



SPRING 2025 MINUTES

SAGES CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday March 11, 2025

Chair Alan Harzman, MD, Nabil Tariq, MD, **Co-Chairs** Nabil Tariq, MD, Amber Shada, MD

Attendance: Knut Augestad, Ambar Banerjee, Joel Brockmeyer, Michael Cook, S. Scott Davis Jr., Lauren Fischer, Iman Ghaderi, Dylan Goto, Michael Grieco, Carla Holcomb, Wan Xing Hong, Saurabh Khandelwal, Marina Kurian, Edmund Lee, Elisabeth McLemore, Stephen McNatt, Rachel Mathis, Adam Reid, Don Selzer Adam Wright

Committee Staff: Erin Schwarz, Melody Jacobs

Call to Order and Introductions: Dr. Harzman welcomed everyone. Everyone introduced themselves. Dr. Harzman expressed appreciation for all the work that the committee does. Dr. Harzman read the Foundation Campaign Statement.

Review of Committee Disclosures: Dr. Tariq reviewed the disclosures for the committee to ensure we do not have commercial bias.

Approve Prior Meeting Minutes – Fall 2024 (Harzman): The minutes from the Spring Committee meeting were approved.

Review Committee Goals: Committee members approved the goals with no changes.

New IRCAD Facility in Charlotte, NC (Schlachta) Dr. Schlachta discussed the new IRCAD organization in Charlotte, North Carolina. This location is independent of the European organization, but the same logo will be used. IRCAD will have only two partners: SAGES and the American College of Surgeons. SAGES will have a seat on the scientific committee, but we have not yet signed any data agreements.

SAGES Taskforces

- SAGES MOC Questions (Kurian)** Dr. Kurian and members discussed most of the questions were well written. There were more than usual “All of the Above” answer choices. Members discussed whether or not we could eliminating the MOC Questions before 2028. For the coming year, we can consider recycling questions. By Fall 2026, we should come up with a new approach to the survey. Regarding tagging SAGES 2025 Sessions - Lauren Fischer, Elizabeth McCarthy, Carla Holcomb, Federico Gattorno, Wan Xing Hong, Ravi Radhakrishnan, Iman Ghaderi, Dr. Mercedeh Baghai, and members from the OpiVoid Task Force tagged the 2025 sessions for oncology and state CME requirements.
 - Action item:** Dr. Harzman will confirm when he no longer needs Self-Assessment for ABS MOC.
 - SAGES will include MOC questions through the 2026 meeting.
- Assessment Task Force (Tariq)** – Dr. Tariq and members discussed an overview 2024 ATF data. The ATF data allows SAGES Program Chairs to innovate and improve future SAGES Annual Meetings.

Action item: A call for volunteers. We need more volunteers for analyzing meeting data and to help go through the data and make 1-2 PowerPoint slides with analysis of their assigned data set. Drs. McNatt and Reid volunteered to help with this.
- Ed Council Update (Harzman)** Dr. Harzman updated the committee on the Education Council meeting. SAGES is considering moving to a new Learning Management System to streamline their process and the Continuing Education Committee will be updated once a decision is made.

4. **New Procedures Task Force (Tariq)** – Dr. Tariq and members discussed assessing members interest in hands on training courses for new procedures.
 - a. The 2025 Meeting survey will include questions related to learning “New Procedures”.
 - b. The 2014 guidelines for new tech learning need to be updated—this will involve the guidelines committee. [Editor’s note: this item has been tabled for now.]

5. **ADOPT**

ADOPT Program (Harzman):

Dr. Harzman reviewed the most recent ADOPT course data on behalf of Dr. Dort. Members discussed the 2024 - 2025 Courses on ICA and LCBDE & Imaging. We can only count on receiving a maximum of 2 robots provided by Intuitive for a course. There is a long waiting list for the CBD ADOPT course. The possibility of offering more robotic and various robotics training on the same course is seen as a solution to future learning needs. There was a consensus that we should propose the LCBD course again for the 2026 meeting. Our survey results for the learning center show that LCBD and anastomotic suturing are the popular stations. Endoscopic sleeve courses are also popular.

Action item: The 10-year ADOPT program manuscript draft to be shared with the Committee. Please provide feedback no later than March 28th.

Train the Trainers (TT) Update (Shada):

Dr. Shada discussed the process for making two separate courses, with one focusing on set and closure and another focusing on intraoperative communication. Members discussed holding a refresher course at the 2026 SAGES Meeting. Dr. Shada would like to review the curriculum for the longer TT course and create version 2.0. Volunteers for this project: **Alan Harzman, Nabil Tariq, Marina Kurian, Michael Cook, Knut Augestad, Iman Ghaderi, Carla Holcomb, Dylan Goto.**

Other business

ACCME Reaccreditation: Erin worked with the Committee leadership to complete and submit the application for reaccreditation. Drs. **Nabil Tariq and Caroline Reinke** participated in the ACCME interview along with Erin and Sallie Matthews. We received ACCME Accreditation with Commendation, and a 6-year accreditation term (4 years plus the bonus 2 years). SAGES Continuing Education Committee members and SAGES staff Edwin Rosado and Melody Jacobs provided support for this project.

Meeting adjourned.