

SAGES 2026 ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

MARCH 25-28, 2026 | TAMPA CONVENTION CENTER | TAMPA, FL



Program Co-Chairs: Kellie McFarlin, MD, Matt Ritter, MD, MHPE, & Linda Zhang, MD | *Oral & Video Sessions will take place throughout the Meeting.*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026

Programming & Posters

8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

SAGES Military Symposium

From Basics to Brilliance: A Debate on Laparoscopic Simulators in Surgical Training

This is the Way: Revisional Bariatric Surgery - When and Why?

This is the Way: Evolving Strategies in Advancing Rectal Cancer Management

Slit, Slide, Dialyze: The Art of Minimally Invasive Peritoneal Dialysis Insertion

HERnia Session: Optimizing Outcomes for Women with Hernias

Back to Basics: SAGES/AHPBA It's Just a Gallbladder...

SAGES Foundation Awards Luncheon

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

This is the Way: ILLS/SAGES Liver Technical Session

SAGES/JSES: AI-Powered Insights in Colorectal Surgery

MIS Disasters and Nightmares

How to Tackle Surgery Inc

Hands-on Course: ADOPT MIS Common Bile Duct Exploration and Imaging

Dysphagia After Foregut Surgery: A Tough Pill to Swallow!

Passing the Baton: Transitioning from Pediatric to Adult Bariatric Care

Foregut Video Session - How I Do It

Abdominal Wall Reconstruction, Core Health, and Coding

All Hands on Deck: When Do You Ask for Help?

From Where I Stand: What Surgeons from Developing Countries Wish You Knew

Pathways to Practice - How to Learn New Procedures in Practice

SAGES 2026 Opening Session

5:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Welcome Reception in the Exhibit Hall

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026

Programming & Posters

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Exhibits/Education & Innovation Center

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Digital Surgery: Advanced Visualization

SAGES/ASGBI: Managing Waste and Reducing Energy in Operating Rooms

Gerald Marks Lecture

Hot Topics in Foregut

SAGES/AHS: Great Debates in Hernia Surgery

Impedance, Plesmography, Integers, Oh My! GI Motility for the Practicing Physician

Hot Topics en Espanol: Una Colaboracion de SAGES & LATAM

Digital Surgery: Robotics as a Data Collection Platform

SAGES/EAES: The Ideal OR: Connected, Sustainable, Accessible **non CME**

These Are the Droids You're Looking for **non CME**

Digital Surgery: Telepresence

Back to Basics: Fundamentals of Surgical Communication

Bariatric Disasters

Complimentary Lunch in the Exhibit Hall

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Debates in Foregut Surgery

This is the Way: Back into the Breach - Redo TAR

Expanding Indications for MIS in Complex Colorectal Surgery

The Forgotten Organs (Spleen and Adrenal)

Hands-on Course: Per-Oral Endoscopic Myotomy

Innovators Course **non CME**

Digital Surgery: Surgical Data Science in the Real World

Comprehensive Obesity Management

Acute Care Disasters

Hernia Disasters

Colorectal Disasters

Happy Half Hour in the Exhibit Hall

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Beyond the Meeting: Changing Hernia Practice in the Real World

Beyond ERPs: Opioid Free Anesthesia (OFA) in MIS Colorectal Surgery

AI for Video-Based Assessment (VBA) of Surgical Skills

SAGES Shark Tank **non CME**

This is the Way: Reoperations on the Foregut - When, Why and How?

High Five from the Top 21

Gallbladder Debates: Management and Techniques

Airway, Breathing, Circulation, Dock? - Robotics in Acute Care Surgery

Hands-on Course: ADOPT Robotic Transverse Abdominus Release

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026

Programming & Posters

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Exhibits/Education & Innovation Center

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Enhancing Surgical Outcomes with the Robotic NICE Procedure: SAGES-Endorsed

Multicenter Trial Insights

A Surgeon's Life Part 1: 'Physician, Heal Thyself': Moral Injury Among Surgeons and Potential Remedies

Hot Topics in Hernia Repair

Emerging Technology Session **non CME**

Magnetic-assisted Surgery in Space Missions

Reflux After Foregut Surgery: Will the Pain Never End?

A Surgeon's Life Part 2: Failure to Rescue... Myself - M&M for Professional and Personal Failures

Educators Session: The Future of Our Specialty - Are We Training Too Many Fellows?

Morning Mimosas in the Exhibit Hall

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Presidential Address

Karl Storz Lecture

Complimentary Lunch in the Exhibit Hall

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Plenary 1 - Best Papers

Presidential Session

Hands-on Course: Single Anastomosis Duodenal Switch

SAGES/AFS: Intraoperative Foregut Catastrophes

Institutional Resilience: Strategies for Academic Recovery Following Funding Withdrawal

A Surgeon's Life Part 3: The Aging Surgeon

Debate: Why Are We Still Doing Hartmans?

Patchwork No More: Formalizing a Hernia Program in the Community Setting

SAGES Family Feud **non CME**

Meet the Leadership Reception (Invitation Only)

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Main Event

7:30 PM - 11:30 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026

Programming & Posters

8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

SAGES Mini Medical School

Plenary 2 - Best Papers

Back to Basics: Bariatric Complications Management

Digital Surgery: Back to Basics - AI 101 for Surgical Practice

Back to Basics: Core Principles Applied to Any Ventral Hernia Repair

Updates in FLS/FES/FUSE/FRS

Residents & Fellows Session

New and Novel Therapies for Obesity Treatment

SAGES/ASDDI Symposium

Fellowship Council Session: Years 1-to-3 in Practice: Case Studies for Growth Inside and Outside of the OR

Back to Basics: Upper GI Workup for Foregut Surgery

Acute Care Management of Hernia Emergencies

Balancing MIS Education: Laparoscopy vs Robotics

Back to Basics: ERAS and Patient-related Outcomes for Colorectal Surgery

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