now Playing on SAGES TV:**

Featured Content from the 2010 World Congress.

SAGES Top 14 Videos

## **Resident Education Committee**

### **Resident Courses**

The Resident Education Committee has scheduled 12 resident courses for 2010. Invitations are sent to residency program directors approximately three months prior to the course. Only one resident per program may apply. The basic courses are open to PGY 2 and 3 residents, with SAGES candidate members receiving priority. The advanced courses are geared for PGY 4 and 5 residents who must be SAGES candidate members. For more information about the courses offered, please see page 17 or visit: [http://sages.org/meetings/resident\\_courses/](http://sages.org/meetings/resident_courses/)

### **SAGES at APDS**

The Resident Education Committee sponsored the following workshop at the Association of Program Directors in Surgery (APDS) meeting at Surgical Education Week in San Antonio, Texas on Wednesday, April 21, 2010. Melina Vassiliou, MD, James Bittner, MD, and John Mellinger, MD discussed “*Optimizing Resident Experience with Advanced Laparoscopic Procedures: Tools and Techniques for the Surgical Education.*” The Committee will be offering a workshop at the 2011 APDS Annual Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts.

### **Webinars**

The Committee has been expanding its educational offerings. SAGES offered the following two webinars geared specifically toward residents in the Fall of 2009: *Controversies in the Evaluation and Treatment of GERD*, Chaired by Leena Khaitan, MD and

*Laparoscopic Colorectal Surgery*, Chaired by Conor Delaney. The webinars featured presentations by 4-5 expert panelists followed by a question and answer session. The Resident Education Committee will offer the following webinars in 2010-11:

- September 14, 2010
- November 9, 2010
- January 25, 2011
- March 8, 2011

Topics will include upper and lower Endoscopy, hernia, solid organ and colorectal. Additional information will be available on the SAGES website and will also be emailed to SAGES members and residency Program Directors.

## **Research and Career Development**

### **Career Development Workshop**

The SAGES Research and Career Development Committee will be hosting its 3rd Annual Career Development Workshop. The workshop is scheduled to take place in January of 2011. This course has been designed by the SAGES Research Committee in order to provide its membership with education and personalized training on obtaining the skill set required for academic success. The goal of this 1½ day program is to provide fellows and junior faculty with a venue for interaction with experienced faculty who have a track record of successful publication, funding, and mentorship. This experience will serve to “set the bar” for a formalized career development effort at the participants’ home institution. Topics will range from developing and organizing research studies to successful grant and manuscript writing strategies. Each participant will bring the specific aims portion of a research grant that will be edited, revised, and improved for a submission to SAGES and/or other funding sources. Small group discussions on such protocols will provide practical training in research methodology, proposal writing and manuscript preparation.

For additional information please call (310) 437-0544 ext 125 or email at [research@sages.org](mailto:research@sages.org)

# The Fellowship Council



For Information on Minimally Invasive,  
Bariatric, Gastrointestinal, Colorectal  
Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary, Thoracic, and  
Endoscopic Surgery Fellowships, visit  
**[www.fellowshipcouncil.org](http://www.fellowshipcouncil.org)**

- **Streamlined Fellowship Application and Match Process**
- **Universal Fellowship Application Form**

## **FELLOWSHIP COUNCIL APPLICATION AND MATCH DATES:**

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The Fellowship Council was created to foster the development of high quality Fellowships in MIS, GI, Flexible Endoscopy, Bariatric, Colorectal, Thoracic, and Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary surgery through a universal application and match process. Sponsoring societies include AHPBA, ASCRS, ASMBS, SAGES and SSAT. For more information about the application and match process, visit <http://fellowshipcouncil.org/>

## **2011 FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION CYCLE:**

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**Fellow Application Process Opened: Tuesday, June 1, 2010**

**Fellow Application Process Closes: Wednesday, September 1, 2010**

**Letters of Recommendation Deadline: Wednesday, September 1, 2010**

**Inform Applicants of Interview Status: Friday, September 24, 2010**

**Match Site Opens: Friday, September 24, 2010**

**Match Rank Order Deadline: Friday, October 29, 2010**

**Fellow Match Date: Wednesday, November 10, 2010**

## **HEPATO-PANCREATO-BILIARY APPLICATION CYCLE:**

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**HPB Application Process Opened: Friday, May 7, 2010**

**HPB Application Process Closed: Thursday, July 1, 2010**

**HPB Letters of Recommendation Deadline: Thursday, July 1, 2010**

**HPB Match Application (Rank Order)**

**Deadline via the SSO: Monday, Sept. 20, 2010**

**HPB Match Date via the SSO: Monday, Oct. 11, 2010**



# 2010 SAGES Resident Courses and Webinars

SAGES will be offering several basic and advanced courses as well as webinars for surgical residents. For course registration policies, please contact the SAGES Registrar Tina Sandoval at [registration@sages.org](mailto:registration@sages.org) or (310) 437-0544, ext. 128 or visit [http://sages.org/meetings/resident\\_courses/](http://sages.org/meetings/resident_courses/).

- **September 23 - 24, 2010: Advanced Laparoscopic Foregut/HPB Surgery Workshop**

Norwalk, CT

Sponsored by Covidien

4th and 5th year residents –

must be SAGES candidate members

- **November 4 - 5, 2010: Advanced Laparoscopic Colorectal Surgery Workshop**

Norwalk, CT

Sponsored by Covidien

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> year residents –

must be SAGES candidate members

- **November 18-19, 2010:**

- Advanced Laparoscopic Intestinal and Solid Organ Surgery Workshop**

Cincinnati, OH

Sponsored by Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Inc.

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> year residents –

must be SAGES candidate members

## ***Webinar Dates for 2010-2011:***

Topics will include Upper and Lower Endoscopy, Hernia, Solid Organ and Colorectal

- **September 14, 2010**

- **November 9, 2010**

- **January 25, 2011**

- **March 8, 2011**

## **Save the Date!!**

### **SAGES Scientific Session & Postgraduate Course**

March 30 - April 2, 2011

San Antonio Convention Center, San Antonio, TX

### **SAGES Scientific Session & Postgraduate Course (with IPEG)**

March 7 - 10, 2012

San Diego Convention Center, San Diego, CA

### **SAGES Scientific Session & Postgraduate Course**

April 17 - 20, 2013

Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, MD

### **SAGES Scientific Session & Postgraduate Course**

April 2 - 5, 2014

Salt Lake Convention Center, Salt Lake City, UT

### **SAGES Scientific Session & Postgraduate Course**

April 15 - 18, 2015

Gaylord Opryland Hotel & Convention Center,  
Nashville, TN

# SAGES-Endorsed Courses as of July, 2010

As a service to members, SAGES offers Course and Program Directors the opportunity to have their courses reviewed and endorsed by the Continuing Education Committee. These courses meet the guidelines established in the SAGES Framework for Post-Residency Surgical Education and Training and are endorsed by the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES).

For more information on these courses, visit [http://sages.org/education/endorsed\\_courses/index.php](http://sages.org/education/endorsed_courses/index.php) and for information on applications, visit [http://sages.org/education/endorsed\\_courses/applications.php](http://sages.org/education/endorsed_courses/applications.php).

## Creighton University

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8th Annual Esophageal Conference// September 29, 2010 - October 01, 2010

## CUHK Jockey Club Minimally Invasive Surgical Skills Centre

**Course Director:** Professor Enders Kwok-Wai Ng

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CUHK Jockey Club Minimally Invasive Surgical Skills Centre

3/F, Li Ka Shing Specialist Clinic (North Wing)

Prince of Wales Hospital

Hong Kong

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**Email:** [info@hkmisc.org.hk](mailto:info@hkmisc.org.hk)

Contact Institution for upcoming courses// March 05, 2010 - March 05, 2011

## Foundation for Surgical Innovation and Education

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8th Annual Postgraduate Course in Advanced Surgery:

Minimally Invasive Treatment of Gastrointestinal Malignancies// September 16, 2010 - September 17, 2010

## IRCAD-EITS

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Current Techniques in the Treatment of Severe

Endometriosis// September 06, 2010 - September 08, 2010

Intensive Course in Laparoscopic Urological Surgery//

September 20, 2010 - September 24, 2010

N.O.T.E.S. (Natural Orifice Transluminal Endoscopic Surgery)//

October 01, 2010 - October 02, 2010

Cours Intensifs en Chirurgie Laparoscopique Urologique

(cours francophones)// October 04, 2010 - October 08, 2010

Knee Course// October 19, 2010 - October 20, 2010

Shoulder Course// October 21, 2010 - October 22, 2010

New Insights in Prolapse Surgery: Vaginal and Laparoscopy//

October 25, 2010 - October 27, 2010

Digestive Surgery// October 28, 2010 - October 30, 2010

Single Port Surgery// November 05, 2010 - November 05, 2010

Colorectal Surgery// November 19, 2010 - November 20, 2010

Intensive Course in Laparoscopic Surgery// November 22, 2010 - November 26, 2010

Wrist Course (Advanced course)// November 26, 2010 - November 27, 2010

Advanced Techniques in Operative Gynecological Endoscopy// November 29, 2010 - December 01, 2010

Pediatric Urology// December 09, 2010 - December 11, 2010

Intensive Course in Laparoscopic Urological Surgery//

December 13, 2010 - December 17, 2010

## Methodist Institute for Technology, Innovation & Education (MITIE)

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MITIE Sports Hernia Symposium// September 09, 2010 - September 10, 2010

USGI Course// September 18, 2010 - September 18, 2010

SAGES Fellow's Course// September 25, 2010 - September 25, 2010

Thoracic Endoluminal Course// October 08, 2010 - October 09, 2010

Gore Hernia Course// October 15, 2010 - October 16, 2010

MITIE Energy Sources Advanced Course// October 23, 2010 - October 23, 2010

Prioritizing and Time Management for Nurses// November 17, 2010 - November 17, 2010

MITIE Difficult Airway Course// November 19, 2010 - November 19, 2010

MIS Troubleshooting for Nurses// December 11, 2010 - December 11, 2010

Changing Patient Condition Course// December 15, 2010 - December 15, 2010

Prioritizing and Time Management for Nurses// December 16, 2010 - December 16, 2010



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Training Course in Laparoscopic Suturing Skills// September 06, 2010 - September 08, 2010

Training Course in Operative Laparoscopy// September 13, 2010 - September 17, 2010

Training Course in Operative Laparoscopy// October 18, 2010 - October 22, 2010

Training Course in Laparoscopic Hernia Surgery// November 09, 2010 - November 11, 2010

Training Course in Operative Laparoscopy// November 15, 2010 - November 19, 2010

Training Course in Operative Laparoscopy// December 06, 2010 - December 10, 2010

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International Abdominal Wall Surgery: From Open to Single Port Surgery// September 20, 2010 - September 21, 2010  
Robotic Workshop// September 29, 2010 - September 29, 2010

Workshop in Digestive Surgery: From LAP to Single Port Surgery// October 19, 2010 - October 20, 2010

International Laparoscopic Workshop on Morbid Obesity and Metabolic Surgery// October 21, 2010 - October 21, 2010

International Congress of Asia-Pacific Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery Society// October 22, 2010 - October 23, 2010

Medical Editing Video Workshop// November 25, 2010 - November 25, 2010

Basic Laparoscopic Surgery and Advanced Suturing Workshop// December 03, 2010 - December 04, 2010

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**Ohio State University Medical Center**

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Natural Orifice Transluminal Endoscopic Surgery and Single Incision Laparoscopic Surgery// August 06, 2010 - August 07, 2010

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**Tan Tock Seng Hospital**

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Introduction to Laparoscopy Workshop// July 07, 2010 - July 07, 2011

Advanced Laparoscopic Course// July 07, 2010 - July 07, 2011

Introduction to Colonoscopy// July 07, 2010 - July 07, 2011

Laparoscopic and Endoscopic Related Courses// July 07, 2010 - July 07, 2011

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**University of California- San Diego**

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4rd Annual UCSD Hands-On NOTES and Single Site Surgery Symposium// November 11, 2010 - November 13, 2010



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