

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: <i>Advanced Laparoscopic Suturing – for the Gynecologist, Urologist, and General and Robotic Surgeon</i> Co-Directors: Nash S. Moawad, MD, MS, FACOG, FACS and Mireille Truong, MD Faculty: Charles H. Koh, MD
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Didactic Master Course: <i>Endometriosis: A Multidisciplinary Disease Requiring Multidisciplinary Management</i> 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: <i>The Pain Challenge: Achieving Optimal Outcomes in Postoperative Pain Management (with IPPS)</i> Director: Jorge Carrillo, MD, MHPE Faculty: Mario Castellanos, MD and Georgine Lamvu, MD, MPH

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Didactic Master Course: <i>Nuts & Bolts of Professional Practice: What They Didn't Teach you in Medical School</i> Director: Raymond J. Lanza fame, MD, MBA Faculty: Richard Giller, Louis J. Terminello, Esq., Paul G. Toomey, MD, 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. Lanza fame, 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. Lanza fame, MD, MBA
5:45 pm – 6:15 pm General Sessions	Keynote Presentation <i>Three Fundamental Communication Skills Every Surgeon Should Have</i> 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
- Harrieth 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 (Non-CME)

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 (Non-CME)

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>Controversies in Managing the Appendix</i> Director: Ian A. Hodgdon, MD Co-Director: Juan L. Salgado Morales, MD, FACOG, FACS, MIGS Faculty: Jessica Opoku-Anane, MD, MS, Zhaomin (Tim) Xu, MD, MPH
8:45 am – 10:00 am General Sessions	Multidisciplinary Plenary Session <i>Anatomic Vignettes</i> Director: Ceana Nezhat, MD Co-Director: Flavio Malcher, MD, MSc, FEBS-AWS Faculty: Ross F. Goldberg, MD, FACS, 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	Moonshot in the OR: Salpingectomy for the Primary Prevention of Tubo-Ovarian Cancer 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
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 Intuitive David Hitesman Moon Surgical Jeffrey Alvarez
12:10 pm – 12:42pm	Panel Discussion: All
12:42 pm – 12:45 pm	Concluding Remarks Mona Orady, MD

12:45 – 1:00 pm General Sessions	Lifetime Achievement Recognition: Prof Liselotte Mettler (Non-CME)
12:45 pm - 12:50pm	Introduction: Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA
12:50 pm – 1:00pm	<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 (Non-CME) 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: Iswanto Sucandy, MD Co-Director: Martin A. Martino, MD Faculty: Sara A. Hennessy, MD, FACS, MBA
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-Directors: 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 <i>Beyond the Trocar: Laparoscopy and the Reinvention of Surgical Education</i> 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 <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. Lanza fame, 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

Agenda is subject to change