



MINUTES

FUSE Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 | Time: 1:00pm-2:30pm PT

Location: Hyatt Regency Long Beach, 200 S Pine Ave, Long Beach, CA 90802

Room: Regency Ballroom E

Chair: Jaisa Olasky, MD

Co-Chairs: Ivy Haskins, MD, Dean Mikami, MD

Committee Staff: Sarah Colón and Jessica Mischna

In attendance: Erika Fellingner, Jaisa Olasky, Ivy Haskins, Dean Mikami Kinga Powers, Sharon Bachman, James Ellesmere, Talil Hijii, Pascal Fuchsuber, Yusuke Watanabe, Akihiro Kondo, Victoria Rendell, Alejandro Rodriguez, Steven Schwaitzberg, Hung Troung (on call)

Dr. Olasky read the committee chair script. Members were reminded that Journal review assignments should be completed in a timely manner. Dr. Powers stated that there will be 3 CME's per review soon.

All members were encouraged to visit our assigned Aisle (#900) in the Exhibit Hall. In addition, the FLS Committee will be at the Education and Innovation Center displaying a new box; they would like members to visit and provide feedback.

Members were encouraged to give to the SAGES Foundation and reminded that our committee is funded by them.

Members were reminded of the SAGES conduct. Dr. Olasky reviewed it verbally; it can also be found on the SAGES Meeting app.

Introductions were made. Sign in sheet and disclosures were circulated for review and signatures.

Dr. Haskins had a copy of Disclosure/COI - Conflicts of Interests and ensured that we were compliant for CME purposes during meeting discussions.

Dr. Sharon Bachman approved and the group seconded the prior Meeting Minutes from Fall 2024; there were no objections.

Dr. Olasky shared slides since was a projector in Ballroom E.

The current FUSE committee goals were reviewed; no changes were made:

- *Increase adoption of the FUSE Hospital Compliance Modules*
- *Focus on disseminating FUSE nationally and internationally*
- *Update the FUSE didactic curriculum format and usability as well as add new content*

Discussion on the Hospital Compliance Module Information Sessions / Marketing. Dr. Haskins requested that Sarah email the group the letter and email to send to their programs' leadership to learn more about the FUSE Hospital Compliance Modules. Dr. Yusuke Watanabe and Sharon Bachman requested access to the demo account for the FUSE Hospital Compliance Modules.

Singapore had a FUSE Hospital Compliance information session and were very interested in moving forward after, but they have not purchased the product yet. IHPBA conference is said to be working with SAGES on conference, perhaps we can have a course during their World congress in October 28-31, 2026.

Dr. Yusuke Watanabe said that there is another conference in Toyko, Japan were we can have another course.

Virtual Courses can be done prior and then hands on components in person for both of these courses mentioned above.



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Joint Commission update was provided. They are onboard to adding FUSE to the bottom of their newsletter to direct readers to FUSE as a resource. The data that they are looking for before investing in the Hospital Compliance modules is data that shows a direct correlation with less occurrence of fire events before and after learning the educational material provided in the FUSE Hospital Compliance Modules. The issue is that these are low frequency events, so it we would have to track for a while to show substantial data. Perhaps collect data showing change prior and after review hospital compliance modules, to see data proving benefits. Most hospitals should keep record of events and they should be able to review data to see if there is a shift after providing OR team with the modules.

They said they would provide data of their own for FUSE related infractions for the last couple of years; which is collected in Joint Commission surveys.

FDA database may still exist that shows data of events. There was a paper written on database online. Dr. Pascal Fuchshuber suggested looking into paper.

INOVA and Denver VA - Dr. Sharon Bachman will follow up with department to see where they are in the process of obtaining the FUSE Hospital Compliance Modules.

Dr. Erika Fellingner inquired about reaching out to insurers and if there has been any effort on that. Jaisa had spoken to CRICO a few years ago, and they expressed that they just want their criteria met, they don't want to guide people on how to achieve standards.

Feb 2025 SAGES Resident/Fellow Webinar Recap

About 65 participants logged on to webinar. There were 209 who had registered. Dr. Haskins thought the webinar was engaging and there was great discussion at end. Better attendance from last year. Betty, who staffs RAFT will post to make the webinar available for view once it has been finalized/edited.

Dr. Haskins will reach out to Betty/RAFT about getting on calendar for 2026.

A search of FUSE webinars can be found on vimeo. We also have a library of FUSE Videos on our website: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXZEuRLLP-jne9NCPMFmm9_nhEr8x9rQp

Discussion about having FUSE at the learning center, for 2026. Perhaps add some teaching of FUSE. Each person on committee would need to do one shift to help with education on FUSE at the learning center.

Sarah will reach out to [Inga Brissman](#) regarding FUSE being added to the Education and Innovation Center. Dean Mikami will chair and Kinga Powers will co-chair the station but we need volunteers to take shifts. Deans' residents will help manage the station. Dr. Olasky mentioned that there is an equipment list that she can share with them so they have a better understanding of the needs will be for the station.

Google Sign-In sheet was created to see what members would like to participate in (Education & Innovation, FUSE Manual, Revision of Modules, FUSE in FLS, Webinars, Hands On Courses, etc.). This will give new members the opportunity to see what ongoing projects we have and be able to sign up depending on their interests.



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Test Taker Numbers:

2024-2025

99 Canada

86 India

23 Japan

135 USA

For just 2025 to date: 4 in Japan, and 20 in the US so far.

FUSE Outreach/International updates were given.

Pakistan update was given. Dr. Dean Mikami gave a 12 minute lecture that was pre-recorded due to time difference with Hawaii. A video was sent to Dr. Mikami showing the audience watching his video. No other feedback was given. Topics were on key points like fire safety. Dr. Olaksy mentioned how they met in person at SAGES last year. They wanted us to go to Pakistan in person, but we currently can not support that initiative. Perhaps we can explore international committee members meeting with them in person. Dr. Pascal Fuchshuber and Yusuke Watanabe both shared interest in being connected with contacts to explore further.

J&J – China

No updates were given.

Poland update was given. There is a very good possibility of there being a 2025 Poland FUSE course. We provided equipment list. Financial approval would be needed as we don't have it in the FUSE budget to cover costs. They would have to cover costs. Similar to India FUSE Course, only there would be no cadavers, it would be a combination of meat and mannequins similar to train the trainer. They want to have FUSE certified people who would be able to teach it moving forward. Pre-requisite would be to view online didactics. We can do a pretest and post test to gauge knowledge. The requirement would be that you must be FUSE certified to teach it, but hands on course attendants would not require FUSE certification. Currently waiting on funding to move forward on next steps; which may take a while as it is funding through their government. Dr. Schwartzberg would really like to include the fire simulation in the course; it was very well received during the course in India.

An update on In-Person U.S. Courses was given.

RAFT is working on a Flourensense course (sponsored by Stryker) Dr. Schwartzberg mentioned Tony Obina (sp?) as the point of contact for Stryker. Currently trying to secure a date/time to discuss including FUSE in that course. The idea is that when they finish the course they should take the FUSE Exam and get certified. There will be two courses; one on the west coast and one on the east coast.

If the above collaboration with the Florensense course doesn't pan out, then another idea is to host our own FUSE Course in a skills lab venue outside of NY, or Denver, CO. once we have the bandwidth; ideally after the modules revisions have moved along further. Dr. Sharon Bachman, said Inova has a sim lab we can use, and we can get cadavers.

Recap of FUSE Curriculum Retreat

Retreat took place yesterday on Monday - 3/10/25

Updated curriculum was shared on screen. The idea is that it will walk learners through the curriculum in a more digestible way. More encompassing and user friendly.



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Dr. Olasky still needs volunteers for #3 Electrosurgical Injury High Risk Scenarios. We have an excel blueprint with learning objectives. Those who work on modules will be given access to current modules for reference as well. This volunteer will work with Kinga Powers on the module. Currently it is a powerpoint placeholder where we need input on content/videos and where they are needed. Animation and Graphics can be made for us. We need someone to plug in where we need video and in notes add what script will be. Victoria Randell volunteered. Timeframe 4-6 weeks timeline from today. Perhaps two volunteers needed not just one. Dr. Mikami said the best way is to connect virtually and have the document live where everyone can make real time edits/comments. Talil Hijii will also help out. Yusuke Watanabe is willing to be involved in reviewing the content vs creating. When closer to completing we can send it out to the committee with an opportunity to provide comments. FUSE Committee members and subject matter experts will have a chance to comment before finalizing.

FUSE for FLS Module update was given. Dr. Olasky needs new members. The work that was done on Modules 1 and 2 will be added and included in the FLS Manual. Dr. Steve Schwaartzberg and Pascal Fuchshuber volunteered to help. Dr. Olasky need this turned around within 2-3 weeks. The slides exist, it just needs to be updated. We just need the content added. It should lead viewers to want to learn more about FUSE.

- Module 1 Introduction to Electrosurgery
- Module 2 Fundamentals of tissue Effects

FUSE Manual Update DRAFT

Dr. Kinga Powers circulated copies of the suggested TOC for the new FUSE Manual. It will be emailed to the group after the meeting as well. Dr. Powers would like everyone to go through this and provide feedback to her. Regarding formatting, or if it needs to be reorganized or if something is missing. She is looking for a 2-3 weeks timeline. It was suggested to add on google drive to create a link for all to make comments. Dr. Powers based the TOC draft off of the new module outline. First the TOC needs to be submitted to Publications Committee for approval to move forward with actually revising the FUSE Manual. Perhaps each lead from each revised module can help with that part of content in the FUSE Manual; we need volunteers to sign up on working on modules once we arrive to that step in the process.

Action Item: Will send video and images from India course to committee members - short on time to share.

Meeting adjourned at 2:36pm