



MISWEEK 2026 AGENDA

Preconference

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2026

1:00 pm – 6:00 pm Exhibitor Registration

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm Conference Registration

Day 1

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2026

7:00 am – 8:00 pm Conference Registration

7:00 am – 8:00 am Complimentary Coffee and Bakery Items
(For Master Course Participants Only)

8:00 am – 12:00 pm Hands-on Master Course:
*Advanced Laparoscopic Suturing – for the Gynecologist, Urologist, and
General and Robotic Surgeon*

8:00 am – 12:00 pm *Endometriosis: A Multidisciplinary Disease Requiring Multidisciplinary
Management*

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Hands-on Master Course:
*The Pain Challenge: Achieving Optimal Outcomes in Minimally Invasive
Surgery*

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm *Nuts & Bolts of Professional Practice: What They Didn't Teach you in Medical
School*

5:15 pm – 6:30 pm Opening Ceremony
General Sessions

5:15 pm – 5:20 pm Opening Remarks & Delegates Welcome
General Sessions Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA

5:20 pm – 5:25 pm Introduction of SLS President: Ian Hodgdon, MD
General Sessions Sharona Ross, MD

5:25 pm – 5:35 pm
General Sessions

SLS Presidential Welcome

Ian Hodgdon, MD

5:35 pm – 5:40 pm
General Sessions

Affiliate Societies Welcome

Maurice K. Chung, RPh, MD, Dr.h.c

5:40 pm – 5:45 pm
General Sessions

Introduction of Keynote Speaker:

Margaret (Gretchen) Schwarze MD, MPP, FACS

Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA

5:45 pm – 6:15 pm
General Sessions

Keynote Presentation

Three Fundamental Communication Skills Every Surgeon Should Have

Keynote Speaker: Margaret (Gretchen) Schwarze MD, MPP, FACS

Professor of Surgery, Morgridge Professor of Vascular Surgery

University of Wisconsin, Division of Vascular Surgery

6:15 pm – 6:30 pm
General Sessions

AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Director: Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA

Co-Director: Ian Hodgdon, MD

- The Medical Educator Consortium Award for Best Scientific Paper
- Michael S. Kavac Award for Best Scientific Paper by a Resident
- Paul Alan Wetter Award for Best Multispecialty Scientific Paper
- Carl J. Levinson Award for Best Video
- Harrith M. Hasson Award for Best Presentation Promoting Education & Training
- Award Winning Scientific Papers & Videos

FELLOWSHIP RECOGNITION

CORPORATE RECOGNITION

Recognition of Sponsors/Corporate Members/Innovations of the Year

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Exhibit Hall

Welcome Reception in Exhibit Hall

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Exhibit Hall | SLS Auditorium

e-Poster Viewing Open

Day 2

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2026

7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Conference Registration
7:00 am – 7:30 am Exhibit Hall	Complimentary Coffee and Bakery Items / Visit Exhibits / Product Presentations by Exhibitors
7:00 am – 5:00 pm Exhibit Hall	Exhibits Open
7:00 am – 5:00 pm Exhibit Hall SLS Auditorium	e-Poster Viewing Open
7:30 am – 7:45 am General Sessions	Highlights
7:45 am – 8:45 am General Sessions	Multidisciplinary Plenary Session <i>Controversies in Managing the Appendix</i>
8:45 am – 10:00 am General Sessions	Multidisciplinary Plenary Session <i>Anatomic Vignettes</i>
10:00 am – 10:30 am General Sessions	Nezhat Family Lectureship Camran Nezhat, MD, Ceana Nezhat, MD, Farr Nezhat, MD
10:00 am – 10:05 am	Introduction Ceana Nezhat, MD
10:05 am – 10:25 am	Speaker: Kara C. Long, MD, MSc Associate Attending, Gynecologic Surgery Associate Director, Gynecologic Oncology Fellowship Program Section of Ovarian Cancer Surgery, Department of Surgery Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
10:25 am – 10:30 am	Q & A
10:30 am – 11:00 am Exhibit Hall	Refreshment Break / Visit Exhibits / Product Presentations by Exhibitors
11:00 – 12:45 pm General Sessions	Multidisciplinary Plenary Session (Non-CME) <i>The Present and Future of Robotic Surgery</i>
12:45 pm – 1:00 pm General Sessions	Moderator Briefing Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA
12:45 pm – 2:00 pm Exhibit Hall	Refreshment Break / Visit Exhibits / Product Presentations by Exhibitors

2:00 pm – 5:45 pm	Concurrent Presentation Sessions Scientific Papers / Videos
2:00 pm – 5:45 pm	Current Issues in MIS
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm Exhibit Hall SLS Auditorium	Poster Town Hall (Non-CME)
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Special Event: Resident, Fellow, New Member Meet & Greet

Day 3

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2026

7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Conference Registration
7:00 am – 7:30 am Exhibit Hall	Complimentary Coffee and Bakery Items / Visit Exhibits / Product Presentations by Exhibitors
7:00 am – 2:00 pm Exhibit Hall	Exhibits Open
7:00 am – 2:00 pm Exhibit Hall SLS Auditorium	e-Poster Viewing Open
7:30 am – 7:45 am General Sessions	Highlights
7:45 am - 8:45 am General Sessions	Multidisciplinary Plenary Session <i>Mentoring, Coaching and Training in the OR and Beyond</i>
8:45 am – 9:45 am General Sessions	Multidisciplinary Plenary Session <i>Who's Watching: Assessing Surgical Skills</i>
9:45 am – 10:00 am General Sessions	Gustavo Stringel Awards for Best Poster, Best Poster by a Student, Best Poster by a Resident
10:00 am – 10:30 am Exhibit Hall	Refreshment Break / Visit Exhibits / Product Presentations by Exhibitors
10:30 am – 12:30 pm General Sessions	Surgical Surprises Video Session - When the Unexpected Happens
12:30pm – 1:30 pm	Munch and Learn (Non-CME) Vertex Pharmaceuticals

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm Exhibit Hall	Refreshment Break / Visit Exhibits / Product Presentations by Exhibitors
2:00 pm – 5:45 pm	Concurrent Presentation Sessions. Scientific Papers / Videos
2:00 pm – 5:45 pm	Current Issues in MIS

Day 4

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2026

7:00 am- 10:30am	Conference Registration
7:30 am – 8:45 am General Sessions	Breakfast with the 2026 Excel Award Recipient: Gerald M. Fried, MD, CM, FRCSC, FACS, FCAHS, M.S.C.
7:30 am – 8:00 am General Sessions	Breakfast Served
8:00 am – 8:15 am General Sessions	Highlights
8:15 am – 8:25 am General Sessions	Introduction of the Excel Award Recipient Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA
8:25 am – 8:40 am General Sessions	Presentation by the Excel Award Recipient Gerald M. Fried, MD, CM, FRCSC, FACS, FCAHS, M.S.C. Professor of Surgery Associate Dean, Education Technology & Innovation Director, Steinberg Centre for Simulation and Interactive Learning McGill University Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences Co-Founder, Clinical Innovation Platform (CLIP) Research Institute of the McGill University Health Centre
8:40 am – 8:45 am General Sessions	Presentation of Excel Award Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA
8:45 am – 9:15 am General Sessions	Janis Chinnock Wetter Award Recipient: Patricia Fleck Kavic, RN, MSW
8:45 am – 8:55 am General Sessions	Introduction of Janis Chinnock Wetter Award Recipient Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA

