



# AGENDA

SAGES Hernia Committee

Date: **September 30, 2025** Time: **4:00 PM (PST)**

**Zoom Meeting ID: 880 3153 6730 | Passcode: 793504**

**Chair:** Matt Goldblatt, MD

**Co-Chairs:** Anne Ehlers, MD., Rebecca Petersen, MD., Courtney Collins, MD.

**Committee Staff:** Charlene Franco

**I. Call to Order and Introductions**

**II. Committee Disclosures**

**III. Approve Spring 2025 Minutes**

**IV. Committee Goals:**

- Provide a resource for Hernia education throughout all of SAGES MASTERS Pathways, Guidelines, Resident and fellow training (RAFT) and new technologies.
- Bridge/ liaison across other specialty societies and SAGES in regard to Hernia.
- Developing curricular elements for each pathway level
- Review Articles of the top 10 papers for each anchoring procedure.

*Hernia Committee Projects*

NEW Projects:

1. **Top 5 Hernia Topic Sessions** *Kaela Blake*
2. **ASCRS/ SAGES Collab** *Elizabeth Wick, Courtney Collins*

Updates Ongoing Projects:

1. **Systematic Review for Lap Inguinal Hernia Repair** *Vahagn Nikolian*
2. **Mesh Labeling** *Courtney Collins*
  - a. Completed! *A special thank you to Courtney Collins, Matthew Goldblatt, Ben Poulouse and everyone else who supported this project.*
3. **Patient Education** *Anne Ehlers*
  - a. The patient education pamphlet draft is currently being revised and will soon be shared with Community Practice for collaborative feedback.
4. **Guidelines Development** *Rebecca Petersen*
  - a. Survey completed.

**Breakout Sessions & Working Groups** *Matt Goldblatt & Charlene Franco*

- b. Colorectal Parastomal Collaboration
- c. Top 5 Hernia Session
- d. New Projects Development

**5. New Business**

**6. Meeting adjourn**