

SOCIETY of ASIAN
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◆ Conference Schedule ◆

SAAS 10th Annual Meeting and Inaugural SAAS/LSS Joint Meeting

THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

6:00 – 7:00 AM **REGISTRATION/BREAKFAST/EXHIBITS**

7:00 – 9:00 AM *** Disruptive Surgical Innovation**

Opening Remarks

Yuman Fong, MD | *City of Hope*

TBD

Behnam Badie, MD | *City of Hope*

Socio-Precision Surgery

Loretta Erhunmwunsee, MD | *City of Hope*

From Broad Strokes to Fine Details

Mustafa Raoof, MD, MS | *City of Hope*

Invited Speakers

Panel Discussion Moderated by Laleh G. Melstrom, MD, MSCI & Yanghee Woo, MD | *City of Hope*

9:00 – 9:15 AM **BREAK/EXHIBITS**

9:15 – 9:30 AM **Welcome & Opening Address**

Ankush Gosain, MD, PhD | *UVA Health Children's Hospital*

Minerva A. Romero Arenas, MD, MPH | *Weill Cornell Medicine*

9:30 – 10:15 AM **Kui and Wai Fong Lectureship**

Mark Zhang, DO | *U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs*

10:15 – 11:15 AM ***Concurrent Scientific Sessions I**

Oral Abstract A-1 | Oral Abstract B-1 | Oral Abstract C-1 | Oral Abstract D-1 | Oral Abstract E-1 | Oral Abstract F-1

11:15 – 11:45 AM **NETWORKING BREAK/EXHIBITS**

11:45 AM – 12:30 PM **LSS President's Address**

Minerva A. Romero Arenas, MD, MPH | *Weill Cornell Medicine*

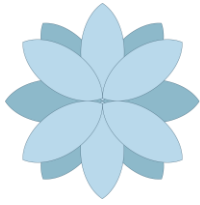
12:30 – 2:00 PM **LUNCH/EXHIBITS**

***Trainee Networking Luncheon**

Maximizing the Trainee Experience – How to Make the Most of Your Time in Training

2:00 – 3:30 PM ***Concurrent Career Professional Development Sessions**

Trainee/Junior Faculty Breakout Session Options	
Room 1	Planning Your Research Years
Room 2	Being a Good Mentee
Room 3	Finding Your First Job
Mid to Senior Faculty Breakout Session Options	
Room 4	Managing Conflicts and Critical Conversations
Room 5	Healthcare Finance in Today's World



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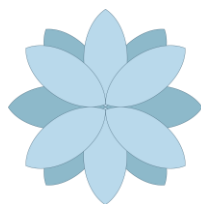


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3:30 – 4:00 PM	NETWORKING BREAK/EXHIBITS
4:00 – 5:30 PM	360 Leadership: Leading & Developing High-Performing Teams Connie Tang <i>Gritty Executive Consulting</i>
5:30 PM	ADJOURN FOR THE DAY
5:30 – 6:30 PM	<i>Trainee Networking Social</i>
6:30 – 9:00 PM	GALA WELCOME RECEPTION



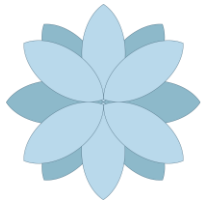
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FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 5, 2025

6:00 – 7:30 AM	REGISTRATION/BREAKFAST/EXHIBITS
6:30 – 7:30 AM	*Women in Surgery Breakfast Session Moderator: Annabelle Fonseca, MD, MHS <i>University of Alabama at Birmingham</i>
7:30 – 7:45 AM	BREAK/EXHIBITS
7:45 – 9:00 AM	*Concurrent Scientific Sessions II Oral Abstract A-2 Oral Abstract B-2 Oral Abstract C-2 Oral Abstract D-2 Oral Abstract E-2 Oral Abstract F-2
9:00 – 9:15 AM	BREAK/EXHIBITS
9:15 – 10:15 AM	Plenary Session
10:15 – 11:00 AM	Kuo Family Lectureship Jackie Wong <i>McKinsey & Company</i>
11:00 – 11:30 AM	NETWORKING BREAK/EXHIBITS
11:30 AM – 12:15 PM	SAAS President's Address Ankush Gosain, MD, PhD <i>UVA Health Children's Hospital</i>
12:15 – 1:15 PM	LUNCH/EXHIBITS
1:15 – 2:00 PM	Presidential Keynote Speaker LSS Keynote Speaker
2:00 – 3:00 PM	Chair Panel
3:00 – 3:15 PM	BREAK/EXHIBITS
3:15 – 4:30 PM	*Concurrent Career Development Sessions

Trainee/Junior Faculty Breakout Session Options	
Room 1	Bouncing Back from the Challenges of Training
Room 2	Lessons Learned from Being a New Attending
Mid Career Faculty Session	
Room 3	Network Development: Mentors, Sponsors, Kitchen Cabinet How to Build a Strategic Plan
Senior Faculty Breakout Sessions	
General Session Room	A Surgical Leader is Still a Middle Manager: How to Effectively Manage Stakeholders
	Assembling My Dream Team: Best Hiring Practices and Bringing Out the Best from the People I Have
	How to Smell Trouble: Staying Ahead of the Curve



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4:30 – 5:30 PM	*SAAS Business Meeting
5:30 PM	ADJOURN FOR THE DAY
5:30 – 7:30 PM	FAREWELL RECEPTION

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**Optional and breakout/concurrent sessions are non-CME accredited.*

The conference may find it necessary to substitute faculty with comparable expertise on those rare occasions necessitated by illness, unforeseen scheduling conflicts or extraordinary occurrences.