



# Minutes

HPB/SOLID ORGAN COMMITTEE

Date: **March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025** Time: **3:00-4:30PM**

Hyatt Regency Long Beach, Room: Regency Ballroom B

**Chair:** Kevin El-Hayek, MD

**Co-Chairs:** Melissa Hogg, MD, Mihir Shah, MD, Hop Tran Cao, MD

**Committee Staff:** Monia Ilunga

**Attendees:** Alseidi, Ayloo, Caba Molina, Cleary, D.Asbun, El-hayek, Gilbert, Gleisner, H.Asbun, Mallette, Milone, Onkendi, Pecorelli, Polanco, Ramos Santillan, Ross, Shah, Sucandy, Tran Cao, Wei

- I. Dr. El-Hayek called the meeting to order, shared announcements, and conducted introductions. Disclosures were shared and changes/additions requested.
- II. The minutes from the Fall 2024 meeting were moved, seconded and approved.
- III. Dr. El-Hayek reviewed the committee's goals. No changes were proposed.

#### IV. **Guidelines**

The Committee reviewed their ongoing collaborations with the SAGES Guidelines Committee:

- Bile Duct Injury Management (with AHPBA): In final phase of creating the draft. This is the first guideline for which patients will review the draft and provide input.
- Necrotizing Pancreatitis Management: This is a new guideline in its early phase. Key questions have been selected. Data will be hard to sift through as the issue is rare. This guideline will also have three patients reviewing and providing input.

There was a question about whether to include information about conducting an open procedure. The group felt that the guideline should be reflective of the SAGES' perspective and innovative thinking.

#### Action Item:

- Dr. El Hayek will circulate the key questions once the Guidelines Committee reviews them.

New CBD Imaging Guideline – This is under review from SAGES Board. Committee members should contact Dr. El-Hayek if they want to participate.

- V. **Updates from Education Council:** Dr. El-Hayek advised the group that the Ed Council is planning to create shorter, more easily digestible education modules for the pathways and anchoring procedures previously identified.

Within the next few months, he anticipates that everyone will be asked to help develop these for the HPB committee. Will first need a schematic and instructions on how to create and produce them.



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Dr. H. Asbun provided historical background on how the original Masters Program came about and some of the challenges faced. This has led to the current evolution of modules crafted for today's learners.

There was a question about how to deal with quality control in the product. The goals and objectives were already built into the original outline for the modules. In addition, the group agreed to not move too fast; to make sure the quality is acceptable, and to reference existing literature. The Committee will also review all final products.

VI. **Facebook Group:** Dr. Pecorelli shared an update on the SAGES HPB Facebook group.

There are currently 3K members, 1K of whom are active. Activity has not been high in the last few months. There is no control over what is being posted.

The committee discussed ideas to drive traffic to the group. Suggestions included short, easily digestible modules, visual abstracts (created on AI), and teasers on other social media platforms.

It was mentioned that the Safe Chole Committee had discussed creating their own YouTube channel. It was felt that YouTube has a lot of poor/inaccurate content and that the SAGES LMS should provide the link to all SAGES HPB resources instead. The benefit of the LMS is that the content is curated, validated, and endorsed.

VII. **American Minimally Invasive Pancreas (AMIPS)/American Minimally Invasive Liver Registries (AMILS):** Drs. Cleary and Alseidi conveyed the success of AMILS to date. There are already 6000 cases. Everyone is welcome to participate, and the word has spread quickly so people want to collaborate. Six papers have been produced and many abstracts have been derived from the data. Three of the papers were sent to Surgical Endoscopy and three sent to AHPBA's journal.

Unfortunately, AMIPS hasn't taken off in the same way.

Several issues were discussed by the committee:

- The fellow who currently runs the registries is leaving by this summer. The committee needs to formalize the position and have a clear tenure/rotation. The suggestion is to provide an official SAGES title and description so future fellows can have the job on their CVs.
- There was also a question as to whether funds remain from the original registry grant. Funds were originally allocated to a biostatistician, but that position wasn't hired.

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- Staff to confirm/clarify both issues above.



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Dr. Madani shared that the SAGES Surgical Data Science Committee had explored obtaining registries for other committees, along with the renewal of the liver and pancreas registries. SAGES Exec was supportive of the continued work and renewal of AMILS and AMIPS. However, the cost was prohibitive and as important, the data ownership issues and use cases were too unclear to pursue additional registries right now.

## Action Item

- SDS to involve HPB in the negotiations with Castor on the renewal of AMILS and AMIPS.

## VIII. **HPB Manuals:** The committee discussed the manuals in development.

The Liver manual is awaiting one final chapter. It should be completed and published by the summer.

The Pancreas manual is finished and awaiting printing.

At the fall meeting, the committee will discuss new manual ideas, e.g. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of biliary; manual on solid organ (adrenal and spleen) – though there might not be enough information; third spacing – when and how to use.

The committee also inquired about how the manuals are to be marketed by Springer.

## Action Item

- Staff to inquire about manual marketing.

## IX. **New Business**

Dr. El-Hayek informed the committee that he has discussed a collaboration with ASDDI with SAGES Exec. We could do a joint session or another activity.

There was not enough time to discuss any other topics. The meeting was adjourned.