



AGENDA

SAGES Community Practice Committee

Fall Virtual Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, September 18, 2025, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Eastern)

Zoom Login: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83374544496?pwd=8hPDV2td01f7iv1bNSgaUNci2b0MPR.1>

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Chair: Robert Catania

Co-Chairs: Mercedeh Baghai, Fernando Mier-Giraud, Lamaris Barrios

Committee Staff: Dee Berry

- I. Call to Order and Introductions
- II. Approve Prior Meeting Minutes – Spring 2025
- III. *Disclosures
- IV. Review Committee Goals
 - Organize the efforts regarding Community Practice Surgery
 - Promote the SAGES member participation of Community Practice Surgeons
 - Create novel and innovative ways to engage our Community Practice Members
 - Establish a forum for Community Practice Surgery members to identify and address specific concerns. Broadly, the committee will encompass topics such as:
 - Career Development
 - Leadership skill development
 - Community Support Systems
 - Advocacy and Policy
 - Billing & coding
 - Credentialing
 - Business of Healthcare
 - Operational and financial matters, marketing, recruitment
 - Contract Negotiations (personal, institutional, insurance-related, etc.)
 - Research Support
 - Engage with Patients
- V. Collaborative Grand Rounds Update (Mier-Giraud)
- VI. Appeals Toolkit (Fearing)
- VII. Business Podcast (Baghai)
- VIII. Sustainability for the Community Practice Surgeon (Lueders)
- IX. Community Practice Support Group
- X. Community Practice Surgeon of the Year Award Nomination
- XI. Follow Up Reports
 - a. Speaker Catalog
 - b. SAGES Data Network



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XII. New Business

- a. Hernia Committee Collaboration
- b. DLPD Committee Joint Event at SAGES 2026
- c. Practice Type Definition (a.k.a. The White Paper Lives)
- d. Routine IOC Guideline
- e. Patient Partner Network

XIII. Adjourn

***Disclosures:** *Committee Members should have reviewed all of the disclosures for those on this committee (included in the agenda packet). Dr. Altieri will ensure all contributions are balanced during this committee meeting. If you have any new or changed disclosures, please login to your member account on sages.org. Once there, all committee members will have a link to disclose.*

Attachments

Fall 2025 Agenda
Spring 2025 Minutes
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