



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***
Co-Director: Mireille Truong, MD
Faculty: Charles H. Koh, MD

8:00 am – 12:00 pm ***Endometriosis: A Multidisciplinary Disease Requiring Multidisciplinary
Management***
Co-Directors: Megan Kennedy Burns, MD, MA, FCOG, FACS, MIGS and
Juan L. Salgado Morales, MD, FCOG, FACS, MIGS
Faculty: Thiers Soares Raymundo, MD, Dr.h.c.

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 Postoperative Pain
Management (with IPPS)***
Director: Jorge Carrillo, MD, MHPE
Faculty: Mario Castellanos, MD and Georgine Lamvu, MD, MPH

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm ***Nuts & Bolts of Professional Practice: What They Didn't Teach you in Medical School***
Director: Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA
Faculty: Jessica Ybanez-Morano, MD, MPH

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

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

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

5:25 pm – 5:35 pm
General Sessions **SLS Presidential Welcome**
Ian A. 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 A. Hodgdon, MD

- The Medical Educator Consortium Award for Best Scientific Paper
- Michael S. Kavic 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
Co-Directors: José Nieves-Sosa, MD and
Jessica Ybanez-Morano, MD, MPH

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
Co-Directors: José Nieves-Sosa, MD and
Jessica Ybanez-Morano, MD, MPH

7:30 am – 7:45 am
General Sessions

Highlights
Co-Directors: Frederick Eruo, MD, MPH and Ian Vasicka, MD

7:45 am – 8:45 am
General Sessions

Multidisciplinary Plenary Session
Controversies in Managing the Appendix
Director: Ian A. Hodgdon, MD
Co-Director: Juan L. Salgado Morales, MD, FACOG, FACS, MIGS
Faculty: Zhaomin (Tim) Xu, MD, MPH and Jessica Opoku-Anane, MD, MS

8:45 am – 10:00 am
General Sessions

Multidisciplinary Plenary Session
Anatomic Vignettes
Director: Ceana Nezhat, MD
Co-Director: Flavio Malcher, MD, MSc, FEBS-AWS
Faculty: Thiers Soares Raymundo, MD, Dr.h.c.

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> Director: Sharona Ross, MD Co-Director: Mona Orady, MD
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) Co-Directors: José Nieves-Sosa, MD and Jessica Ybanez-Morano, MD, MPH
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
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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 Co-Directors: José Nieves-Sosa, MD and Jessica Ybanez-Morano, MD, MPH
7:30 am – 7:45 am General Sessions	Highlights Co-Directors: Frederick Eruo, MD, MPH and Ian Vasicka, MD
7:45 am - 8:45 am General Sessions	Multidisciplinary Plenary Session <i>Mentoring, Coaching and Training in the OR and Beyond</i> Director: George Melich, MD, FRCS(C) Co-Director: John E Morrison, MD Faculty: Emad Mikhail, MD, FACOG, FACS
8:45 am – 9:45 am General Sessions	Multidisciplinary Plenary Session <i>Who's Watching: Assessing Surgical Skills</i> Director: Robert B. Lim, MD, FACS, FASMBS Co-Director: Iswanto Sucandy, MD Faculty: Martin A. Martino, MD
9:45 am – 10:00 am General Sessions	Gustavo Stringel Awards for Best Poster, Best Poster by a Student, Best Poster by a Resident Co-Directors: José Nieves-Sosa, MD and Jessica Ybanez-Morano, MD, MPH
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 Director: Phillip P Shadduck, MD, DrHC Co-Director: Silvio Alen Canton, MBBS, Farr Nezhat, MD, FACOG, FACS Discussants: Ian A. Hodgdon, MD and Jessica Opoku-Anane, MD, MS
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
Co-Directors: Frederick Eruo, MD, MPH and Ian Vasicka, MD

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

8:55 am – 9:10 am
General Sessions

Presentation by the Janis Chinnock Wetter Award Recipient
Patricia Fleck Kavic, RN, MSW

9:10 am – 9:15 am
General Sessions

Presentation of the Janis Chinnock Wetter Award
Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA

9:15 am – 10:05 am
General Sessions

Future Technology Session with Keynote Speaker
Philip Metzger, PhD
Director: Richard M. Satava, MD
Co-Director: Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA

9:15 am – 9:20 am
General Sessions

Introduction of Keynote Speaker
Richard M. Satava, MD

9:20 am – 10:05 am
General Sessions

Keynote Presentation
Philip Metzger, PhD
Director, Stephen W. Hawking Center for
Microgravity Research and Education
Research Professor, Planetary Science,
Florida Space Institute
University of Central Florida

10:05 am – 10:10 am
General Sessions

Closing Ceremony – Passing the Presidential Gavel
from President Ian A. Hodgdon, MD
to President-Elect Juan L. Salgado Morales, MD, FACOG, FACS, MIGS

10:10 am – 11:00 am
General Sessions

SLS Business Meeting and Post Conference Evaluation

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

JSLs Editorial Board Meeting

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