



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 **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 A. Hodgdon, MD**
General Sessions
Sharona Ross, MD

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

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

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

5:45 pm – 6:15 pm **Keynote Presentation**
General Sessions
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 **AWARD PRESENTATIONS**
General Sessions
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

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) <i>The Present and Future of Robotic Surgery</i> Director: Sharona Ross, MD Co-Director: Mona Orady, MD
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 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
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	Day 3 • Fri Dec 4 continued
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, 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

	Day 3 • Fri Dec 4 continued
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 Shaddock, 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

	Day 4 • Sat Dec 5 continued
8:55 am – 9:10 am General Sessions	Presentation by the Janis Chinnock Wetter Award Recipient <i>A 30 Year Journey with JSLs</i> 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

Agenda is subject to change.