

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 **Seminole Registration**	**Conference Registration**
7:00 am – 8:00 am **Sun & Surf | Seminole Foyer**	**Complimentary Coffee and Bakery Items** ***(For Master Course Participants Only)***
8:00 am – 12:00 pm **Seminole B**	**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: Ian A. Hodgdon, MD, Charles H. Koh, MD
8:00 am – 12:00 pm **Sun & Surf III & IV**	**Didactic Master Course:** ***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 **Sun & Surf I & II**	**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
5:15 pm – 6:30 pm **General Session - Seminole C**	**Opening Ceremony**
5:15 pm – 5:20 pm **General Session - Seminole C**	**Opening Remarks & Delegates Welcome** Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA
5:20 pm – 5:25 pm **General Session - Seminole C**	**Introduction of SLS President:** Ian A. Hodgdon, MD John E. Morrison, MD
5:25 pm – 5:35 pm **General Session - Seminole C**	**SLS Presidential Welcome** Ian A. Hodgdon, MD
5:35 pm – 5:40 pm **General Sessions - Seminole C**	**Affiliate Societies Welcome** Maurice K. Chung, RPh, MD, Dr. h.c.
5:40 pm – 5:45 pm **General Sessions - Seminole C**	**Introduction of Keynote Speaker:** **Margaret (Gretchen) Schwarze MD, MPP, FACS** Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA
5:45 pm – 6:15 pm **General Sessions - Seminole C**	**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 - Seminole C**	**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 | Seminole D & E**	**Welcome Reception in Exhibit Hall**
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm **Exhibit Hall | Seminole D & E** **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 **Seminole Registration**	**Conference Registration**
7:00 am – 7:15 am **Exhibit Hall | Seminole D & E** **SLS Auditorium**	**Moderator Briefing** Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA
7:00 am – 7:30 am **Exhibit Hall | Seminole D & E**	**Complimentary Coffee and Bakery Items / Visit Exhibits / Product Presentations by Exhibitors**
7:00 am – 5:00 pm **Exhibit Hall | Seminole D & E**	**Exhibits Open**
7:15 am – 5:00 pm **Exhibit Hall | Seminole D & E** **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 - Seminole C**	**Highlights** Co-Directors: Frederick Eruo, MD, MPH and Ian Vasicka, MD
7:45 am – 8:45 am **General Sessions - Seminole C**	**Multidisciplinary Plenary Session** ***Controversies in Managing the Appendix*** 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
7:45 am – 7:47 am	Introduction Ian A. Hodgdon, MD
7:47 am – 7:59 am	Compare Antibiotic Therapy and Watchful Waiting with Operative Management of Uncomplicated Acute Appendicitis, Including Recurrence and Long-Term Outcomes Zhaomin (Tim) Xu, MD, MPH
7:59 am - 8:11 am	Management of Appendicitis During Pregnancy Juan L. Salgado-Morales, MD, FACOG, FACS, MIGS
8:11 am - 8:23 am	Recognize the Clinical Significance of Appendiceal Involvement in Patients with Endometriosis and Identify Circumstances in Which Appendectomy Should be Considered Jessica Opoku-Anane, MD, MS
8:23 am - 8:35am	Describe the Principles, Indications, Technique, Potential Benefits, and Limitations of Endoscopic Retrograde Appendicitis Therapy (ERAT) Ian A. Hodgdon, MD
8:35 am - 8:45 am	Q&A | Discussion All
8:45 am – 10:00 am **General Sessions - Seminole C**	**Multidisciplinary Plenary Session** ***Anatomic Vignettes*** 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.
8:45 am - 8:50 am	Introduction Ceana Nezhat, MD
8:50 am – 9:05 am	Anatomy of the Abdominal Wall and Groin Flavio Malcher, MD, MSc, FEBS-AWS
9:05 am – 9:20 am	Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Anatomy Ross F. Goldberg, MD, FACS
9:20 am – 9:35 am	Anatomy of the Deep Pelvis Thiers Soares Raymundo, MD, Dr. h.c.

9:35 am – 9:50 am	The Ureters, Retroperitoneum and Distorted Anatomy in Endometriosis Ceana Nezhat, MD
9:50 am – 10:00 am	Q&A | Discussion All
10:00 am – 10:30 am **General Sessions - Seminole C**	**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 | Seminole D & E**	**Refreshment Break / Visit Exhibits / Product Presentations by Exhibitors**
11:00 – 12:45 pm **General Sessions - Seminole C**	**Multidisciplinary Plenary Session (Non-CME)** ***The Present and Future of Robotic Surgery*** Director: Mona Orady, MD
11:00 am – 11:03 am	Introduction Mona Orady, 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 - Seminole C**	**Lifetime Achievement Recognition: Prof Liselotte Mettler (Non-CME)**
12:45 pm - 12:50pm	Introduction: Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA
12:50 pm – 1:00pm	***What Makes You a Good Endoscopic Surgeon in Our Developing World*** Prof Liselotte Mettler
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm **Exhibit Hall | Seminole D & E**	**Refreshment Break / Visit Exhibits / Product Presentations by Exhibitors**

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	**Concurrent Presentation Sessions** Scientific Papers / Videos
General Sessions - Seminole C	General Surgery
Sun & Surf I & II	General Surgery
Seminole A	Gynecology
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm **Seminole B**	**Current Issues in MIS I (Room A)** 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 – 6:00 pm **Sun & Surf III & IV**	**Current Issues in MIS II (Room 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.
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm **Exhibit Hall | Seminole D & E** **SLS Auditorium**	**Poster Town Hall (Non-CME)** Co-Directors: José Nieves-Sosa, MD and Jessica Ybanez-Morano, MD, MPH
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm **South Courtyard**	**Special Event: Resident, Fellow, New Member Meet & Greet**

Day 3

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2026

7:00 am – 5:00 pm **Seminole Registration**	**Conference Registration**
7:00 am – 7:30 am **Exhibit Hall | Seminole D & E**	**Complimentary Coffee and Bakery Items / Visit Exhibits / Product Presentations by Exhibitors**
7:00 am – 2:00 pm **Exhibit Hall | Seminole D & E**	**Exhibits Open**
7:00 am – 2:00 pm **Exhibit Hall | Seminole D & E** **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 - Seminole C**	**Highlights** Co-Directors: Frederick Eruo, MD, MPH and Ian Vasicka, MD

7:45 am - 8:45 am **General Sessions - Seminole C**	**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
7:45 am – 7:50 am	Introduction George Melich, MD, FRCS(C)
7:50 am – 8:05 am	The Surgical Learning Ecosystem and the Coaching Cycle Emad Mikhail, MD, FACOG, FACS
8:05 am – 8:20 am	Changing Landscape of Surgical Training John E. Morrison, MD
8:20 am – 8:35 am	The Surgeon's Mind Under Pressure: Psychology, Burnout, and Evidence-Based Strategies for Prevention George Melich, MD, FRCS(C)
8:35 am – 8:45 am	Q&A | Discussion All
8:45 am – 9:45 am **General Sessions - Seminole C**	**Multidisciplinary Plenary Session** ***Who's Watching: Assessing Surgical Skills*** Director: Iswanto Sucandy, MD Co-Director: Martin A. Martino, MD Faculty: Sara A. Hennessy, MD, FACS, MBA
8:45 am – 8:50 am	Introduction Iswanto Sucandy, MD
8:50 am – 9:05 am	The Use of Simulation and Artificial Intelligence in The Training of Modern Surgeons and Improvement of Surgical Outcomes Iswanto Sucandy, MD
9:05 am – 9:20 am	Human Factors in the Operating Room: Evaluating Non-Technical Errors and their Impact on Morbidity and Mortality Sara A. Hennessy, MD, FACS, MBA
9:20 am – 9:35 am	The Digital Surgical Coach: The Role for AI in the Pursuit of Surgical Excellence Martin Martino, MD
9:35 am – 9:45 am	Q&A | Discussion All

9:45 am – 10:00 am **General Sessions - Seminole C**	**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 | Seminole D & E**	**Refreshment Break / Visit Exhibits / Product Presentations by Exhibitors**
10:30 am – 12:30 pm **General Sessions - Seminole C**	**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 **Seminole B**	**Munch and Learn (Non-CME)** **Vertex Pharmaceuticals**
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm **Exhibit Hall | Seminole D & E**	**Refreshment Break / Visit Exhibits / Product Presentations by Exhibitors**
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2:00 pm – 6:00 pm **Sun & Surf III & IV**	**Current Issues in MIS II** 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.
7:00 pm – 9:00pm **South Courtyard**	**Board Dinner**

Day 4

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2026

7:00 am- 10:30am **General Sessions - Seminole C**	**Conference Registration**
7:30 am – 8:45 am **General Sessions - Seminole C**	**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 - Seminole C**	**Breakfast Served**
8:00 am – 8:15 am **General Sessions - Seminole C**	**Highlights** Co-Directors: Frederick Eruo, MD, MPH and Ian Vasicka, MD
8:15 am – 8:25 am **General Sessions - Seminole C**	**Introduction of the Excel Award Recipient** Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA
8:25 am – 8:40 am **General Sessions - Seminole C**	**Presentation by the Excel Award Recipient** ***Beyond the Trocar: Laparoscopy and the Reinvention of Surgical Education*** **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 - Seminole C**	**Presentation of Excel Award** Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA
8:45 am – 9:15 am **General Sessions - Seminole C**	**Janis Chinnock Wetter Award** Recipient: Patricia Fleck Kavic, RN, MSW
8:45 am – 8:55 am **General Sessions - Seminole C**	**Introduction of Janis Chinnock Wetter Award Recipient** Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA
8:55 am – 9:10 am **General Sessions - Seminole C**	**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 - Seminole C**	**Presentation of the Janis Chinnock Wetter Award** Raymond J. Lanzafame, MD, MBA

9:15 am – 10:05 am **General Sessions - Seminole C**	**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 - Seminole C**	**Introduction of Keynote Speaker** Richard M. Satava, MD
9:20 am – 10:05 am **General Sessions - Seminole C**	**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 - Seminole C**	**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 - Seminole C**	**SLS Business Meeting and Post Conference Evaluation**
11:00 am – 12:30 pm **Gold Coast IV**	***JSLS* Editorial Board Meeting**

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