MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGERY WEEK

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THE MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH - "IT'S THE OUTCOME"

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The Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons (SLS) is a non-profit, multidisciplinary and multispecialty educational organization established to provide an open forum for surgeons and other health professionals interested in minimally invasive surgery and therapy.

SLS endeavors to improve patient care and promote the highest standards of practice through education, training, and information distribution. SLS provides a forum for the introduction, discussion and dissemination of new and established ideas, techniques, and therapies in minimal access surgery.

A fundamental goal of SLS is ensuring that its members have access to the newest ideas and approaches, as rapidly as possible. SLS makes information available from national and international experts through its publications, videos, conferences, and other electronic media.
Dear Colleagues,

Join us at MIS Week!

MIS Week, “The #1 MIS Meeting”, began 27 years ago as the SLS Annual Meeting with the simple premise of bringing together laparoscopic surgeons from various specialties to share their best ideas and techniques and to learn from each other to improve patient outcomes.

Over the years this important meeting has helped tens of thousands of attendees world-wide gain important surgical skills, improve knowledge and cross-pollinate ideas that have advanced minimally invasive surgery to the sophisticated level we experience today. Along the way, SLS has been joined by over twenty other societies, and the role of learning across specialty boundaries has continued to advance the field.

The days of simple laparoscopic procedures are a thing of the past and we are experiencing an explosion of new and innovative ways to help our patients with minimally invasive surgery, from endourology, gynecology, general surgery, and many other surgical and medical specialties. Advances include new energy modalities, devices, computer assistance (robotics), all resulting in marked safety and outcome improvements. MISWeek helps to bring together thought-leaders and master surgeons from around the globe to discuss the state of the science in these areas.

Some of the highlights from our meeting this year include:
- Bridging the Gap in the World of Medicine
- Tools and Techniques, “My Favorite Energy Device”
- State of The Art Robotics
- New Product Presentations
- Highlights of New and Exciting Technology
- Surgeons Health – Ergonomics, Transitioning from Surgery, Mental and Emotional
- AsianAmerican Summit of MIS leaders
- Updates on Core Competences, Fellowship, Resident and Student Education, Simulation
- Future Technology: Really Know Yourself, Your Brain and Body, Personalizing Surgery
- Utilizing Data to change your practice
- Experts Experience
- TED type Spotlight Talks
- Changing Landscape of Global Health
- Expo featuring the newest tools and technologies

In addition to the learning opportunities, enjoy the opportunity to explore San Francisco, a unique and breathtaking city. From the iconic Golden Gate Bridge, to the exquisite art galleries at the Legion of Honor and the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA), the City takes pride in its unrivaled attractions, renowned museums, and unique neighborhoods. Discover the variety of sites, shops, and restaurants that reflect the City's great ethnic and cultural diversity. Surrounded by the tranquil waters of the Bay, the enchanting city of San Francisco sits amid the peaks and valleys of dozens of landmarks, including Fisherman’s Wharf, Alcatraz, Golden Gate Park, Coit Tower, Lombard Street, Ghirardelli Square, and its historic cable cars. The conference hotel, the Hilton San Francisco Union Square, located in the Theater District, puts you in walking distance to cable cars, Chinatown, and Nob Hill.

I look forward to seeing you and your family at MIS Week 2017 in San Francisco.

Sincerely,

Paul Alan Wetter, MD, FACOG, FACS
Chairman, Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons
**Marius Craina, Prof. Dr. Med**

Marius Lucian Craina, MD PhD, graduated from UMFT in 1990. He began his residency in 1992 and became Assistant Professor the same year at the University Clinic of Ob/Gyn “Bega” Timisoara. He took his specialty exam in 1995.

From September 1994 - April 1995 he prepared for Gynecologic Laparoscopic surgery under the guidance of Professor D. Wallwiener at Frauenklinik Heidelberg, Germany. He has performed over 5000 laparoscopic interventions comprising the whole spectrum, over 2500 classic surgeries, and over 1000 cesarean sections perfecting and developing c-section techniques.

In 2000 he became Lector, in 2008, Associate Professor and in 2015 OB/GYN Professor at UMFT. Marius Craina is the Chief of the Obstetrics, Gynecology and Neonatology Department at UMFT. Between 2007-2009 he was Medical Director of the Emergency County Hospital Timisoara and in June 2014 was appointed General Manager.

He is the President of the Romanian SRCMIG and the president of DKMT Regional Society of Gynecology.

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**Moty Pansky, Prof. Dr. Med**

Dr. Moty Pansky is the Founder and Director of the Gyn. Endoscopy Unit and Chairman of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Division in the Assaf Harofe Medical Center, Zerifin, Israel, and Associate Professor in Obstetrics and Gynecology at The Sackler School of Medicine, Tel Aviv University.

Dr. Pansky graduated from Tel Aviv University in 1985 and completed his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Assaf Harofe Medical Center in Israel. He trained in Endoscopy under Prof. Carl J. Levinson and Prof. Camran Nezhat at Stanford in California, Prof. Bruhat and Prof. Wattiez in Clermont Ferrand and Prof. Sala Baruch in Paris.

He performed his Army Reserve Duty as a Doctor in the Navy Diving Corps and is certified in Diving Medicine by the Israeli Ministry of Health.

Dr. Pansky is a recent former President of the Israeli Society of Gynecologic Endoscopy (ISGE IL) and was the Chairman of the organizing committee and President for the 2015 International AAGL Meeting with the Israeli Society of Gynecologic Endoscopy (ISGE IL) held in Jerusalem.

He has published over 100 peer reviewed articles, case reports and book chapters.
Tuesday - September 5

3:00pm-6:00pm  CONферeNCE reGISTRATION
4:00pm-4:45pm  MASH Committee Meeting  
Chair: Gustavo Stringel, MD, MBA | Co-Chair: Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA

Wednesday - September 6

6:30am-8:00pm  CONферeNCE reGISTRATION
6:30am-7:30am  Complimentary Coffee And Bakery Items
7:00am-3:00pm  State of the Art Lectures in Robotic Surgery (See page 10)
9:00am-9:30am  Break
11:00am-12:00pm  Corporate Satellite Symposium (Non CME)  
Light refreshments will be served
12:00pm-4:00pm  SLS Experts’ Experience and Tips and Tricks in MIS (See page 8)
1:30pm-2:00pm  Break
2:00pm-4:00pm  Poster Set-up
4:00pm-4:35pm  OPENING CEREMONY
Welcome; Presidential Address; Presentation of Honorary Chairs; SLS Fellow Recognitions; SLS Young Educators Award Presentation; Presentation of Awards for Best Scientific Papers and Videos; Recognition of Sponsors/Corporate Members, and Innovations of the Year
Director: Paul Alan Wetter, MD | Co-Director: Phillip P. Shadduck, MD
7:00pm-8:30pm  WELCOME RECEPTION
7:00pm-8:30pm  Exhibit Hall Open
7:00pm-8:30pm  Poster Gallery Open
Director: Gustavo Stringel, MD, MBA | Co-Director: Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA
Thursday - September 7

6:30am-5:00pm  CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

6:45am-7:00am  Moderator Briefing Meeting
   Co-Directors: Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA and Gustavo Stringel, MD, MBA

7:00am-2:00pm  Exhibit Hall Open

7:00am-2:00pm  Poster Gallery Open

7:00am-7:30am  Complimentary Coffee and Bakery Items / Visit Exhibits & Product Theater Presentations by Exhibitors

7:30am-8:00am  Nezhat Distinguished Lecturer at MIS Week (Non CME) (See page 15)
   Robotic Surgery System Solutions  Yasuhiko Joseph Hashimoto

7:40am-10:00am  Affiliated Societies Breakout Session: Bridging the Gap in the World of Medicine (See page 8)

8:00am-8:10am  Highlights of Robotics Session
   Presented by: Mona Orady, MD

8:10am-8:30am  General Session: BEST OF UPDATES (See page 16)
   Key Updates presented by SLS Special Interest Group Committee Members highlighting the newest developments and future expectations of surgical, diagnostic procedures, education, and training.
   Director: William E. Kelley, Jr., MD | Co-Directors: Maurice K. Chung, RPh, MD, Mona Orady, MD

8:30am-9:45am  Multidisciplinary Plenary Session: TOOLS & TECHNIQUES – “COMPUTER ASSISTED SURGERY: THE WORLD IS DEFINITELY CHANGING” (See page 9)
   Director: Jay A. Redan, MD | Co-Director: Mona Orady, MD

9:45am-10:00am  ORReady
   Presented By: Paul Alan Wetter, MD

10:00am-10:30am  Break/Visit Exhibits & Product Theater Presentations by Exhibitors

10:30am-12:30pm  Affiliated Societies Breakout Session: Bridging the Gap in the World of Medicine (See page 8)

10:15am-11:30am  Multidisciplinary Plenary Session: COMPLICATIONS AND OUTCOMES – “MY FAVORITE SURGICAL ENERGY AND WHY I USE IT” (See page 9)
   Director: Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA | Co-Director: Richard Satava, MD

11:30am-12:30pm  Multidisciplinary Plenary Session: “SURGEON’S HEALTH” (See page 9)
   Director: Keith Isaacson, MD | Co-Directors: Phillip P. Shadduck, MD

12:30pm-1:30pm  Book Signing “Dr. Liselotte Mettler and Elwin W. Law Lovers to Spouses: A Story of Enduring Love”

12:30pm-1:45pm  Break/Visit Exhibits and Product Theater Presentations by Exhibitors

1:00pm-1:45pm  SIG Committee Meeting – All attendees welcome
   Co-Directors: Maurice K. Chung, RPh, MD, Mona Orady, MD

1:45pm-4:00pm  SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATIONS

1:45pm-5:00pm  Poster Town Hall Presentations  (See page 14)
   Poster presenters are invited to participate in this Oral Poster Session to make 2 minute oral presentations. The highest rated poster and presentation will be awarded a certificate of merit noting their accomplishment.
   Director: Gustavo Stringel, MD, MBA | Co-Director: Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA

1:45pm-5:00pm  AsianAmerican MultiSpecialty Summit 2017 (See page 10)

1:45pm -5:00pm  Concurrent Sessions: SCIENTIFIC PAPERS/VIDEOS/OPEN FORUM PRESENTATIONS/ UPDATES (See page 11)
   Directors: MASH Committee Members

2:00pm  Exhibit Hall Closes

2:00pm  Poster Gallery Closes
Friday – September 8

6:30am-5:00pm  CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
7:00am-2:00pm  Exhibit Hall Open
7:00am-2:00pm  Poster Gallery Open
7:00am-7:30am  Complimentary Coffee and Bakery Items / Visit Exhibits & Product Theater Presentations by Exhibitors
7:30am-7:40am  Highlights of “MULTISPECIALTY” from Scientific Sessions & Award Presentations
7:40am-8:40am  Multidisciplinary Plenary Session: ECONOMICS OF MIS – “THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF GLOBAL HEALTHCARE (See page 9)
  Director: Gustavo Stringel, MD, MBA | Co-Director: Linda Steckley, MBA
7:40am-10:00am  Affiliated Societies Breakout Session: Bridging the Gap in the World of Medicine (See page 8)
8:40am-8:45am  Presentation and Award for Best Poster
  Director: Gustavo Stringel, MD, MBA | Co-Director: Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA
8:45am-9:00am  SLS Web and OpenAccess
  Presented By: Paul Alan Wetter, MD
9:00am-10:00am  Best of the World – AsianAmerican MultiSpecialty Summit 2017
10:00am-10:30am  Break/Visit Exhibits & Product Theater Presentations by Exhibitors
10:30am-12:15pm  Video Session: SURGICAL SURPRISES (See page 14)
  Director: Charles H. Koh, MD | Co-Director: Gustavo Stringel, MD, MBA
12:15pm-1:30pm  Book Signing “Dr. Liselotte Mettler and Elwin W. Law Lovers to Spouses: A Story of Enduring Love”
12:15pm-1:45pm  Break/Visit Exhibits & Product Theater Presentations by Exhibitors
12:15pm-12:45pm  New Product Presentation by Exhibitors
  Co-Directors: John Morrison, Jr., MD, Jessica Ybanez-Morano, MD, MPH
12:45pm-1:30pm  Top Gun Shoot Out in the Exhibit Hall (See page 14)
1:45pm-4:30pm  Spotlight Presentations
1:45pm-4:30pm  AsianAmerican MultiSpecialty Summit 2017 (See page 10)
1:45pm-4:30pm  Concurrent Sessions: SCIENTIFIC PAPERS/VIDEOS/OPEN FORUM PRESENTATIONS/ UPDATES (See page 11)
  Directors: MASH Committee Members
2:00pm  Exhibit Hall Closes
2:00pm  Poster Gallery Closes

Saturday – September 9

7:00am-11:15am  CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
7:30am -9:00am  BREAKFAST WITH THE 2017 EXCEL AWARD RECIPIENT, JOHN E. MORRISON, JR., MD, LECTURE AND PRESENTATION (See page 15)
  Director: Paul Alan Wetter, MD
7:30am-8:00am  Sit-down Breakfast with Spouses/Guests
8:00am-8:10am  Highlights of “New and Exciting Technology”
9:00am-10:30am  Future Technology Session: “Getting to Really Know Yourself – Your Brain and Your Body” (See page 15)
  Director & Moderator: Richard M. Satava, MD | Co-Director & Moderator: Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA
10:30am-10:45am  Closing Ceremony – Passing the Presidential Gavel
10:45am-11:15am  SLS Business Meeting
11:15am -2:00pm  Post Conference Evaluation by Board and SLS Standing Committee Meeting
SLS Experts’ Experience and Tips and Tricks in MIS

Wednesday, September 6 | 12:00pm – 4:00pm 4 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™
Presented by the SIG and International Committee “The SLS World Team”

Director: Maurice K. Chung, RPh, MD | Co-Director: John Morrison, Jr., MD and Mona Orady, MD

This session condenses the experiences of experts in the Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons in multiple surgical fields. The discussion will involve essential surgical related issues that are important and vital for all surgeons that perform minimally invasive surgery.

We would like to invite all SLS members and SIG committee members who share the same vision of the mission of SLS “as a Multidisciplinary Society” and would like to be part of the SLS national and international faculty in the future and to be the “SLS World Team”.

Target Audience: All SIG members, any SLS members interested in becoming involved in training surgeons in laparoscopic techniques.

Course: Creation of a reproducible program that includes multispecialty surgeons experienced in laparoscopy interested in training surgeons in the US and internationally. The program consists of a series of lectures on conditions common to all minimally invasive disciplines. It also includes basic laparoscopic suturing instructions with tips and tricks from the experts. The subjects of the didactic lectures include; adhesions, entry techniques, pain, education, complex surgical conditions and complications. The skills sessions are basics of laparoscopic suturing and robotics. The intent is to create a standardized program with a bank of surgeons that are trained and willing to travel in order to educate surgeons.

Objectives: Attendees will be able to be familiar with the complications, adhesion, pain, and education issues that are common in multiple specialties. Individuals interested in becoming part of the SLS World Faculty Team and others will have the opportunity to be educated on the standardized knowledge base and structure that the “SLS MIS Experience” events throughout the world are required to provide. These efforts will help to continue the SLS mission of information and education in the US and around the - The World Mission.

Bridging the Gap in the World of Medicine

Thursday, September 7, 7:40am – 12:30pm | Friday, September 8, 7:40am – 10:00am
Presented by SLS International Affiliate Societies

SLS Ambassador & Director: Maurice K. Chung, RPh, MD | CME Director & Co-Director: Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA | Co-Director: Robert K. Zurawin, MD

This session helps condense some of the experiences of leaders in minimally invasive surgery from SLS and from around the world. Presentations and discussion will involve essential surgically-related issues that are vital topics for all surgeons that perform minimally invasive surgery. The session consists of a series of lectures on conditions common to all minimally invasive disciplines. Themes and topics included in the lectures will be: adhesions, entry techniques, pain, education, complex surgical conditions and complications, all of which are cross-cutting and important to all specialties.

Societies invited to participate in the session include:
- Asociación Latinoamericana de Cirujanos Endoscopistas (ALACE)
- Asociación Mexicana de Cirugía General (Mexican Association of General Surgery) (AMCG)
- Asociatia Romana pentru Chirurgie Endoscopica (ARCE)
- Brazilian Society of Endometriosis (SBE)
- European Focused Ultrasound Charitable Society (EUFUS)
- Federación Colombiana de Obstetricia y Ginecológia (FECOLSOG)
- Global Society of Endometriosis and Pain Surgeons and Global Society of Endoscopic and Pelvic Surgeons (GSEPS)
- Hungarian Society for Gynaecological Endoscopy (HSGE)
- International Pelvic Pain Society (IPPS)
- International Society for Medical Innovation and Technology (iSMIT)
- International Society of Gynaecological Endoscopy (ISGE)
- New European Surgical Academy (NESA)
- Sociedade Brasileira de Cirurgia Minimamente Invasiva e Robótica (SOBRACLIL)
- Saudi Laparoscopic Society
- Societatea Romana de Chirurgie Minim Invaziva in Ginecologie (SRCMIG) (The Romanian Society of Minimally Invasive Surgery in Gynecology)
- Society for Gynecologic Laparoscopy of Serbia (UGES)
- and others
Thursday, Sept. 7 | 8:30-9:45am

Tools and Techniques: Computer Assisted Surgery – The World is Definitely Changing

Approaches to surgical procedures have changed over the last 25 years from open, to laparoscopic, to now Computer Assisted Surgery (a.k.a. Robotic Surgery). Not only has this changed the way we approach an operation, but also how our surgical and team skills are acquired and assessed, and how hospitals adopt to these changes. As newer technology is constantly being introduced with evolving laparoscopic and newer computer assisted devices coming into the market, surgeons need to be able to learn and assess the utilization of these tools as they introduce them into their practice.

Faculty: Director: Jay A. Redan, MD | Co-Director: Mona Orady, MD | How Does the FDA Evaluate the Safety of Robotic Surgical Devices?: Binita S. Ashar, MD, MBA | New Devices: Jay A. Redan, MD | Training & Credentialing – FRS & CSATS: Richard M. Satava, MD | Collecting & Utilizing Data – How will It Change your Behavior?: Steven Schwatzberg, MD

Thursday, Sept. 7 | 10:30-11:30am

Complications & Outcomes: My Favorite Surgical Energy and Why I Use It

Modern surgery employs a wide variety of energy sources and devices to cut, coagulate, vaporize and seal tissues in order to accomplish the task at hand. This session will review the basic physics and tissue effects, uses, and limitations of commonly used energy sources in surgery. Understanding how these devices produce their clinical effects and being able to recognize their limitations is critically important to achieving successful outcomes, minimizing complications and enhancing safety of patients and personnel. We will focus on monopolar electrocautery, bipolar, harmonic scalpel, and advanced ultrasonic technologies. We will provide an overview and will discuss strategies to optimize the use of energy sources during surgery to improve surgical care and outcomes. We will discuss management paradigms to prevent, recognize, and treat complications from improper use of these modalities. Video segments and a panel discussion format will be used to demonstrate principles and stimulate discussion.

Faculty: Director: Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA | Co-Director: Richard M. Satava, MD | Bipolar Electrosurgery – How It Works and Why I Use It: Andrew Brill, MD | Advanced Ultrasonic Energy- How It Works and Why I Use It: Samay Jain, MD | Monopolar Electrosurgery – How It Works and Why I Use It: John E. Morrison, Jr., MD

Thursday, Sept. 1 | 11:30am-12:30pm

Surgeon’s Health

Minimally invasive surgeons are vulnerable to positional stresses that can ultimately lead to physical injuries that require physical therapy, surgery and rehabilitation to continue their surgical practice. Likewise, surgeons are exposed to unique emotional stresses that can result in depression and a very real phenomenon of “physician burnout”. Should a surgeon choose to leave their practice, one may wonder what opportunities exist within healthcare that will allow him or her to be productive and emotionally satisfied. This session will address the ergonomics of physical stress during surgery, techniques to minimize and cope with the mental stress facing surgeons and lastly, the opportunities for surgeons to remain productive should they choose to leave their surgical practice.

Faculty: Director: Keith Isaacson, MD | Co-Director: Phillip P. Shadduck, MD | Physical Health & Ergonomics: Ramon Berguer, MD | Transitioning from Surgery: Chancellor Robin G. Cummings, MD | Mental & Emotional Health: Depression and Substance Abuse – Various Types of Stress and How Different Occupations Can Affect Health: Alisa Eisenberg, MFT

Friday, Sept. 2 | 7:40-8:40am

Economics of MIS: The Changing Landscape of Global Healthcare

We understand and accept that change is inevitable. At the present time there are significant changes in the delivery and implementation of healthcare nationally and around the world. It is uncertain at this time where all these changes will ultimately take us. The landscape of healthcare continues to change. In order to adapt to these changes, we must acquire knowledge and awareness of their impact on patient care. The Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons has taken a leading role in the development of safety, quality and educational aspects of Minimally Invasive Surgery not only in our country but also internationally with the goal of improving patient outcomes.

The session Economics of MIS will explore the changing landscape of global healthcare and will provide a forum for discussion with national and international leaders in order to facilitate understanding and adaptation to some of these important changes.

AsianAmerican MultiSpecialty Summit 2017

Summit Breakout Session: Thursday, September 7, 1:45pm-5:00pm | Best of the World Plenary: Friday, September 8, 9:00am-10:00am | Summit Breakout Session: Friday, September 8, 1:45pm-4:30pm
Directors: Maurice K. Chung, RPh, MD and Charles H. Koh, MD

SLS is pleased to announce that this year the AsianAmerican MultiSpecialty Summit will be combined with Minimally Invasive Surgery Week 2017!

This summit will involve delegations of leading laparoscopic and minimally invasive surgeons representing organizations and countries in the Pacific Rim, Asia, the Americas, and around the globe and will include breakout sessions on Thursday and Friday afternoon as well as presentations in the Best of the World Plenary Session. The AsianAmerican Summit at MISWeek will provide an opportunity for meaningful educational and cultural exchange among leaders in minimally invasive surgery around the world and attendees.

Robotic Surgery Simulation
Timothy C. Brand, MD

Surgeon’s, Bed-Side Surgeon’s and Team’s Training in Robotic Surgery: The Example of Urology
Jacques Hubert, Prof Dr Med

Complex Robot Assisted Laparoscopic Urinary Reconstruction
Samay Jain, MD

Innovations in Robotic Surgery - What’s Coming Next?
Douglas Brown, MD

State of the Art in Robotic Myomectomy
Mona Orady, MD

Update in Benign Gynecologic Robotic Surgery
Aileen Caceres, MD, MPH

Robotic Sacrocolpopexy in Single Port
Etienne Vincens, MD

Robotic Esophagectomy
Jelle Ruurda, MD

Robotic Surgery for Giant Hiatal Hernias
Farid Gharagozloo, MD

Robotic Gastroesophageal Valvuloplasty: A New Paradigm for the Treatment of Gastroesophageal Reflux
Farid Gharagozloo, MD

Robotic Anatomic Pulmonary Segmentectomy
Ghulam Abbas, MD

The Robot and the General Surgeon: A Current Perspective
Khalil Beemen, MD

Integrating Robotic Laparoscopic Technique to Incarcerated/Strangulated Internal/ Ventral Abdominal Wall Hernia Repair
Russell Martin, MD

The Value of Robotics in the New Bundled Payment Models
Robert Poston, MD

Robotic Coronary Bypass Surgery
Robert Poston, MD

Does Robotics Have a Place in Vascular Surgery?
Petr Stadler, MD, PhD

Credentialing for Robotic Surgery: How Is This Different From What We Currently Do?
Jay A. Redan, MD

Remote Proctoring For Robotic Surgery: How We Can Expand This Technology Worldwide
Jay A. Redan, MD

Next Generation Robotics
Amir Saizid, MD

Intraoperative Detection of Endometriosis: The Role of Firefly Technology in Robotic Surgery
Jessica Opoku-Anane, MD

Robotics represents yet another revolution in the application of minimally invasive techniques to surgery. While conventional video endoscopic techniques were revolutionary in their own right, they were hampered by limited instrument maneuverability and two-dimensional visualization. These technological shortcomings took away the wrist-like motion of the human hand and the depth perception of human eyes and necessitated the design of “new procedures” which were adapted to the technology. Robotics by virtue of wrist-like instrument maneuverability and three-dimensional visualization has returned the advantages of the human wrist and eyes to the field of minimally invasive surgery. For the first time in the history of minimally invasive surgery, operations which were designed to be performed by open incisions can be replicated using minimal access techniques.

A series of brief presentations by experts in the field will outline the State of the Art in the application of robotics to the specific field in surgery. These lectures will help the attendee to develop a critical eye and assist them in the adoption of robotics into their practice.

Presentation topics include:

- Robotic Surgery Simulation
- Surgeon’s, Bed-Side Surgeon’s and Team’s Training in Robotic Surgery: The Example of Urology
- Complex Robot Assisted Laparoscopic Urinary Reconstruction
- Innovations in Robotic Surgery - What’s Coming Next?
- State of the Art in Robotic Myomectomy
GENERAL SURGERY

Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy in the Background of Haemangioma, Tamer N. Abdelbaki, MD

Laparoscopic Management of a Para Hiatal Hernia Presenting with Organo-Axial Twist, Tamer N. Abdelbaki, MD

Does Technique Matter in Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy, Electrocautery Dissection and Clipping Compared With Ultrasonic Dissection?, Uchenna N. Agbim, BS

Emergency Cholecystectomy in Acute Cholecystitis - Is the Outcome Better?, Syed Sohail Ahmad, FRCSI

Laparoscopic Grading of Acute Appendicitis and Histological Correlation - Is it Reliable?, Syed Sohail Ahmad, FRCSI

Totally Laparoscopic Pancreas-Sparing Duodenumectomy, Cho Akihiro, MD PhD

Repair of Femoral and Large Sliding Hernia, Ibrahim Al-Saidi, MD

Laparoscopic Remnant Cholecystectomy for Previous Subtotal Cholecystectomy, Tariq Almeriy, MD

Video Guided Endoluminal Stapling: The Next Step in the Evolution of the Surgical Stapler, Sam B. Atallah, MD

Drain Output as an Early Predictor of Chyle Leak After Minimally Invasive Esophagectomy, Sadaf Sadaf Batool, FCPS

The Impact of Minimally Invasive Surgery Training on the Surgical Treatment of Acute Appendicitis, Aaron L. Burshtein

Laparoscopic Management of Appendicitis in a Rural Hospital Setting: Real World Results With Implications For All Surgeons Treating This Disease, Kerrey B. Buser, MD

The Safety of Robotic Colorectal Resection for Elderly or Obese Patients in China: Analysis of 1051 Consistent Cases, Wenju Chang, MD

Non-Mesh Fixation in Laparoscopic Total Extraperitoneal Inguinal Hernia Repair, Dawei Chen, MD PhD

Laparoscopic Liver Resection vs. Percutaneous RFA for Patients with HCC, Tan To Cheung, Prof Dr Med

Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy: A Single Surgeon’s Nineteen Year Experience Of 1032 cases, Ignazio Massimo Civello, Prof Dr Med

Laparoscopic Diaphragmatic Hernia Repair, Benjamin Clapp, MD

Laparoscopic Right Colectomy with Fully Stapled Intra-Corporeal Anastomosis, Michael Eric Dolberg, MD

Median Arcuate Ligament Syndrome: Laparoscopic Management and Technical Aspects, Seda Dzhantukhanova, MD PhD

Laparoscopic Resections for Gastric and Duodenal GISTS: Experience on 62 Patients. Technical Aspects of Different Types of Resections in Optimizing Surgical Approach, Seda Dzhantukhanova, MD PhD

Should Risk Factors for Open Conversion be Taken into Consideration When Deciding on the Minimally Invasive Surgery Approach for Cholecystectomy? Our Experience, Antonio Gangemi, MD

Incarcerated Appendix in a Port Site Hernia: A Variation of Amyand’s Hernia, Vincent Anthony Gemma, MD

Long-term Results of Single Incision Laparoscopic Colorectal Cancer Surgery, Koo Yong Hahn, MD PhD

Laparoscopic TEP Repair of Inguinal Hernia Without Mesh Fixation, Fahkar Hameed, Fr

A New Innovative Approach for Ureret Identification Using Indocyanine Green and Fluorescence Imaging, Brett Howard, MD

Laparoscopic Repair of Spigelian Hernia, Lisa Diane Iucci, DO

25 Years’ Experience in Routine Intraoperative Cholangiography in Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy, Heshmatollah Kalbasi, MD

Day Care Laparoscopy - The Standard of Care for Gall Stone Disease, Lileswar Kaman, MS, PhD

Bedside Laparoscopy Without General Anesthesia and Operating Room Facilities, Rasoul Khoshnavaz, MD

Videoscopic Inguinal Lymphadenectomy, Miles Landry, MD

Effect of Laparoscopic Surgery on Quality of Life With Regard to Gastrointestinal Symptoms and Psychological Functions in Ulcerative Colitis, Gyorgy Lazar, Prof Dr Med

The Application of Robotic-Assisted Pancreatic Surgery in Mainland China, Heqiong Li, MD

Grynfeltt Lumbar Hernia Treated by Minilaparoscopy, Diego Laurentino/L Lima, MD

Inguinal and Spiegel Hernias Treated by a Laparoscopic and Minilaparoscopic Hybrid Approach, Diego Laurentino / L Lima, MD

New Minimally Invasive Surgical Approaches: Notes, Single Port, Minilaparoscopy, Robotic Surgery: Which is the Preferred Choice Among Patients? Preliminary Results, Diego Laurentino / L Lima, MD

Neuroendocrine Tumors: From Acquired Stability to Current Challenges, Vincenzo Neri, Prof Dr Med

Effect of Mental Rehearsal on Movement Imagery and Anxiety in Novices for The SAGES Safe Cholecystectomy Program of Adopting a Universal Culture of Safety in Cholecystectomy, Bijendra Patel, FRCS Ed FRCS (Int)
Laparoscopic Exenteration of Anterior Pelvic Organs for a Patient with Recurrent Vaginal Melanoma, Hongyan Guo, Prof Dr Med


Laparoscopic Metastatic Para-Aortic Lymph-Node Resection for Recurrent Endometrial Cancer: A Case Report, Hongying He, MD

Vaginal Cuff Closure with Unidirectional Barbed Suture During Total Laparoscopic Hysterectomy is a Safe and Feasible Procedure, Jin Hwi Kim, MD PhD

A Comparison Between Reduced-Port Robotic Surgery and Multiport Robot-Assisted Laparoscopy for Myomectomy, Woo Young Kim, Prof Dr Med

Bowel Endometriosis: Safe Endoscopic Excision of Deep Infiltrating Extra-Genital Endometriosis, Anjie Li, MD

Prevention of Urinary Retention after Radical Hysterectomy Using Low-Frequency Electrical Stimulation: A Clinical Analysis of 48 Cases, Huan Li, MD

Hybrid Minilaparoscopic Resection of Giant Tumor of the Right Ovary with Left Oophoroplasty, Diego Laurentino / L Lima, MD

The Curious Case of the Uterine Bulge: Fertility Sparing Management of a Cesarean Scar Ectopic, Shareene Lindquist, MD

Clinical Feasibility and Efficacy of Robotic Surgery Compared with Laparoscopy and Laparotomy in Ovarian Cancer: Preliminary Results of a Retrospective Study, Yuanguang Meng, Prof Dr Med

Surgical Management of Small Bowel and Ileocolic Endometriosis, Raiza Karoline Almeida de Assis Monteiro, MD

Reverse Vesicouterine Fold Dissection for Total Laparoscopic Hysterectomy, Camran Nezhat, MD

Chinese Medicine and How Its Culture May Improve Our Current Approaches, Nicholas V Pairaudeau, MB BS

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Effect of Laparoscopic Ovarian Drilling (LOD) in Patients with PCOS on Ovarian Reserve, Hesham Abdel Farrah Salem, MD

Conventional Laparoscopy vs. Robotic-Assisted Laparoscopic Resection of a Rudimentary Uterine Horn, Aidan Schmidt, MD

Recurrent Endometrial Cancer Robotic-Assisted Laparoscopy, Debulking of Tumor with Dense Adhesion to Iliac Vessels, Involving Upper Vagina and Ureterovesical Junction, Farinaz Seifi, MD

Vascular Pseudo Invasion in Laparoscopic Surgery for Endometrial Cancer, With and Without Uterine Manipulator, Farinaz Seifi, MD

Recurrence Patterns After Robot-Assisted Radical Hysterectomy in Stage Ib1 Cervical Carcinoma Cases, Mahmut Bilal Sert, MD

The Role of Plasma Energy in the Treatment of Endometriosis, Sachin B. Shenoy, MD

Robotic-Assisted Laparoscopic Myomectomy, Roseanna Valant, MD

An Interdisciplinary Approach to Treating Pelvic and Transverse Colon Endometriosis via Robotic Assisted Laparoscopy, Matthew M. Wells, MD

Laparoscopic Resection of a Rudimentary Uterine Horn Identified After Incomplete Therapeutic Abortion, Marron Cathleen Wong, MD

Laparoscopic Primary Debulking Surgery of Advanced-stage Ovarian Cancer: 30 Cases Report, Guangwu Xiong, MD PhD

Two Cases of Atypical Proliferative Endometrioid Tumors of the Ovary, Takashi Yamada, MD PhD

Non-Malignant Sequelae Following Open Power Morcellation, Hao Mike Zhang, MD M5

Minimally Invasive Intrauterine Surgery: Is it Enough for Fertility Recovery?, Vladimir Zuev, Prof Dr Med

Robot Platform Performance in Surgeons with Upper Extremity Deficiency, Michael T. Breen, MD

“Head to Head” Comparison of Three State of the Art Virtual Reality Robotic Surgery Simulators, Alexandrea M. Hertz, MD

Nikolai Pirogov – The Great Surgeon, Anatomist, Scientist, and Teacher, Alexey Ivanov, MD PhD

Workplace Bullying Faced by Residents in Obstetrics & Gynecology, Soorin Kim, MD

Techniques for Safe and Efficient Laparoscopic Entry, Anjie Li, MD

The Fundamentals of Robotic Surgery – Validation of a Proficiency-Based Progression Robotic Skills Course in a Multi-Specialty, Multi-Institutional Blinded Randomized Control Trial, Richard M. Satava, MD

Aptos Thread-Lifting: Clinical Application and Cadaver Demonstration as a Training Tool, Andrey Sergeenko, MD

Low-Cost, Distributed Laparoscopic Skills Training, Mark Stauber, PhD Candidate

Force Required for Veress Needle Entry During Laparoscopy, Mailinh T. Vu, MD

An Interdisciplinary Approach to Treating Pelvic and Transverse Colon Endometriosis via Robotic Assisted Laparoscopy, Matthew Wells, MD

Single Port Laparoscopic Inguinal Herniotomy with Emphasis on J. Point Importance to Prevent Recurrence and Complications, Muhammad Armughan, MD

An Innovative Approach to Single Port Laparoscopic Appendectomy, Cory N. Criss, MD

Laparoscopy for Intrapancreatic Duodenal Duplication Extended to Esophagus, Ali Ghibri, MD

Laparoscopic Resection of Gastric Adenomyoma, Dolores Edith Lopez, MD

Utilization of a Robotic Vessel Sealer to Optimize Operative Efficiency During a Left Robotic Adrenalectomy, Nicholas Allen Deebel, BS

Contemporary Outcomes of Robot-Assisted Laparoscopic Simple Prostatectomy, Nicholas J. Farber, MD

Performing All Major Surgical Procedures Robotically Will Prolong Wait Times for Surgery, Nicholas J. Farber, MD

Robotic Urinary Diversion Using an Anti-Peristaltic Loop and Vast-Free Uretero-Intestinal Anastomosis Reduces Uretero-Intestinal Anastomotic Leakage, Amiri Farizid, MD

Laparoscopic Bilateral Pudendal Nerve Decompression in a Patient with Chronic Pelvic Pain, Dario Garcia-Rojo, MD

Laparoscopic Salvage Pelvic Lymph Node Dissection in Recurrent Prostate Cancer, Management of a Vascular Injury, Dario Garcia-Rojo, MD

Optimization of Blood Loss During Robotic IVC Thrombectomy: Is the Robotic Approach Feasible in the Jehovah’s Witness, Alexander B. Jones, MD

Forgotten Bilateral DJ Stent : A Case Report, Anil Khetarpal, MD

Can the Use of Robotics Reduce the High Morbidity of Inguinal Lymphadenectomy?, Rutveej Patel, MD

Robotic Assisted Laparoscopic Pyelolithotomy for Treatment of Large Renal Stone Burden in a Single Session, Kushan Dilip Radadia, MD

A Role for Laparoscopy in the Age of Robotics, Gilberto Ruiz Deya, MD

Robotic Tumor Debulking with Partial Cystectomy, Bladder Reconstruction, and Ureteral Implantation in Recurrent Endometrial Cancer, Farinaz Seifi, MD
POSTER AND VIDEO SESSIONS

POSTER GALLERY
Wednesday, September 6
7:00pm – 8:30pm
Thursday, September 7
7:00am – 2:00pm
Friday, September 8
7:00am – 2:00pm

POSTER TOWNHALL PRESENTATIONS
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 1:45-5:00PM
There will be a 2-minute oral presentation and brief discussion for each poster displayed at the conference. The oral presentations will take place on Thursday, September 7 beginning at 1:45pm and will run concurrently with the afternoon scientific presentation sessions.

FRIDAY, SEP 8, 8:40AM – 8:45AM
A 2-minute presentation will be made by the Best Poster winner and an award will be presented.

Faculty
Director: Gustavo Stringel, MD, MBA
Co-Director: Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA

SURGICAL SURPRISES
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 10:30AM-12:15PM
“Surgical Surprises – When the Unexpected Happens!”
The Surgical Surprises session has been an enormously popular session since its debut at MISWeek. It aims to highlight unexpected events occurring during the progress of surgery, the decision process of how to remedy the accident/occurrence, and the video demonstration of the event and its correction. Videos will show an unexpected event or complication that occurred during a real surgical case study, followed by the corrective action taken to remedy it. The presentation will be marked by several video pause intervals when the presenter will interact with the expert panel of surgeons, urologists and gynecologists, as well as the audience in a lively discussion of alternative options, etc. This particular strength of the SLS is what distinguishes this program. Join us for another interactive, discussion-filled session at MISWeek this year with new case studies submitted by fellow attendees.

Faculty:
Director: Charles H. Koh, MD
Co-Dir: Gustavo Stringel, MD, MBA
Panel: Maurice K. Chung, RPh, MD
Michael S. Kavic, MD
William E. Kelley, MD
Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA
Liselotte Mettler, Prof Dr Med
Farr Nezhat, MD
Jay A. Redan, MD
Phillip P. Shadduck, MD
Robert M. Sweet, MD

ENDO EXPO 2017

EXHIBIT HOURS
Wednesday, Sept. 6 Thursday, Sept. 7 &
Welcome Reception Friday, Sept 8
7:00pm-8:30pm 7:00am-2:00pm

In the exhibit hall, exhibitors will provide presentations about not only the innovations of the year, but also the latest ideas and technological developments to aid surgeons in the operating room. Complimentary coffee, bakery items and refreshments will be available at designated times in the exhibit hall. For information, contact SLS: Tel 305.665.9959, Fax 305.667.4123, www.SLS.org, Exhibit@SLS.org.

EXHIBITORS
Throughout the conference, engaging presentations sponsored by exhibiting companies will highlight various products and techniques. For a list of exhibitors, visit the SLS Virtual Exhibit Hall: www.SLS.org/veh

EXHIBIT HALL EVENTS
Welcome Reception. Kick off the conference at an informal reception open to all registrants in the Exhibit Hall. Meet old and new friends, and get a preliminary look at the technical exhibits.

SLS Innovations of the Year. Come see what and how many innovative devices have been developed over the past year. The SLS Innovations of the Year will be recognized during Minimally Invasive Surgery Week 2017. It is not necessary for a company to exhibit or advertise to be eligible for this recognition. SLS encourages all commercial entities to enter their most innovative product for consideration.

Top Gun Laparoscopy Shoot Out. It’s High Noon - Are You Ready for a Shoot Out? Who is going to be the Minimally Invasive Surgery Week Top Gun? Join us and see if you are one of the greatest surgeons of all time or a legend in your own mind. Preliminary rounds will be held in the exhibit hall on Thursday, September 7. The final Shoot Out will take place September 8, Friday morning in the exhibit hall.

New Product Presentations by Exhibitors. SLS invites all exhibitors to share information about new products, technology, and developments during the New Product Presentation Session. Exhibitors who submit new product information will be allowed a one-minute presentation during the mid-day break, Friday, September 8. Note: each exhibitor will be allowed to present only one product that must have been developed within the past year.
Thursday, Sept. 7 | 7:30am -8:00am
Nezhat Distinguished Lecturer at MISWeek (Non CME)

Yasuhiko Joseph Hashimoto
Robotic Surgery System Solutions

The Nezhat brothers, Camran, Ceana, and Farr Nezhat, have a passion for medicine, in particular minimally invasive surgery in gynecology, and are luminaries in their field. Their support of the Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeon’s mission of education and information can be seen not only through their participation in SLS, but also through their teaching, their practices, and their philanthropic efforts. This generous endowment will allow SLS to continue its efforts into the future. In appreciation and recognition of their support and efforts, the SLS Board of Directors voted to name a lecture in honor of the Nezhat Family, which will take place each year at MISWeek. Join us for this year’s distinguished lecture on Robotic Surgery Systems Solutions by Yasuhiko Joseph Hashimoto.

Saturday, Sept. 9 | 7:30am -9:00am
Breakfast with the 2017 Excel Award Recipient

Recipient John E. Morrison, Jr., MD presents
Living the SLS Experience

Dr. John E. Morrison, Jr. graduated from LSU Medical School in New Orleans, Louisiana and completed his surgical residency training at Charity Hospital in New Orleans. He practiced general surgery in a solo practice, small town setting for 25 years. As a result his practice consisted of general, gynecologic, and thoracic surgery with an emphasis on minimally invasive procedures. He is author or coauthor of over 25 peer review articles, and has contributed several textbook chapters on minimally invasive surgery. He has given numerous oral presentations on a variety of topics related to minimally invasive procedures in the US and abroad and has also helped train surgeons from the US and foreign countries in laparoscopy. He is currently an Associate Professor of Surgery at LSU Department of Surgery and is the Vice Chair for Education for the Department of Surgery. He is currently living in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Saturday, Sept. 9 | 9:00am -10:30am
SLS Future Technology Session:
Getting to Really Know Yourself – Your Brain and Your Body

This annual event will introduce new revolutionary science to the medical community, and reveal what is currently in the research labs—those things you don’t know about yet. UC San Diego Supercomputer Center will reveal the next generation’s surgery, “Personalized Surgery,” and Stanford’s Dr. David Eagleman, from the PBS Series “The Brain: The Story of You,” will talk about how the brain works and what that will mean for patients and the industry five to twenty-five years from now. These future technologies will be presented in an entertaining setting.

Dr. David Eagleman is a neuroscientist, New York Times bestselling author and Guggenheim Fellow. He is the writer and presenter of The Brain, an international 6-hour television series that asks what it means to be human from a neuroscientist’s point of view. He holds an appointment in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California. Dr. Eagleman’s areas of research include time perception, vision, synesthesia, and the intersection of neuroscience with the legal system. He directs the Laboratory for Perception and Action, and is the founder and director of the Center for Science and Law. He is the author of several neuroscience books, including (1) The Brain: The Story of You, (2) Incognito: The Secret Lives of the Brain and (3) Wednesday is Indigo Blue: Discovering the Brain of Synesthesia. He has also written an internationally bestselling book of literary fiction, Sum, which has been translated into 28 languages and was named a Best Book of the Year by Barnes and Noble, New Scientist, and the Chicago Tribune. Dr. Eagleman writes for the Atlantic, New York Times, Discover Magazine, Slate, Wired, and New Scientist, and appears regularly on National Public Radio and BBC to discuss both science and literature. He has been a guest on the Colbert Report and profiled in the New Yorker. Book Signing by David Eagleman will follow the session.

Dr. Larry Smarr is the founding Director of the California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology (Calit2), a UC San Diego/UC Irvine partnership, and holds the Harry E. Gruber professorship in UCSD’s Department of Computer Science and Engineering. Before that he was the founding director of the National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA) at UIUC. He is a member of the National Academy of Engineering, as well as a Fellow of the American Physical Society, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He served on the NASA Advisory Council to 4 NASA Administrators, was chair of the NASA Information Technology Infrastructure Committee and the NSF Advisory Committee on Cyberinfrastructure, and for 8 years he was a member of the NIH Advisory Committee to the NIH Director, serving 3 directors.
2016 Best of Updates will be presented by SIG Committees on Thursday, Sept. 7 | 8:10-8:30am

Abdominal, Pelvic Pain & Adhesions
Surgical Approach to Pudendal Neuralgia
Jorge F. Carrillo, MD

Core Competencies, Fellowship, Resident & Student Education, Simulation & Training Committee:
The Core Competencies and Competence by Design
Gustavo Stringel, MD, MBA

2017 Updates will be presented by SIG Committees on Thursday and Friday afternoons

Bariatrics
Update on Bariatric Surgery: Current Procedures, Best Practice
Collin Brathwaite, MD

Laparoscopic Revision of Failed Bariatric Procedures: A Series of 271 Cases
Constantine T. Frantzides, MD, PhD

Cancer Surgery (MultiSpecialty)
Mini-Invasive Versus Open Surgery for Rectal Cancer: Functional Results
Vincenzo Neri, Prof Dr Med

Core Competencies, Fellowship, Resident & Student Education, Simulation & Training Core Competencies Update
Gustavo Stringel, MD, MBA

GERD, Hepatobiliary Disease & Cholecystectomy
GERD Screening Program and Patient Initiated Second Opinions for GERD
James C. Rosser, Jr., MD

Hernia
Hernia Update
Arthur Rawlings, MD

MIS Bioethics & Legal Issues
Ethics Update
Arthur Rawlings, MD

NOTES, LESS, SPA and Single Port Surgery
Update on NOTES, LESS, SPA and Single Port Surgery
Prof. Fuminori Sato

Technology, Innovation & Surgical Standardization
Technology Update
Sharona Ross, MD

Women in MIS
“My Faculty Gift: A Neck Tie...”
Jessica Ybanez-Morano, MD, MPH

More to come from the Special Interest Group Committees...

Abdominal, Pelvic Pain & Adhesions
Colon
Endometriosis/Ovarian/Infertility/Fertility
Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery
Fertiloscopy/Transvaginal Endoscopy
 Fibroids/Abnormal Uterine Bleeding/Hysterectomy
Hysteroscopy
Pediatric Surgery
Robotic Surgery
Urologic

RESIDENT/FELLOW & NURSE PROGRAMS

Scholarships for Residents, Fellows-in-Training, Medical Students, Nurses, & Affiliated Medical Personnel
Residents, Fellows-in-Training, Medical Students, Nurses, and Affiliated Medical Personnel MEMBERS of SLS will receive a scholarship of $575.00 towards the full registration fee of $875.00 to Minimally Invasive Surgery Week 2017.

Residents, Fellows-in-Training, & Medical Students: To qualify for the discounted membership and scholarship, you must be in training in a U.S. accredited training program or, if outside the U.S., you must be a Resident-in-Training or Fellow-in-Training within the first five years after medical school degree.

All Applicants must submit the following items via the Online Residents/Fellows, Medical Students, Nurse/Technician/Affiliated Medical Personnel Membership Application Form at www.SLS.org/Scholarship.

- A statement from applicant seeking membership (50 words or less stating their training status, specialty, current involvement and/or interest in minimally invasive surgery.

- A statement from the applicant’s Department Chairman, Program Chairman, or Sponsoring Physician (50 words or less, on letterhead with signature) stating the applicant’s training status.

$1,000.00 Cash Award for Michael S. Kavic Best Resident Paper
The recipient will present their paper at the annual conference plus receive a cash prize of $1,000.00!

Outstanding Laparoendoscopic Resident Award
Nominated by their program chairperson for demonstrating great skill and promise in laparoscopic, endoscopic, and minimally invasive surgery, Outstanding Residents will receive a certificate recognizing their achievement, membership in the Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons for the year of nomination, and discounts and scholarships towards registration for Minimally Invasive Surgery Week/Summit. Visit www.SLS.org/Residents for details.

Resident / Fellow Meet & Greet with Faculty
The Resident and Fellow Meet and Greet with Faculty will be on Wednesday, Sept 6 from 4:00pm - 4:35pm. Meet and network with SLS senior faculty and leaders, many of whom are luminaries in the field of minimally invasive surgery. Also come and learn about the many open access and digital resources available to you through SLS.
CONFERENCE DESCRIPTION
The conference is designed to meet the needs of surgeons, residents, fellows, nurses, and technical support staff within all specialties who wish to increase their knowledge of laparoscopic, minimally invasive and robotic surgical, endoscopic and diagnostic techniques. A varied menu of educational sessions and learning formats will provide valuable information and the ability to network, dialog and discuss with professionals in their own and other medical specialties.

This four-day conference will greatly expand participants’ understanding of the development and use of minimally invasive technologies and techniques. Sessions will concentrate on a variety of procedures, techniques, and important issues.

Faculty experts in Gynecology, General Surgery, Urology, and other specialties will share their experience, explain new and varied technology and techniques, and will lead discussions relevant to multidisciplinary problems and multiple specialties.

The video session, Surgical Surprises, will bring panels of Master Surgeons together to demonstrate the finer points of their techniques and to discuss how to prevent and manage surgical accidents, mishaps, and surprises with attention given to lessons learned and the appropriate action/reaction for these real-world case studies.

Updates on new developments in various specialties will be presented by SLS Special Interest Group (SIG) Committee members.

The Future Technology Session offers a glimpse into applications of science, technology and innovation that is on the near horizon and will affect our professional and private lives.

Exhibits will feature the latest in products and services offered by leading manufacturers.

CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL METHODS AND ATTENDEE OBJECTIVES
The increasing complexity of minimally invasive diagnostics and therapy requires a continuous educational process. The exchange of knowledge and expertise among the physicians taking part in this conference contributes to continuing excellence and improved outcomes in minimally invasive surgery.

Minimally Invasive Surgery Week employs a variety of educational formats including topical general sessions, scientific paper presentations, open forums, posters, and original videos offered in small specialty-specific breakout sessions, and informal gatherings of participants and expert faculty.

Upon completion of the conference, participants will be able to:

- Increase their comprehension of the basic and fundamental principles of laparoscopic, endoscopic, robotic and minimally invasive techniques, enhancing the understanding of these techniques;
- Understand the recent advances in laparoscopic, endoscopic and minimally invasive techniques;
- Determine the appropriate use of laparoscopic, endoscopic and minimally invasive equipment as part of a treatment plan in the care of patients;
- Comprehend the developing technologies that will be available in the future to enhance the standard of patient care; and
- Acquire educational information within the participant’s specialty, which will enhance professional development and patient care.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION PROCESS FOR THE SOCIETY OF LAPAROENDOSCOPIC SURGEONS
The Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons (SLS) follows the Criteria of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) in planning and developing CME activities, in order to provide a high level of continuing medical education for its members.

SLS uses its CME mission statement, which includes the CME purpose, content areas, target audience, and type of activities provided as its planning guide.

SLS identifies the educational needs and desired results for all CME activities.

SLS has an organizational structure that supports our CME activities.

SLS has developed a “Template of Excellence” in order to achieve a level of CME excellence for our members. This document lists various examples of innovative ideas that SLS utilizes to exceed the basic level of compliance required by the ACCME. SLS looks forward to receiving your input in order to continue to improve these processes and provide you with a meaningful continuing medical education in minimally invasive surgery.

The complete SLS CME Process for Continuing Medical Education is available online at www.SLS.org.

Continuing Medical Education Credit Hours

Accreditation:
The Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons (SLS) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Designation:
The SLS designates this live activity for a maximum of 23.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Wednesday, September 6, 2017 – Max Total 7.0 Credits
Friday, September 8, 2017 – Max Total 7.0 Credits
Thursday, September 7, 2017 – Max Total 7.25 Credits
Saturday, September 9, 2017 – Max Total 2.0 Credits

Maintenance of Certification Approval Statement

Through the American Board of Medical Specialties (“ABMS”) MOC initiative to create a wide array of Maintenance of Certification (“MOC”) Activities through the ABMS MOC Directory, Minimally Invasive Surgery Week 2017 has met the MOC requirements as a MOC Part II CME Activity (apply toward general CME requirement) and MOC Part II Self-Assessment Activity by the following ABMS Member Boards:

MOC Part II CME Activity  |  MOC Part II Self-Assessment
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Urology                    | Colon and Rectal Surgery

Note: If a Member Board has not deemed this activity for MOC approval as an accredited CME activity, this activity may count toward an ABMS Member Board’s general CME requirement (only). Please refer directly to your Member Board’s MOC Part II Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment Program Requirements.

American Board of Surgery
There is no ABS approval process for self-assessment activities. Based on the ABS self-assessment criteria, this activity is eligible for self-assessment credit toward Part II of the ABS MOC Program.
GENERAL INFORMATION

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS AND MEETING SITE
Hilton San Francisco Union Square
333 O’Farrell St.
San Francisco, California 94102 USA
Tel: (415) 771-1400

Reservations: 1-800-HILTONS
Reserve online: http://aws.passkey.com/e/48975930

Located in the bustling Theater District, the Hilton San Francisco Union Square is ideally located with easy access to first-rate shopping, dining and entertainment. Enjoy a swim in its indoor pool, relax in the whirlpool spa, or work out in the health club with its high-caliber equipment. Several dining options are available in the hotel, including a breakfast restaurant, a casual all-day restaurant, and a gastropub style restaurant. Hotel rooms are designed with comfort and convenience in mind, with ample space to unwind, catch up on work or socialize.

Hotel Daily Rates:
Single/Double Room: $299 USD/night

These rates are subject to appropriate state, local and occupancy taxes and do not include meals. This rate is now being offered on a space available basis. Check reservation website for applicable dates. In order to qualify for the special rate, you must mention that you are attending the SLS Conference “Group Code: MIS”.


Rooms are limited! Make your reservations now!

TRAVEL INFORMATION
For negotiated airline discount rates, contact Steve at the Store for Travel.

Toll free: 1.800.284.2538
Outside the United States: 305.251.6331
Email: steve@thestorefortravel.com

Please be sure to mention you are attending the SLS Conference in San Francisco, California.

For those attending the conference who require special assistance (accessibility, dietary, etc.), please contact SLS no later than August 23, 2017 with special requests.

DESTINATION INFORMATION
Situated between San Francisco Bay and the Pacific Ocean, San Francisco is known for its cool summers, fog, steep rolling hills, eclectic mix of architecture, and its landmarks including the Golden Gate Bridge, Fisherman’s Wharf, Chinatown, and the former Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary on Alcatraz Island. It offers unparalleled attractions, including museums such as the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, the Asian Art Museum, and Madame Tussauds. Visit the Aquarium of the Bay or ride a cable car through its well-known neighborhoods such as Nob Hill or Haight Ashbury. One of the world’s premier food cities, San Francisco is known for its diverse collection of restaurants offering everything under the sun and is known for farm fresh ingredients, fresh seafood, and innovative cuisine. There is something for everyone in the City by the Bay.

CANCELLATION POLICY
Full registration fees are refundable if registrant cancels by August 9, 2017. An administrative fee of $150.00 will be deducted from fees for cancellations postmarked on or after August 10 through August 23, 2017. Refund requests will not be considered after this date, including visa denial refunds. All requests for refunds must be made in writing and received by SLS, attention Lauren Frede (Lauren@SLS.org), by the appropriate dates. Refunds will be processed within 6 to 8 weeks after the conference.

No refunds will be made after August 23, 2017.
REGISTER FOR MIS WEEK 2017

REGISTER FORM • The #1 MIS Meeting
Minimally Invasive Surgery Week 2017 • SLS Annual Meeting
September 6-9, 2017 • Hilton San Francisco Union Square • San Francisco, California, USA

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3 Easy Ways to Register
Use ONE of the following methods to register for MIS Week 2017, San Francisco, California, USA

Deadline for Registration: August 23, 2017

Web: www.SLS.org

Mail: SLS, Inc.
7330 SW 62 Place, Suite 410
Miami, FL 33143 USA

Mailed registration forms must include check or credit card information.

Fax: (305) 667-4123

Faxed registration forms must include credit card information.

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Specialty:

❑  General Surgery  ❑  Urology  ❑  Gynecology  ❑  Other

Degree

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2. REGISTRATION SELECTION

SLS Members - Register Online at www.SLS.org by July 6, 2017 and save $200 on your conference registration!

Non-Members - Join SLS and qualify for the $200 registration discount. Apply for membership via our website and within 48 hours you will receive a login and password which will enable you to register online and receive the $200 member discount. Non-members receive a $100 early bird discount.

CONFERENCE FEES
( Includes Admission to Exhibit Hall, Welcome Reception, and 1 ticket to Breakfast with Keynote Speaker and Future Technology Session)

❑ Conference Fees - SLS MEMBER ONLY Early Bird (Before July 6, 2017)    $675

❑ Conference Fees - AA17 Summit ORGANIZING COMMITTEE & DELEGATES ONLY Early Bird (Before July 6, 2017)    $675

❑ Conference Fees - Non Member Early Bird (Before July 6, 2017)    $775

❑ Conference Fees - After July 6, 2017    $875

❑ SLS Resident, Fellow, Medical Student & Affiliated Medical Personnel MEMBER Scholarship Registration Fee * This rate is available ONLY to SLS Resident, Fellow, Medical Student & Affiliated Medical Personnel Members.

$300

Contact Info@SLS.org for info on membership.

Conference Fee: $300

❑ SLS RESIDENT & FELLOW MEET & GREET - Wednesday, September 6, 2017 4:00pm-4:35pm
Meet with the MISWeek 2017 Conference Faculty and SLS Board Members. Must be a Resident or Fellow-in-Training within 5 years of medical school graduation to attend.

No additional charge with your conference registration.

Accompanying Non-Physician Guest Fee: $150.00 per person - Fee includes: Attendance at the Wednesday, September 6 Welcome Reception and the Saturday, September 9 Seated Breakfast and Future Technology Session. Does not include admission to General Sessions or Exhibit Hall.

Number of Guests                                  @$150.00 each

Guest Fees: $150.00

Total Registration Fee: $