

AGENDA

FOREGUT COMMITTEE

Date: September 16th 2025 Time: 2:00 PM PST/5:00 PM EST Zoom Link:

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Chair: Ruchir Puri, MD

Co-Chairs: Alia Qureshi, MD, Anna Ibele, MD, Tanuja Damani, MD

Committee Staff: Monia Ilunga

I. Call to Order and Introductions

II. Approve Prior Meeting Minutes – Spring 2025

III. Review Committee Goals (Revise if necessary) - Puri

- To define and develop **standards** to guide the diagnosis and management of foregut diseases (GERD, motility disorders, diaphragm hernias).
- To define **research** questions and to suggest, sponsor, and conduct research related to these foregut diseases.
- To educate surgeons, interventional endoscopists (GI or Surgery), and trainees on the best practices and techniques related to the diagnosis and management of foregut diseases
- To support innovation that may benefit patients with foregut diseases
- To develop **quality** metrics in foregut surgery that will lead to better outcomes that matter to patients.
- To **advocate** for access to technologies and innovative treatments that are deemed safe and medically appropriate when there are obstacles identified.
- To **collaborate** with other medical and surgical societies, other SAGES committees (Advocacy, TAVAC, Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery), industry, and other constituents in accomplishing these goals.
- IV. Lap Fundo Video Based Assessment Puri
- V. AFS-SAGES collaboration report **Zihni**
 - AFS Education Committee proposal
- VI. Intraoperative use of EndoFLIP White Paper proposal **Ujiki**
- VII. Fellow Operative Volumes/ Experience Project- Puri
- VIII. White paper on Endoscopic Therapies for GERD- Puri
- IX. Seminal Top 10 Articles
 - Lap Fundo/Nissen- Beffa & Lo Menzo
 - Heller- Patel & Puri
 - PEH- Puri
 - Redo-Fundo- Ibele/ Qureshi
- X. Updates from Other Committees



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- Education Council Puri
- Advocacy & Healthcare Policy **Pandya**
- Fellowship Council Wright
- XI. SAGES Shorts (Social Media Videos) Nau, Qureshi
- XII. SAGES 2027 Session Ideas
- XIII. New Business
 - Oncology