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A MESSAGE FROM THE *Executive Director*

Raymond Lanzafame, MD, MBA, FACS



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to the latest issue of SLSNow. Thank you for being a part of the SLS community and for your support of SLS and its educational mission. Our members and the communities we serve are our most important assets. Engaging in networking and dialogue with colleagues and peers from multiple specialties and from diverse backgrounds is the very fabric of our organization.

MISWeek 2024 is returning to the Wyndham® Lake Buena Vista Resort at Disney Springs® Resort Area. This issue of SLSNow highlights several facets of the program and has information about our honorary chair, keynote speakers and Excel and Janis Chinnock Wetter award recipients in addition to information about special pricing for Disney attractions and other activities in the area. We sold out our room block last year so don't delay! Register now and reserve your hotel rooms early.

Check out the preconference hands-on courses on advanced suturing techniques; hysteroscopy; and pain management and our didactic courses on endometriosis; and updates in robotic surgery. Seating is limited. Act now to secure your spot.

This issue also has other useful information about our publications, fellowship opportunities and more.

Please share SLSNow with your colleagues and encourage them to join SLS. We welcome your active participation and are always willing to hear your comments and suggestions. Thank you for being a part of the SLS Community.

Good reading!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raymond J. Lanzafame". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA, FACS
Executive Director & Chairman

Article *Spotlight*

JLSLS

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Current Status and Role of Artificial Intelligence in Anorectal Diseases and Pelvic Floor Disorders



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and Jasneet Bhullar, MD, MS, FACS, FASCRS

Abstract

Anorectal diseases and pelvic floor disorders are prevalent among the general population. Patients may present with overlapping symptoms, delaying diagnosis, and lowering quality of life. Treating physicians encounter numerous challenges attributed to the complex nature of pelvic anatomy, limitations of diagnostic techniques, and lack of available resources. This article is an overview of the current state of artificial intelligence (AI) in tackling the difficulties of managing benign anorectal disorders and pelvic floor disorders.

Methods: A systematic literature review was performed according to the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses guidelines. We searched the PubMed database to identify all potentially relevant studies published from January 2000 to August 2023. Search queries were built using the following terms: AI, machine learning, deep learning, benign anorectal disease, pelvic floor disorder, fecal incontinence, obstructive defecation, anal fistula, rectal prolapse, and anorectal manometry. Malignant anorectal articles and abstracts were excluded. Data from selected articles were analyzed.

Results: 139 articles were found, 15 of which met our inclusion and exclusion criteria. The most common AI module was convolutional neural network. researchers were able to develop AI modules to optimize imaging studies for pelvis, fistula, and abscess anatomy, facilitated anorectal manometry interpretation, and improved high-definition anoscope use. None of the modules were validated in an external cohort.

Conclusion: There is potential for AI to enhance the management of pelvic floor and benign anorectal diseases. Ongoing research necessitates the use of multidisciplinary approaches and collaboration between physicians and AI programmers to tackle pressing challenges.

Anorectal conditions are a group of diseases that affect the distal part of the rectum and the anal canal; examples of these diseases are hemorrhoids, anal fistulas, and perianal abscesses. On the other hand, pelvic floor disorders are a group of symptoms related to dysfunction of the pelvic floor muscle, such as urinary incontinence, pelvic organ prolapses, and defecation dysfunction, including obstructive defecation disorder and fecal incontinence (FI).

The prevalence of pelvic floor diseases in the United States reached up to 43%.¹ Furthermore, it has been shown that the frequency of these diseases tends to rise as individuals aged.¹ The occurrence of this condition is heightened by factors such as prior delivery, trauma, and pelvic radiation therapy.² Due to the sensitive nature of the symptoms, individuals

commonly present in the later stages of the condition experience substantial deterioration in their quality of life.³ Both disease entities can present with overlapping symptoms such as difficulty in defecation and persistent pain.⁴ Establishing an accurate diagnosis is essential for appropriate treatment, and this requires a comprehensive medical history and physical examination, combined with complex static or dynamic imaging investigation, and/or anorectal manometry (ARM).

Patients are typically referred to a gastroenterologist or colorectal surgeon following the failure of conservative treatment, at which point these complex investigations and advanced management plans are required.





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Honorary Chair



Ash Tewari, MBBS, MCh, FRCS (Hon.)

- Professor and System Chair, Milton and Carroll Petrie Department of Urology
- Mount Sinai Health System
- Chair of Urology, Mount Sinai Hospital
- Director of Center of Excellence for Prostate Cancer at the Tisch Cancer Institute
- Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
- Surgeon-in-Chief of the Tisch Cancer Hospital at The Mount Sinai Hospital, New York, NY

Dr. Ash Tewari, a globally recognized urologic oncology expert and pioneer in robotic surgery, serves as the Professor and System Chair of the Milton and Carroll Petrie Department of Urology at the Icahn School of Medicine. He has several leadership roles, such as the Director of the Center of Excellence for Prostate Cancer at the Tisch Cancer Institute and the Surgeon-in-Chief of the Tisch Cancer Hospital at Mount Sinai Hospital. He has performed over 9,000 robotic surgeries and is a prominent recipient of research grants from the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Defense.

His research interests include surgical prostate anatomy, genetic risk profiling, epidemiology, racial disparities, risk modeling, and integrating artificial intelligence and machine learning in healthcare. He is renowned for his nerve-sparing technique, which preserves sexual and urinary function. Dr. Tewari's team at the Milton and Carroll Petrie Department of Urology at Mount Sinai, thanks to a \$3.8 million donation from philanthropist Robert F. Smith, has initiated the Mount Sinai Robert F. Smith Mobile Prostate Cancer Screening Unit. It offers services to communities in need and has successfully screened over 5,000 patients since its April 2022 launch.

Dr. Tewari, a prolific scholar with over 250 peer-reviewed papers, has been recognized in prestigious lists like America's Top Doctors and New York Magazine's Best Doctors. His notable contributions to urologic oncology earned him the American Urological Association Gold Cystoscope Award in 2012 and the first Golden Robot Surgical Award for Excellence in Surgical Innovations for Cancer Patients, presented by Meryll and James Tisch, Co-Chairman of the Boards of Trustees of the Mount Sinai Health System.



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SEPTEMBER 28



**Antonia Coello Novello, MD, MPH, DrPH -
Keynote Speaker**

Dr. Novello was the first woman and the first Hispanic to serve as Surgeon General of the United States. Dr. Novello received her M.D. from the University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine and did her residency in Nephrology at the University of Michigan Medical Center.

From 2008 to 2014, Dr. Novello was Vice-President of Women and Children Health and Policy Affairs at Disney Children's Hospital at Florida Hospital in Orlando, Florida.

Dr. Novello also served as Commissioner of Health for the State of New York from 1999 to 2006. Dr. Novello has received numerous awards including more than fifty honorary degrees, was elected to the National Academy of Medicine in 2000, and has been inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame.



Eric Haseltine, PhD - Future Technology Speaker

Dr. Haseltine is an author, futurist, and neuroscientist. He has held several senior executive positions in private industry and the public sector. He was the Associate Director and CTO for national intelligence at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the Director of Research at the National Security Agency, an Executive Vice-President at Walt Disney Imagineering, and a Director of Engineering at Hughes Aircraft Company. For the past few years, he has been developing completely new forms of digital media, entertainment, and advertising, in addition to cutting-edge cyber and industrial security solutions.

Dr. Eric Haseltine has authored or co-authored 40 patents in optics, special effects, and electronic media. In addition, he has published more than 100 articles in Discover magazine, on Discover.com, and in journals such as Brain Research and Society for Neuroscience Proceedings. He maintains a blog on Psychology Today. Eric's book, *Long Fuse, Big Bang*, shows how to prevent the tyranny of the urgent from trumping the pursuit of the important. He is co-author of *The Listening Cure*, with Dr. Chris Gilbert.

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Excel Award



Jay A. Redan, MD, FACS is the immediate past Chief of Surgery at Advent Health-Celebration, in Celebration, Florida, Governor for the State of Florida and CME Workgroup lead for the American College of Surgeons. Additionally, he is a Professor of Surgery at the University of Central Florida College of Medicine, Past President for the Florida Chapter American College of Surgeons, and Past President of the Society of Laparoscopic and Robotic Surgeons in 2015 and 2018. Dr. Redan's most recent honor is his election as an Associate Member to the Academy of Master Surgical Educators.

Dr. Redan received his medical degree from and completed his residency in General Surgery at the University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey. He has recertified three times from the American Board of Surgery. He retired from the US Army and US Army National Guard as a Major.

Dr. Redan is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons since 1994, Charter member of the Society of Robotic Surgery, member of the Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons, and a member of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons. He is on the editorial staff of the *Journal of the Society of Laparoscopic & Robotic Surgeons*, *Surgical Endoscopy*, *Trocar.net*, and the *Journal of Robotic Surgery*. He is a frequent lecturer and has published numerous journal articles and book chapters. He has been performing laparoscopic and thoracoscopic procedures since the infancy of this specialty starting with laparoscopic cholecystectomy and diagnostic laparoscopy for trauma in 1989. He has participated in the growth of minimally invasive surgery as it is now the standard of care for multiple surgical procedures. Dr. Redan has also been involved with the development of Robotic (i.e. Computer Assisted) Surgery since 2007, as well as teaching, precepting and new product testing in multiple areas of surgery and surgical education.

Additionally, as new technology evolves there is an increasing need for “team education” and “telemedicine” as it relates to the integration of endoscopy and laparoscopy in the operating room. As more specialized Robotic equipment continues to overlap into the operating room environment, our educational process needs to change to help develop safer operating rooms and better peri-operative care which is also a passion of Dr. Redan. Video Based Assessment of Surgical Skills will be paramount in the future of Surgical Education

As a person who loves to give back, Dr. Redan has also volunteered for the past 20 years at Disney Animal Kingdom, working with veterinarians, providing minimally invasive surgical services to rare animal species, preserving the lives of these species and educating zoological veterinarians in Minimally Invasive Surgery for animals.

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Janis Chinnock Wetter Award



Linda Steckley, MBA's professional journey has included positions in education, government, philanthropy, and volunteer board service for not-for-profit organizations. Her twenty-eight years of participation on the SLS board saw a seedling organization with a controversial vision become an international society filling a unique multi-specialty role in the medical continuing education field.

Linda Steckley built a career in education, government, and philanthropy. Beginning in 1980, the next thirty-five years were spent as a fund-raising professional, retiring in 2015 after serving the Chautauqua Institution as Senior Major Gifts Officer. This followed seven years supporting public policy research as Vice President for Development and Executive Education at the Brookings Institution in Washington, DC.

Prior to joining Brookings, Steckley's work focused on higher education with senior fund-raising positions at Duke University, New York University, and the University of Miami, where she earned an MBA. Her professional leadership was demonstrated through involvement with the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), the University of Miami Herbert School of Business Administration, and the UM Alumni Association. She authored several articles/chapters on fund-raising for higher education in CASE publications.

Steckley is a founding board member, now emerita, of the Fund for Education Abroad in Washington DC, and served on the Dickinson College Alumni Council, the school where she completed her undergraduate work. Most recently, Steckley completed service on the boards of The Roger Tory Peterson Institute and the Chautauqua Institution's Opera Guild.

In 1991, while Assistant Vice President for the University of Miami School of Medicine, Steckley assisted in the initial organization of the Society of Laparoscopic Surgeons (SLS), (now the Society of Laparoscopic and Robotic Surgeons) and served as a Trustee, ex officio, for twenty-eight years. She is now retired and completing four years of study in theological education through the School of Theology at the University of the South at Sewanee. She lives with her husband Pete Weitzel in Juno Beach, Florida.



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*Director: Ceana Nezhat, MD
Atlanta, GA*

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*Director: Farr Nezhat, MD
Long Island, NY*

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Mesa, AZ*

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*Director: Tamer Seckin MD
New York, NY*

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*Director: Emery Salom, MD
Miramar, FL*

GENERAL SURGERY

SLS Fellowship in Advanced Minimally Invasive and Endoscopic Techniques in General and Colorectal Surgery

*Director: Jiri (George) Melich, MD
Vancouver, BC, Canada*

Florida Surgical Specialists Enhanced General Surgery Fellowship: Advanced Laparoscopic and Robotic Foregut, Hernia, and Colorectal Fellowship

*Director: Paul Toomey, MD
Bradenton, FL*

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*Director: Robert Sweet, MD,
FACS, MAMSE
Seattle, WA*

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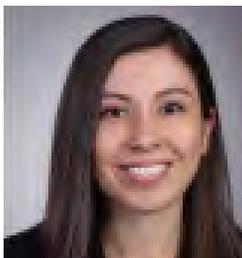
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- 7:00am – 8:00pm Conference Registration
Complimentary Coffee & Bakery Items
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- 8:00am – 12:00pm Hands On & Didactic Courses
- Didactic Master Course:
Challenges and Controversies in Endometriosis-A Multidisciplinary Problem
 - Skills Course:
Mastering Pain Management Before and After Minimally Invasive Surgery Including Office Procedures for Pain (with IPPS)
 - Suturing Skills Course:
*Advanced Laparoscopic Suturing -
For the Gynecologist, Urologist, General and Robotic Surgeon*
- 12:00pm – 1:00pm Lunch on your own
- 1:00pm – 4:30pm Hands On & Didactic Courses
- *Hysteroscopy/Office-Based Hysteroscopy Skills Course*
 - Didactic Master Course:
Updates in Robotics and Robotically-assisted Surgery
- 5:00pm – 8:00pm Opening Ceremony
Welcome Reception in Exhibit Hall and e-Poster Viewing Open
- 5:25pm – 5:38pm Introduction of Honorary Chair: Ash Tewari, MBBS, MCh, FRCS (Hon.)
Honorary Chair Presentation: How Robots Changed Course Nerve-sparring in Prostate Cancer Treatment, the Journey Through the Last 10,000 Cases
- 5:38pm – 6:13pm Keynote Speaker: Antonia Novello, MD, MPH, DRPh
Keynote Presentation: In Today's World is Equity for All Really Achievable - Possible Ways to Address the Pitfalls of Dreams Versus Realities
- 6:13pm – 6:30pm Award Presentations
- 6:30pm – 8:00pm Welcome Reception in Exhibit Hall
- 6:30pm – 7:00pm Book Signing with Antonia Novello, MD, MPH, DPh
Duty Calls (Lessons Learned from an Unexpected Life of Service)

DAY 2

**THUR
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SEPT**

- 6:30pm – 5:00pm Conference Registration
- 7:00am – 7:30am Complimentary Coffee & Bakery Items/Product Presentations by Exhibitors
- 7:00am – 4:00pm Exhibits and e-Poster Viewing Open
- 7:30am – 7:45am Highlights
- 7:45am – 9:00am Multidisciplinary Plenary Session:
Artificial Intelligence: Implications and Indications in MIS Surgery & Robotics
- 9:00am – 10:00am Multidisciplinary Plenary Session:
The Global Reach of Telesurgery
- 10:00am – 10:30am Refreshment Break/Visit Exhibits/Product Presentations by Exhibitors
- 10:30am – 11:00am Nezhat Family Lectureship
- 11:00am – 11:30am Harry Reich, MD, Special Presentation
- 11:30am – 12:30pm Didactic Lectures
- 12:30am – 12:45pm Moderator Briefing
- 12:30pm – 1:45pm Refreshment Break /Visit Exhibits/Product Presentations by Exhibitors
- 1:45pm – 5:00pm Concurrent Presentation Sessions: Scientific Papers/Videos
- 1:45pm – 5:00pm Global Perspectives in MIS
- 1:45pm – 5:00pm Poster Town Hall
- 5:30pm – 6:30pm Special Event: Fellows, Residents & New Members Meet & Greet

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Event Program*

DAY 3

**FRI
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SEPT**

- 6:30am – 5:00pm Conference Registration
- 7:00am – 7:30am Complimentary Coffee & Bakery Items/Product Presentations by Exhibitors
- 7:00am – 2:00pm Exhibits & e-Poster Viewing Open
- 7:30am – 7:45am Highlights
- 7:45am – 8:45am Multidisciplinary Plenary Session:
Building Health Equity: Making Surgery Accessible in Low Resource Environments
- 8:45am – 9:45am Multidisciplinary Plenary Session:
Healing Hands, Breaking Barriers: Transforming the Face of Surgery
- 9:45am – 10:00am Gustavo Stringel Awards for Best Poster, Best Poster by a Student, and Best Poster by a Resident
- 10:00am – 10:30pm Refreshment Break/Visit Exhibits/Product Presentations by Exhibitors
- 10:30am – 12:15pm Video Session: Surgical Surprises – When the Unexpected Happens
- 12:15pm – 1:45pm Refreshment Break /Visit Exhibits/Product Presentations by Exhibitors
- 1:45pm – 5:00pm Concurrent Presentation Sessions: Scientific Papers/Videos
- 1:45pm – 5:00pm Global Perspectives in MIS

DAY 4

**SAT
28
SEPT**

- 7:00am – 10:30am Conference Registration
- 7:30am – 8:45am Breakfast with 2024 Excel Award Recipient
- 7:30am – 8:00am Sit-Down Breakfast with Spouses / Guests
- 8:00am – 8:15am Highlights
- 8:15am – 8:25am Introduction of Excel Award Recipient - Jay Redan, MD
- 8:25am – 8:40am Presentation by Jay Redan, MD
From Metrics to Outcomes...Let's Make Sure We Are Measuring Clinically Relevant Information
- 8:40am – 8:45am Presentation of Excel Award
- 8:45am – 8:55am Introduction of Janis Chinnock Wetter Award Recipient - Linda Steckley, MBA
- 8:55am – 9:10am Presentation by Linda Steckley, MBA
SLS: The Earliest Days
- 9:10am – 9:15am Presentation of Janis Chinnock Wetter Award
- 9:15am – 9:20am Future Technology Session with Keynote Speaker:
- 9:20am – 10:05am Eric Haseltine, PhD:
Keynote Presentaion: *Predicting The Future: Envisioning Collisions Between Fast Changing Technology and Unchanging Human Nature*
- 10:05am – 10:10am Closing Ceremony - Passing the Presidential Gavel

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- Thursday, September 26, 2024
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- Friday, September 27, 2024
7:00 am – 2:00 pm

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Guests of the resort can take advantage of the daily scheduled shuttle transportation provided to the four main Walt Disney World® Theme Parks. Reservations are required. Shuttle schedules and information are provided at check-in.

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