



## MISWEEK 2026 AGENDA

### Preconference

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2026

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1:00 pm – 6:00 pm                      **Exhibitor Registration**

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3:00 pm – 6:00 pm                      **Conference Registration**

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### Day 1

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2026

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7:00 am – 8:00 pm                      **Conference Registration**

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

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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

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

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12:00 pm – 1:00 pm                      **LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**

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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

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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, Paul G. Toomey, MD

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

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

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

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

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5:35 pm – 5:40 pm  
**General Sessions**                      **Affiliate Societies Welcome**  
Maurice K. Chung, RPh, MD, Dr. h.c.

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5:40 pm – 5:45 pm  
**General Sessions**                      **Introduction of Keynote Speaker:**  
**Margaret (Gretchen) Schwarze MD, MPP, FACS**  
Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA

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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

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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. 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

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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**

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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., Ross F. Goldberg, MD, FACS

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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

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10:30 am – 11:00 am

**Exhibit Hall**

**Refreshment Break / Visit Exhibits / Product Presentations by Exhibitors**

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11:00 – 12:45 pm

**General Sessions**

**Multidisciplinary Plenary Session (Non-CME)**

***The Present and Future of Robotic Surgery***

Director: Sharona Ross, MD

Co-Director: Mona Orady, MD

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12:45 pm – 1:00 pm

**General Sessions**

**Moderator Briefing**

Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA

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12:45 pm – 2:00 pm

**Exhibit Hall**

**Refreshment Break / Visit Exhibits / Product Presentations by Exhibitors**

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2:00 pm – 5:45 pm

**Concurrent Presentation Sessions**

Scientific Papers / Videos

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2:00 pm – 5:45 pm

**Current Issues in MIS**

Director: Megan Kennedy Burns, MD, MA, FACOG, FACS, MIGS

Co-Directors: Maurice K. Chung, RPh, MD, Dr. h.c., and

Phillip P Shaddock, MD, Dr. h.c.

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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

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6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

**Special Event: Resident, Fellow, New Member Meet & Greet**

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# Day 3

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2026**

7:00 am – 5:00 pm		Conference Registration
7:00 am – 7:30 am <b>Exhibit Hall</b>	<b>Complimentary Coffee and Bakery Items / Visit Exhibits / Product Presentations by Exhibitors</b>	
7:00 am – 2:00 pm <b>Exhibit Hall</b>	<b>Exhibits Open</b>	
7:00 am – 2:00 pm <b>Exhibit Hall   SLS Auditorium</b>	<b>e-Poster Viewing Open</b> Co-Directors: José Nieves-Sosa, MD and Jessica Ybanez-Morano, MD, MPH	
7:30 am – 7:45 am <b>General Sessions</b>	<b>Highlights</b> Co-Directors: Frederick Eruo, MD, MPH and Ian Vasicka, MD	
7:45 am - 8:45 am <b>General Sessions</b>	<b>Multidisciplinary Plenary Session</b> <b><i>Mentoring, Coaching and Training in the OR and Beyond</i></b> Director: George Melich, MD, FRCS(C) Co-Director: John E Morrison, MD Faculty: Emad Mikhail, MD, FACOG, FACS	
8:45 am – 9:45 am <b>General Sessions</b>	<b>Multidisciplinary Plenary Session</b> <b><i>Who's Watching: Assessing Surgical Skills</i></b> Director: Robert B. Lim, MD, FACS, FASMBS Co-Director: Iswanto Sucandy, MD Faculty: Martin A. Martino, MD	
9:45 am – 10:00 am <b>General Sessions</b>	<b>Gustavo Stringel Awards for Best Poster, Best Poster by a Student, Best Poster by a Resident</b> Co-Directors: José Nieves-Sosa, MD and Jessica Ybanez-Morano, MD, MPH	
10:00 am – 10:30 am <b>Exhibit Hall</b>	<b>Refreshment Break / Visit Exhibits / Product Presentations by Exhibitors</b>	
10:30 am – 12:30 pm <b>General Sessions</b>	<b>Surgical Surprises Video Session - When the Unexpected Happens</b> Director: Phillip P Shadduck, MD, Dr. h.c. Co-Director: Silvio Alen Canton, MBBS, Farr Nezhat, MD, FACOG, FACS Discussants: Ian A. Hodgdon, MD and Jessica Opoku-Anane, MD, MS, Mireille Truong, MD	

<b>Day 3 • Fri Dec 4 continued</b>	
12:30pm – 1:30 pm	<b>Munch and Learn (Non-CME)</b> <b>Vertex Pharmaceuticals</b>
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm <b>Exhibit Hall</b>	<b>Refreshment Break / Visit Exhibits / Product Presentations by Exhibitors</b>
2:00 pm – 5:45 pm	<b>Concurrent Presentation Sessions</b> Scientific Papers / Videos
2:00 pm – 5:45 pm	<b>Current Issues in MIS</b> Director: Megan Kennedy Burns, MD, MA, FACOG, FACS, MIGS Co-Directors: Maurice K. Chung, RPh, MD, Dr. h.c., and Phillip P Shadduck, MD, Dr. h.c.

## Day 4

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2026

7:00 am- 10:30am	<b>Conference Registration</b>
7:30 am – 8:45 am <b>General Sessions</b>	<b>Breakfast with the 2026 Excel Award Recipient:</b> <b>Gerald M. Fried, MD, CM, FRCSC, FACS, FCAHS, M.S.C.</b>
7:30 am – 8:00 am <b>General Sessions</b>	<b>Breakfast Served</b>
8:00 am – 8:15 am <b>General Sessions</b>	<b>Highlights</b> Co-Directors: Frederick Eruo, MD, MPH and Ian Vasicka, MD
8:15 am – 8:25 am <b>General Sessions</b>	<b>Introduction of the Excel Award Recipient</b> Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA
8:25 am – 8:40 am <b>General Sessions</b>	<b>Presentation by the Excel Award Recipient</b> <b>Gerald M. Fried, MD, CM, FRCSC, FACS, FCAHS, M.S.C.</b> 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 <b>General Sessions</b>	<b>Presentation of Excel Award</b> Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA

8:45 am – 9:15 am <b>General Sessions</b>	<b>Janis Chinnock Wetter Award</b> Recipient: Patricia Fleck Kavic, RN, MSW
8:45 am – 8:55 am <b>General Sessions</b>	<b>Introduction of Janis Chinnock Wetter Award Recipient</b> Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA
8:55 am – 9:10 am <b>General Sessions</b>	<b>Presentation by the Janis Chinnock Wetter Award Recipient</b> <b>A 30 Year Journey with JSLS</b> Patricia Fleck Kavic, RN, MSW
9:10 am – 9:15 am <b>General Sessions</b>	<b>Presentation of the Janis Chinnock Wetter Award</b> Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA
9:15 am – 10:05 am <b>General Sessions</b>	<b>Future Technology Session with Keynote Speaker</b> Philip Metzger, PhD Director: Richard M. Satava, MD Co-Director: Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA
9:15 am – 9:20 am <b>General Sessions</b>	<b>Introduction of Keynote Speaker</b> Richard M. Satava, MD
9:20 am – 10:05 am <b>General Sessions</b>	<b>Keynote Presentation</b> 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 <b>General Sessions</b>	<b>Closing Ceremony – Passing the Presidential Gavel</b> from President Ian A. Hodgdon, MD to President-Elect Juan L. Salgado Morales, MD, FACOG, FACS, MIGS
10:10 am – 11:00 am <b>General Sessions</b>	<b>SLS Business Meeting and Post Conference Evaluation</b>
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	<b>JSLS Editorial Board Meeting</b>

Agenda is subject to change.