



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-Directors: Nash S. Moawad, MD, MS, FACOG, FACS and 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, FACOG, FACS, MIGS and
Juan L. Salgado Morales, MD, FACOG, FACS, MIGS
Faculty: Thiers Soares Raymundo, MD, Dr. h.c., Mariona Rius, MD,
Megan Wasson, DO, FACOG, FACS, Zhaomin (Tim) Xu, MD, MPH

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, Paul G. Toomey, MD

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 – 7:15 am
Exhibit Hall | SLS Auditorium

Moderator Briefing

Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA

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

7:15 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

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)

The Present and Future of Robotic Surgery

Director: Sharona Ross, MD

Co-Director: Mona Orady, MD

11:00 am – 11:03 am

Introduction

Sharona Ross, MD

11:03 am – 12:10 pm

Presentations by Representatives of Participating Companies:

CMR Surgical Mark Slack

Histosonics Trey Thomas

Moon Surgical Jeffrey Alvarez

12:10 pm – 12:42pm

Panel Discussion: All

12:42 pm – 12:45 pm

Concluding Remarks

Mona Orady, MD

Day 2 • Thu Dec 3 continued

12:45 – 1:00 pm General Sessions	Lifetime Achievement Recognition: Prof Liselotte Mettler (Non-CME)
12:45 pm - 12:50pm 12:50 pm – 1:00pm	Introduction: Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA <i>What Makes You a Good Endoscopic Surgeon in Our Developing World</i> Prof Liselotte Mettler
1:00 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 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.
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
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
Mentoring, Coaching and Training in the OR and Beyond
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
Who's Watching: Assessing Surgical Skills
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, 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

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
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

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

A 30 Year Journey with JSLS

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
Beyond Earth's Supply Lines: Why the Space Economy Will Drive a Revolution in Medicine and Surgery

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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