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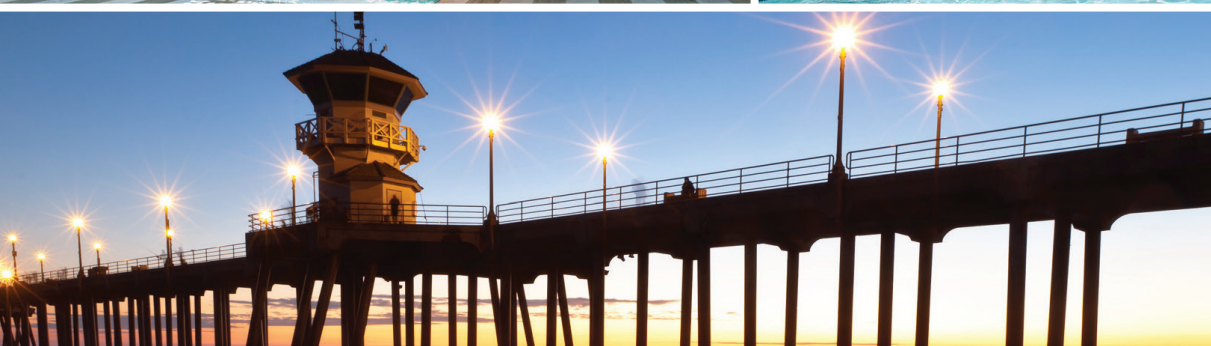
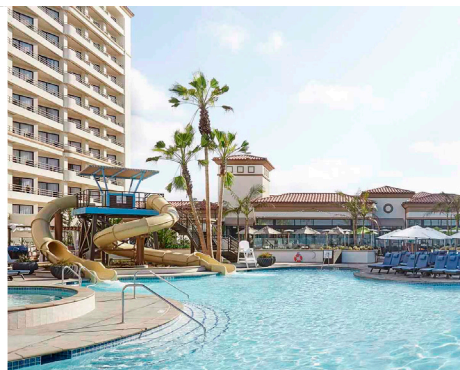
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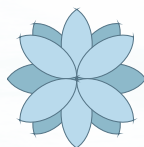
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COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

- Advancements and leading-edge research that are shaping the future of surgery
- Discussions from senior surgical leaders on how to navigate challenges and amplify your leadership potential
- Interactive sessions on mastering work-life balance, impactful mentorship and overcoming career challenges
- Networking opportunities with renowned surgical leaders, academic trailblazers and multidisciplinary experts from top institutions

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CONFERENCE VENUE AND LAYOUT

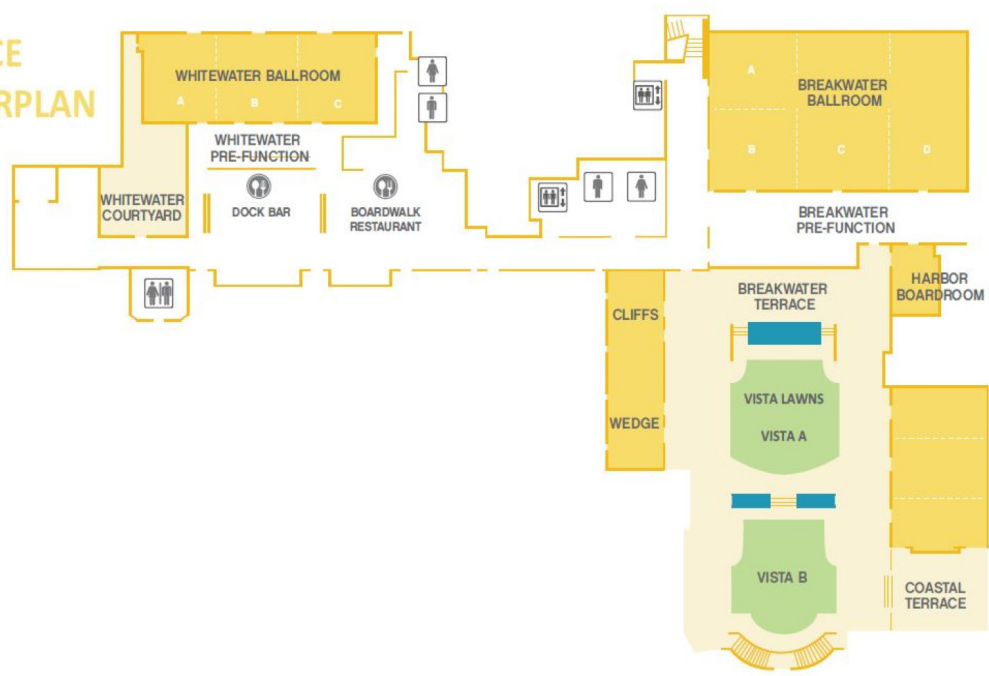
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21100 Pacific Coast Hwy, Huntington Beach, CA 92648



CONFERENCE AREA FLOORPLAN



Twin Dolphin Tower

WELCOME

DEAR FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES,

On behalf of the Society of Asian Academic Surgeons (SAAS), the Latino Surgical Society (LSS) and City of Hope, it is a great pleasure to welcome you to the 2025 SAAS 10th Annual Meeting and Inaugural SAAS/LSS Joint Meeting in Huntington Beach, CA on September 4-5, 2025! This collaboration signals a unified effort to strengthen the values of excellence, equity, and inclusion across the field of surgery.

This year's theme is "**EMPOWERING CURRENT & FUTURE SURGICAL LEADERS.**" We are thrilled to gather in the breathtaking coastal setting of Huntington Beach, California, graciously hosted by the City of Hope Department of Surgery, where we will engage in rigorous scientific exchange, meaningful professional development, and impactful networking - all cornerstones of our annual gathering.

We have assembled a robust scientific program showcasing the innovative research and clinical excellence of our members. Our professional development sessions offer essential guidance on leadership, promotion, wellness, and advocacy. We are honored to welcome a slate of distinguished keynote speakers whose insights will inspire and challenge us as surgeons, scholars, and leaders. In partnership with City of Hope this year, they seek to motivate and inspire professional development amongst surgeons throughout the country.

CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP



Jinny Ha, MD
*Johns Hopkins
University School
of Medicine*



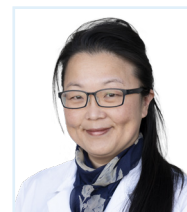
Gina Adrales, MD, MPH
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*Brigham and Women's Hospital,
Harvard Medical School*



Mustafa Raoof, MD, MS
City of Hope



Yanghee Woo, MD
City of Hope

JOIN SAAS & LSS!

City of Hope joins the Society of Asian Academic Surgeons (SAAS) and the Latino Surgical Society (LSS) in inviting you to join a dynamic community of surgeons committed to professional and leadership development, as well as advancing equity in surgery. As a member, you'll be part of a collaborative network committed to advancing career growth, championing health equity, and shaping the future of surgical education, research, and patient care.

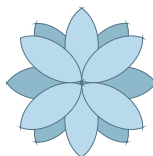
To apply for membership, visit the respective link below:

SAAS

asiansurgeon.org/online-registration/

LSS

latinosurgicalsociety.org/membership



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SAAS PRESIDENT



Ankush Gosain, MD, PhD

*University of Virginia
School of Medicine*

It is with great pride and immense excitement that I welcome you to the 10th Annual Meeting of the Society of Asian Academic Surgeons (SAAS) - a milestone moment in our Society's history. This year's meeting is particularly special as it marks the Inaugural Joint Meeting between SAAS and the Latino Surgical Society (LSS). Over the past decade, SAAS has grown from a small, committed group of trailblazers to a nationally recognized force in academic surgery. Our membership now spans institutions across the country and reflects the full breadth of surgical specialties. Through our meetings, mentorship programs, research initiatives, and advocacy efforts, we continue to realize SAAS's mission. This year's meeting is a testament to that mission. Most importantly, this meeting offers a space for connection and community. Whether this is your first SAAS meeting or your tenth, I encourage you to engage deeply - ask questions, make new connections, and find your place in this growing and supportive network of surgical leaders. Thank you for being here and thank you for your continued commitment to advancing the mission of SAAS. I look forward to sharing this historic meeting with all of you!

LSS PRESIDENT



Minerva Romero Arenas, MD, MPH

Weill Cornell Medicine

It is with great honor that I write this message as the President of the Latino Surgical Society (LSS), an organization I am proud to have founded with good friends. The LSS was established to cultivate, nurture, and support the advancement of Latinos in Surgery. Our organization is proud to welcome members from all backgrounds who share our belief in that mission. Latinos represent approximately 20% of the US population, yet represent <5% of the surgical workforce. We are grateful to count on the support of amigos in SAAS to help drive our mission forward. This joint meeting reflects our shared vision with SAAS Founding Member, Dr. George Yang, who supported us from the start, and together we dreamed of working to elevate everyone in surgery. Thank you again for this opportunity. Here's to an inspiring meeting and fruitful collaborations ahead!

CITY OF HOPE HOST



Yuman Fong, MD

City of Hope

In the U.S. there are over 6,000 hospitals, and nearly 350 academic departments of surgery. 25% of the surgical workforce is Asian, but only 2% of Chairmen of Departments are Asian. When considering East Asians, it's even worse. There are only 4 East-Asian chairmen of academic departments of surgery in America.

The Society of Asian Academic Surgeons was formed to help fix this disparity and to help our young Asian surgeons rise to leadership. It is a place for scientific exchange, networking, and leadership training.

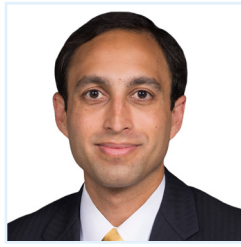
We are honored to host the SAAS 10th Annual Meeting, and this year partner with and welcome the Latino Surgical Society!

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

A special [Thank You](#) to the 2025 SAAS/LSS Conference [Planning Committee and Reviewers](#) for their dedication and commitment, which was instrumental in the development of this year's program.



Hassan Aziz, MD



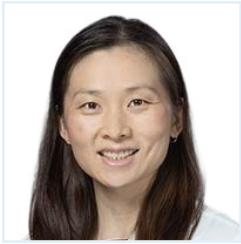
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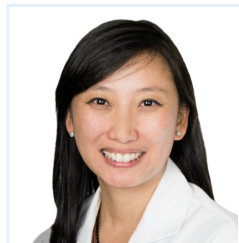
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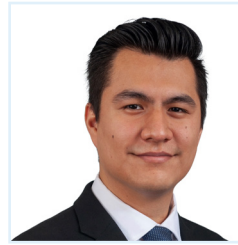
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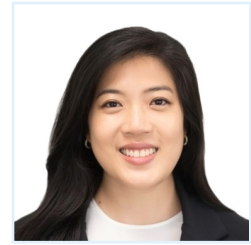
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KUI AND WAI FONG LECTURESHIP

Thursday, September 4, 2025
9:30 to 10:15 a.m.
General Session

Innovation in Healthcare: From the Community to AMCs to VA
Mark Zhang, DO, MMSc | *U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs*

BACKGROUND

The Kui and Wai Fong Lectureship was established by Dr. Yuman Fong to honor his parents and all parents who have sacrificed for the success of their children. This lectureship has been delivered by luminaries of American Academia including transplantation pioneer Dr. John Fung, endocrine surgeon James A. Lee, biomedical engineer David Hu, transplant immunologist Kazuhiko Yamada, and surgical innovator Heung Bae Kim.

GUEST SPEAKER



Mark Zhang, DO, MMSc

Chief Innovation Officer
Office of Healthcare Innovation and Learning (OHIL)(14HIL)
Office of Discovery, Education and Affiliate Networks (DEAN)(14)
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Haipeng (Mark) Zhang, DO, MMSc previously was the Associate Chief Medical Information Officer of Digital Innovation and the Medical Director of the Digital Innovation Hub at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Associate Program Director of the Clinical Informatics and Innovation Fellowship at Mass General Brigham, Palliative Care consultant at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, and Instructor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School.

He is the founder of Palliative Care Fast Facts for iOS and Android mobile applications, the co-founder of Cake, a venture backed company focused on advance care planning, and also founded and was the first president of American Medical Informatics Association Clinical Informatics Fellows (ACIF), the national organization for clinical informatics fellows. He also founded and is the president of the American Medical Extended Reality Association (AMXRA), the medical society for medical extended reality.

In his previous role as a leader in digital health implementation and digital innovation at Mass General Brigham, Dr. Zhang has created award-winning applications including COVID Pass and Mass General Brigham Prescreen.

Friday, September 5, 2025
10:15 to 11 a.m.
General Session

Inclusive Leadership in the Workplace
Jackie Wong | *McKinsey & Company*

BACKGROUND

The Kuo Family Lectureship was endowed by past SAAS President Paul C. Kuo, MD, MBA, to recognize and pay tribute to his family. This annual lectureship has often featured innovative talks by speakers who have been outside of medicine. This has included: Joanne Chang, Chef and Co-Owner of Flour Bakery + Café; Debbie Lum, Filmmaker (Documentary - *Try Harder!*); Jason Kalirai, PhD, Mission Area Executive for Civil Space in the Space Exploration Sector of the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (APL); and Patricia Park, Author of *Re Jane*, *Imposter Syndrome & Other Confessions of Alejandra Kim*, and *What’s Eating Jackie Oh?*.

GUEST SPEAKER



Jackie Wong
Associate Partner and Senior Expert
McKinsey & Company

Jackie Wong is an Associate Partner and Senior Expert at McKinsey & Company, serving clients in talent, leadership, and diversity, equity & inclusion. He leads a variety of DEI research at McKinsey, including *Asian American workers: Diversity outcomes and hidden challenges* and the *Race in the Workplace* series. Jackie holds an MBA from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, a Master of Architecture from the University of Pennsylvania School of Design, and a B.A. in economics and urban studies from Stanford University.

CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

DAY ONE | THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

6 to 7 a.m.	Registration/Breakfast/Exhibits	Breakwater Ballroom A & B
7 to 9 a.m.	Disruptive Surgical Innovation by City of Hope	Breakwater Ballroom C & D
9 to 9:15 a.m.	Break/Exhibits	Breakwater Ballroom A & B
9:15 to 10:15 a.m.	General Session	Breakwater Ballroom C & D
10:15 to 11:15 a.m.	Scientific Abstracts I Breakout Sessions	Breakwater Ballroom C & D/ Whitewater A/Whitewater B/ Whitewater C/Cliffs/Wedge
11:15 to 11:45 a.m.	Networking Break/Exhibits	Breakwater Ballroom A & B
11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	General Session	Breakwater Ballroom C & D
12:30 to 2 p.m.	Lunch/Exhibits	Vista Lawns (Vista A)/ Breakwater Ballroom A & B
12:30 to 2 p.m.	Trainee Networking Lunch <i>RSVP required</i>	Vista Lawns (Vista B)
2 to 3:30 p.m.	Professional Development Breakout Sessions	Whitewater A/Whitewater B/ Whitewater C/Cliffs/Wedge
3:30 to 4 p.m.	Networking Break/Exhibits	Breakwater Ballroom A & B
4 to 5:30 p.m.	General Session	Breakwater Ballroom C & D
5:30 p.m.	Day 1 Sessions Adjourn	
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.	Trainee Networking Social <i>RSVP required</i>	Breakwater Ballroom A & B
6:30 to 9 p.m.	Gala Welcome Reception <i>Registrant RSVP required/Guest Paid Ticket Required</i>	Vista Lawns

DAY TWO | FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2025

6 to 7:30 a.m.	Registration/Breakfast/Exhibits	Breakwater Ballroom A & B
6:30 to 7:30 a.m.	Women in Surgery Panel <i>RSVP required</i>	Breakwater Ballroom C & D
7:30 to 7:45 a.m.	Break/Exhibits	Breakwater Ballroom A & B
7:45 to 9 a.m.	Scientific Abstracts II Breakout Sessions	Breakwater Ballroom C & D/ Whitewater A/Whitewater B/ Whitewater C/Cliffs/Wedge
9 to 9:15 a.m.	Break/Exhibits	Breakwater Ballroom A & B
9:15 to 11 a.m.	General Session	Breakwater Ballroom C & D
11 to 11:30 a.m.	Networking Break/Exhibits	Breakwater Ballroom A & B
11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	General Session	Breakwater Ballroom C & D
12:15 to 1:15 p.m.	Lunch/Exhibits	Breakwater Ballroom A & B/ Vista Lawns (Vista A & B)
1:15 to 3 p.m.	General Session	Breakwater Ballroom C & D
3 to 3:15 p.m.	Break/Exhibits	Breakwater Ballroom A & B
3:15 to 4:30 p.m.	Career Development Breakout Sessions	Breakwater Ballroom C & D/ Whitewater A/Whitewater B/ Whitewater C
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.	General Session	Breakwater Ballroom C & D
5:30 p.m.	Conference Adjourns	
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Farewell Reception <i>RSVP required</i>	Huntington Pool

MEETING MATERIALS

Check in at the registration desk to receive conference materials and a name badge.

CONFERENCE NAME BADGE

Official conference name badge must be worn at all times to gain and maintain access to conference rooms and meals.

CONFERENCE LOCATION

The Waterfront Beach Resort, a Hilton Hotel
21100 Pacific Coast Hwy
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

General Session: Breakwater Ballroom C & D
Breakout Sessions: Breakwater Ballroom C & D/
Whitewater A/Whitewater B/
Whitewater C/Cliffs/Wedge

REGISTRATION DESK — HOURS OF OPERATION

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Thursday, September 4, 2025	6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Breakwater Pre-Function
Friday, September 5, 2025	6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Breakwater Pre-Function

CONFERENCE MEALS AND BREAKS

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Thursday, September 4, 2025	Lunch/Exhibits	12:30 to 2 p.m.	Breakwater Ballroom A & B/ Vista Lawns (Vista A & B)
Thursday, September 4, 2025	Networking Break/Exhibits	3:30 to 4 p.m.	Breakwater Ballroom A & B
Thursday, September 4, 2025	Gala Welcome Reception	6:30 to 9 p.m.	Vista Lawns
Friday, September 5, 2025	Breakfast/Exhibits	6 to 7:30 a.m.	Breakwater Ballroom A & B
Friday, September 5, 2025	Break/Exhibits	7:30 to 7:45 a.m.	Breakwater Ballroom A & B
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Friday, September 5, 2025	Break/Exhibits	3 to 3:15 p.m.	Breakwater Ballroom A & B
Friday, September 5, 2025	Farewell Reception	5:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Huntington Pool

EXHIBIT HALL HOURS

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Thursday, September 4, 2025	6 to 7 a.m.; 9 to 9:15 a.m.; 11:15 to 11:45 a.m.; 12:30 to 2 p.m.; 3:30 to 4 p.m.; 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.	Breakwater Ballroom A & B
Friday, September 5, 2025	6 to 7:30 a.m.; 7:30 to 7:45 a.m.; 9 to 9:15 a.m.; 11 to 11:30 a.m.; 12:15 to 1:15 p.m.; 3 to 3:15 p.m.	Breakwater Ballroom A & B

WI-FI AND E-SYLLABUS

WI-FI

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E-SYLLABUS/ABSTRACTS

In keeping with City of Hope's "green initiative" to reduce waste, an e-syllabus containing the 2025 SAAS/LSS Conference Abstracts is available online only (printed abstracts will not be available on-site). We recommend you access abstracts prior to the conference and bring your computer or mobile device fully charged.

Access the 2025 SAAS/LSS Conference Abstracts on the E-Syllabus by visiting the following link:

builder.guidebook.com/g/saas-lss-2025/

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SOCIAL GATHERINGS

We look forward to attendees participating in the SAAS 10th Annual Meeting and Inaugural SAAS/LSS Joint Meeting’s social gatherings, where participants will be able to network, connect with colleagues and create new opportunities for collaboration.

OFFICIAL CONFERENCE-ISSUED BADGE MUST BE WORN FOR ALL ACTIVITIES.

Please Note: Some activities require registrant RSVP and guest prepaid tickets

Thursday, September 4, 2025
TRAINEE NETWORKING LUNCHEON
12:30 to 2 p.m.

*Complimentary for registrant (Trainee).
RSVP required.*

TRAINEE NETWORKING SOCIAL
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
*Complimentary for registrant (Trainee).
RSVP required.*

GALA WELCOME RECEPTION
6:30 to 9 p.m.
*Complimentary for registrant.
RSVP required.
Prepaid Guest Ticket required,
if applicable.*

Friday, September 5, 2025
**WOMEN IN SURGERY BREAKFAST
PANEL**
6:30 to 7:30 a.m.
*Complimentary for registrant.
RSVP required.*

FAREWELL RECEPTION
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
*Complimentary for registrant.
RSVP required.*

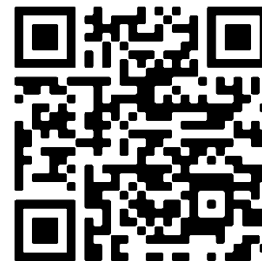
To RSVP for the Social Gatherings, registrants must complete the Pre-Conference Survey.

If you have not completed the Pre-Conference Survey, please scan the QR Code to complete it now:



UPCOMING SYMPOSIA

SCAN QR CODE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.



SAVE THE DATE!

Latino Surgical Society (LSS) Networking Reception at the American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress
Saturday, October 4, 2025 | Chicago, IL

2026 Latino Surgical Society Surgical Symposium
April 24 - 26, 2026 | University of Chicago, Chicago, IL



SAAS 11th Annual Meeting

September 10-11, 2026

The Westin Cincinnati
Cincinnati, Ohio





Since its inception, the Society of Asian Academic Surgeons has been committed to the personal and career development of Asian academic surgeons. In keeping with this mission, the Society of Asian Academic Surgeons (SAAS) Fund supports the SAAS Visiting Professor Program, the SAAS-Society of University Surgeons Promising Leaders Program, SAAS Diversity and Inclusion Initiative, and other important programs. Please support the SAAS Fund.

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The Latino Surgical Society (LSS) was established to cultivate, nurture, and support the advancement of Latinos in surgery. The LSS has grown through the grassroots efforts of its current members and Founders. We are counting on your generosity to empower the next generation of surgeons.

Support your Latino Surgical Society today by visiting

latinosurgicalsociety.org/support



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CONFERENCE AGENDA

SAAS 10TH ANNUAL MEETING AND INAUGURAL SAAS/LSS JOINT MEETING THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

All sessions in Breakwater Ballroom (General Session Room) unless otherwise noted.

6 to 7 a.m.	REGISTRATION/BREAKFAST/EXHIBITS
7 to 9 a.m.	<p>*Disruptive Surgical Innovation</p> <p>Opening Remarks Yuman Fong, MD City of Hope®</p> <p>Emerging Cellular Therapies for Brain Tumors Behnam Badie, MD City of Hope</p> <p>Socio-Precision Surgery Loretta Erhunmwunsee, MD City of Hope</p> <p>Novel Therapeutic Approaches in Refractory GI Cancers Mustafa Raoof, MD, MS City of Hope</p> <p>Building a Research Program in Digital Tech: An Exploration of Sensors and Wearable Technology Carla M. Pugh, MD, PhD Stanford University School of Medicine</p> <p>My Journey to Break Down Pancreatic Cancer Jen Jen Yeh, MD University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</p> <p>Panel Discussion: How to Start a Research Program and How to Sustain It Moderators: Laleh G. Melstrom, MD, MSCI & Yanghee Woo, MD City of Hope</p>
9 to 9:15 a.m.	BREAK/EXHIBITS
9:15 to 9:30 a.m.	<p>Welcome & Opening Address</p> <p>Ankush Gosain, MD, PhD UVA Health Children's Hospital</p> <p>Minerva Romero Arenas, MD, MPH Weill Cornell Medicine</p>
9:30 to 10:15 a.m.	<p>KUI AND WAI FONG LECTURESHIP</p> <p>Innovation in Healthcare: From the Community to AMCs to VA Mark Zhang, DO, MMSc U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs</p>
10:15 to 11:15 a.m.	<p>HEPATOBIILIARY SURGERY/ ONCOLOGY LOCATION: GENERAL SESSION ROOM</p> <p>Moderators: Hassan Aziz, MD & Zhi Ven Fong, MD, DrPH</p>
<p>*Concurrent Scientific Abstract Sessions I</p> <p>60-minute sessions to choose from:</p>	<p>A-01 Microbial Dysbiosis Associated with Clonorchis Sinensis Infection in Liver Cancer Patients Sophia Xiao, BA</p>
	<p>A-02 Inhibition of AXL Dependent Non-professional Efferocytosis Sensitizes Pancreatic Cancer Cells to Immune Checkpoint Blockade Joon Park, MD</p>
	<p>A-03 Prolonged Survival in Patients with Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma and Metachronous Isolated Pulmonary Metastases after Neoadjuvant Therapy and Curative-intent Resection Bahda Yun</p>
	<p>A-04 Hepatic Artery Infusion of Adenovirus Encoding TNFSF14/LIGHT Increases Tumor Infiltrating Lymphocytes in Colorectal Liver Metastasis Sophia Hernandez, MD, MAS</p>
	<p>A-05 Optimal Timing of Adjuvant Therapy in Patients with Poorly Differentiated Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma Parit Mavani, MD</p>
	<p>A-06 Redefining Upfront Resectable Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma: Does Vein Abutment Matter? Po Hong Tan, MBBS</p>
	<p>A-07 Open, Laparoscopic, and Robotic Liver Resection for Hepatic Neoplasms: Trends and Outcomes Over More than a Decade Jessica Liu, BS</p>
	<p>A-08 Immunohistochemistry and Cytogenetics Do Not Impact Survival in Ewing's Sarcoma Family of Tumors of the Pancreas: A Systematic Review and Survival Analysis Swetha Lakshminarayanan, MBBS</p>
	<p>A-09 Validation of a 16-Gene Signature for Molecular Subtyping in the PANCREAS Clinical Trial Jaewon J. Lee, MD</p>
	<p>A-10 Care for Advanced Liver Cancer: The Association Between Commission on Care-accredited Hospitals and Treatment Received Brian Longbottom, MD</p>

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10:15 to 11:15 a.m.

***Concurrent Scientific Abstract Sessions I**
60-minute sessions to choose from:

COLORECTAL SURGERY | LOCATION: WHITEWATER A

Moderators: Steven Y. Chao, MD & Neal Bhutiani, MD, PhD

- B-01 Interventions for Improving Patient Preoperative and Inpatient Ostomy Care
[Daphne Sanchez, MS, MPH](#)
- B-02 Postoperative Serum Sodium as a Promising Low-cost Biomarker for Anastomotic Leakage: More Evidence Needed - A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis | [Kaiser O'Sahil Sadiq, MBBS](#)
- B-03 A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis of the Outcomes of Anal Fistula Clips in the Treatment of Anal Fistulas
[Mira Eid, MD](#)
- B-04 Improving Adolescent and Caregiver Awareness and Education in the Inflammatory Bowel Disease Population
[Gianina C. Hernández-Márquez, MD](#)
- B-05 Feasibility and Safety of Single-port Robotic Transanal Minimally Invasive Surgery
[Patricia Marcolin, MD](#)
- B-06 13 years of Sacral Nerve Stimulation Experience at a Single Institution
[Alex Huang, MD](#)
- B-07 Artificial Intelligence Performance on Patient-level Education of Inflammatory Bowel Disease
[Makenna Marty, MD](#)
- B-08 Association of Robotic vs. Laparoscopic Approach with Risk of Ureteral Injury in Rectal Resection
[Zeyu Liu, BS](#)
- B-09 Minority Race and Ethnicity Are Underreported in Colorectal Surgery Research: A 14-Year Systematic Review
[Julie Hong, MD](#)
- B-10 The Slow Adoption of Neoadjuvant Treatment for Clinical T4b Colon Cancer: A National Cancer Database Analysis
[Adam Truong, MD](#)
- B-11 Socioeconomic Drivers of Colorectal Cancer Incidence in Rural Alabama
[Connie Shao, MD, MSPH](#)

ENDOCRINE SURGERY | LOCATION: WHITEWATER B

Moderators: Priya Dedhia, MD, PhD & Tracy S. Wang, MD, MPH

- C-01 Predictive Value of a Normal Ipsilateral Parathyroid Gland for Single-gland Disease in Primary Hyperparathyroidism
[Daniel Gomez Carrillo, MD](#)
- C-02 Incidental and Ignored: Adrenal Incidentalomas in the Emergency Setting
[Jessica K. Hall, MD](#)
- C-03 Lingual Lapses: Evaluating Online Information Quality and Accuracy for Graves' Disease in Three Major Languages
[Kristen HoSang, MD](#)
- C-04 Extent of Surgery and Patterns of Recurrence in Medullary Thyroid Cancer: A Multi-institutional Retrospective Study
[Young-Ji Seo, MD](#)
- C-05 Chat-no-HPT: AI Falls Short on Diagnosing Primary Hyperparathyroidism
[Michael S. Lui, MD](#)
- C-06 Cardiac Risk Increased with Prolonged Untreated Hypercalcemia in Primary Hyperparathyroidism: An Analysis of Coronary Artery Calcium Scores | [Justin Bauzon, MD](#)
- C-07 Process Improvement for Screening Patients for Primary Hyperparathyroidism Using Electronic Health Record Registry
[Amy Han, MD](#)
- C-08 The Impact of Language Discordance on Disparities in Surgical Referral for Primary Hyperparathyroidism: A Qualitative Study of Provider Perspectives | [Angie Hernandez](#)
- C-09 Chinese Language Patients' Perceptions on Thyroid Disease and Treatment: A Qualitative Study
[Janice Wong](#)
- C-10 No Surgery for You: Determinants of Provider Advised Non-surgical Management for Thyroid Cancer
[Megan Alexandra Satyadi, MD](#)

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ENDOCRINE SURGERY | LOCATION: WHITEWATER B
Moderators: Priya Dedhia, MD, PhD & Tracy S. Wang, MD, MPH

C-11 Revealing the Gender Divide: Primary Hyperparathyroidism Across the American Population
Julia Kasmirski, MD

C-12 Utilization of Preoperative Imaging Before Parathyroid Surgery: Clinical Necessity or Routine Practice?
Raj Roy, MBBS

TRAUMA/CRITICAL CARE/ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY | LOCATION: WHITEWATER C
Moderators: David Machado-Aranda, MD & Suresh "Mitu" Agarwal, MD

D-01 Did COVID-19 Impact Medical-legal Needs Among Trauma and Emergency General Surgery Patients?
Emily Joy G. Stevenson, MD

D-02 Impact of Glasgow Coma Scale, Age, and Gender on Mortality in Severe Craniomaxillofacial Trauma: A Retrospective Analysis | José G. Rosa Colón

D-03 Distance, Deprivation, and Disparities: The Intersection of ADI, Trauma Desserts, and Urbanicity
Francisco Alvarado, MD

D-04 MRI for Trauma-associated Neck Pain: Think Again
Henry Olivera Perez, MD

D-05 Antibiotic Guidance in Open Pelvic Fractures: Beyond Gustilo Anderson
Andrea M. Gochi, MD, MS

D-06 Crossing Lines: How the Expiration of Title 42 Changed the Injury Landscape at the US-Mexico Border
Parisa Oviedo, MD

D-07 Mobile Bearing Versus Fixed Bearing Unicondylar Knee Implants: A Comparison of Early Clinical Outcomes
Cameron Nishida, BS

D-08 Identifying Mortality Predictors in Octogenarians or Older Patients with Acute Subdural Hematomas: A Propensity Score-matched Analysis | Shahenda Khedr, BA

D-09 Identifying High-risk Clinical Phenotypes for Missed Injuries in Geriatric Blunt Trauma: A Causal Latent Class Analysis
Arnav Mahajan, MB

D-10 Evaluating the Diagnostic Performance of Large Language Model Prompting Strategies in Burn Depth Classification Compared to Burn Provider Assessment | Tamer R. Hage, BS

D-11 Identifying Patient-prioritized Domains of Recovery: A PROMIS-based Core Outcome Set for Older Adult Trauma Patients | Lensay Leon, BS

D-12 How Have Racial and Ethnic Disparities Affected the Rates and Outcomes of Total Knee and Hip Arthroplasty in the United States Over the Last Two Decades (A Systematic Review) | Diego Najera Saltos, BSc (Hons), MSc

CARDIAC/THORACIC/VASCULAR/TRANSPLANT SURGERY | LOCATION: CLIFFS
Moderators: Jeffrey B. Velotta, MD & Diego Avella Patino, MD

E-01 Using Artificial Intelligence to Improve the Readability of Patient Education Materials in Vascular Surgery
Yazid K. Ghanem, MD, MCh

E-02 Evaluation of an AI-assisted Pipeline for Creation of Patient-specific Hybrid Hex/Tet Biventricular Cardiac Meshes
Gustavo Flores

E-03 Ancestry-associated Enrichment of POLE Mutations in Hispanic Lung Adenocarcinoma Patients: Implications for Immune-driven Survival Advantage | Ethan Romero, BA

E-04 Loss of Muscarinic Receptors Innervation Following Lung Transplantation Drives Unregulated Cell Proliferation in Acute Airway Injury | Syim Salahuddin, MSc

E-05 Glucagon-like Peptide-1 Receptor Agonists Improve Survival and Control Tumor Growth in Non-small Cell Lung Cancer
Akhil Goud Pachimatla, MD

E-06 Mitral Valve Repair is Superior to Mitral Valve Replacement for Patients Aged ≥60 with Degenerative and Functional Etiologies: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis | Ralf Martz Sulague, MD, MS

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CARDIAC/THORACIC/VASCULAR/TRANSPLANT SURGERY | LOCATION: CLIFFS

Moderators: Jeffrey B. Velotta, MD & Diego Avella Patino, MD

- E-07 **An Innovative Pathway to Diagnose, Stage and Treat Non-small Cell Lung Cancer: Addressing Treatment Delays in the Pacific Region** | [Amelia Wong, DO](#)
- E-08 **Impact of Insurance Reimbursement on Treatment Choice for Carotid Revascularization**
[Sam Eunsam Cho](#)
- E-09 **Single-cell Spatial Transcriptomic Analysis of Tumor Heterogeneity in Malignant Peritoneal Mesothelioma: Novel Insights Into Inter-patient and Intra-patient Tumor Heterogeneity** | [Shruthi R. Perati, MD](#)
- E-10 **A Qualitative Study on Attitudes Towards Clinical Trial Participation Among Residents of the Portland Metropolitan Area in the State of Oregon** | [Logan D. Morrison, DO](#)
- E-11 **The Problem(s) with Informed Consent**
[Charlotte Harrington, MD](#)

HEALTH DELIVERY/ EDUCATION/ GLOBAL SURGERY | LOCATION: WEDGE

Moderators: Gezzar Ortega, MD, MPH & Lindsay E. Y. Kuo, MD, MBA

- F-01 **Social Vulnerability Predicts State-level Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Receipt of Treatment for Patients with Metastatic Early-onset Colorectal Cancer** | [Tracey Pu, MD](#)
- F-02 **Addressing Non-medical Barriers in Gastrointestinal Cancer Care: A Mixed-methods Study of Provider Perspectives**
[Trisha Lal, MD](#)
- F-03 **Enhancing Surgical Patient Education: Evaluating the Accuracy and Readability of AI-translated Materials Across Multiple Languages** | [Phillip Hwang, MD](#)
- F-04 **Are We Truly "All of Us"? Persistent Underrepresentation of Asians and Hispanics in NIH's All of Us Research Program**
[Zhiyu \(Jason\) Qian, MD](#)
- F-05 **Financial Toxicity Associated with Cancer Surgery Patients in Northern Thailand**
[Jade Tso, BS](#)
- F-06 **Associations of Neighborhood Social Determinants of Health with Gastric Cancer Stage at Diagnosis: Hispanic and Asian Neighborhoods Fare Differently** | [Max Hazeltine, MD](#)
- F-07 **Quality and Literacy Assessment of American Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons Online Material for Spanish and Chinese Speakers: A Call for Improvement** | [Victoria Yuan, MD](#)
- F-08 **Hashtags and Healing: Leveraging Reddit for Holistic Ostomy Care**
[Ava Herzog, BS](#)
- F-09 **Financial Literacy, Debt Burden, and Retirement Preparedness Among General Surgery Residents: Gender-based Disparities in Perceived Financial Well-being** | [Marin Kheng, MD, MPH](#)
- F-10 **Real-time, automated, AI Preoperative Risk Score Implementation Decreases Rate of Serious Post-operative Complications in a Cancer Hospital** | [Ryan Lamm, MD, MS](#)
- F-11 **The Chief Resident General Surgery Clinic: A Single Institution Pilot Program**
[Shriya Kane, MD](#)
- F-12 **Attrition in Surgery: A Scoping Review of Contributing Factors and Demographic Disparities**
[Jocelynn T. Dorotan, BS, BA](#)

11:15 to 11:45 a.m.

NETWORKING BREAK/EXHIBITS

11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

LSS President's Address [Minerva Romero Arenas, MD, MPH](#) | [Weill Cornell Medicine](#)

12:30 to 2 p.m.

LUNCH/EXHIBITS

***Trainee Networking Luncheon**
Maximizing the Trainee Experience — How to Make the Most of Your Time in Training

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2 to 3:30 p.m.

*Concurrent Professional Development Sessions

Trainee/Junior Faculty Breakout Sessions to Rotate Through

Planning Your Research Years | LOCATION: WHITEWATER A

Neal Bhutiani, MD, PhD | *University of Louisville School of Medicine*

Yasmin A. Zerhouni, MD | *City of Hope*

Being a Good Mentee | LOCATION: WHITEWATER B

April E. Mendoza, MD, MPH | *University of California San Francisco, East Bay*

Gezzer Ortega, MD, MPH | *Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School*

Finding Your First Job | LOCATION: WHITEWATER C

Zhi Ven Fong, MD, DrPH | *Mayo Clinic Arizona*

Ajay V. Maker, MD | *UCSF Helen Diller Comprehensive Cancer Center*

Mid to Senior Faculty Breakout Sessions to Rotate Through

Managing Conflicts and Critical Conversations | LOCATION: CLIFFS

O. Joe Hines, MD | *David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA*

Mubeen Jafri, MD | *Doernbecher Children's Hospital, Oregon Health and Science University*

Mary T. Killackey, MD | *Tulane School of Medicine*

Ariel P. Santos, MD, MPH | *Texas Tech University Health Sciences University*

Healthcare Finance in Today's World | LOCATION: WEDGE

Prabhakar Baliga, MD | *Medical University of South Carolina*

Simone Betchen, MD, MBA | *UHS Hospitals*

Yuman Fong, MD | *City of Hope*

3:30 to 4 p.m.

NETWORKING BREAK/EXHIBITS

4 to 5:30 p.m.

Professional Development Session

Moderator: Emily Keung, MD, AM | *The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center*

Rethinking Success in Surgery: Reconciling Personal and Professional Expectations

Heather Brod, MA, PCC | *Heather Brod, LLC*

Panelists:

Eugene S. Kim, MD | *Cedars-Sinai Medical Center*

Jennifer H. Kuo, MD, MS | *Columbia University*

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

5:30 p.m.

ADJOURN FOR THE DAY

5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

TRAINEE NETWORKING SOCIAL

6:30 to 9 p.m.

GALA WELCOME RECEPTION

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6 to 7:30 a.m. **REGISTRATION/BREAKFAST/EXHIBITS**

6:30 to 7:30 a.m. ***Women in Surgery Panel**
Moderator: Annabelle Fonseca, MD, MHS | University of Alabama at Birmingham
Panelists:
 Simone Betchen, MD, MBA | *UHS Hospitals*
 Lillian S. Kao, MD, MS | *McGovern Medical School at UTHealth Houston*
 Courtney Plattner, MD | *University of Cincinnati*
 Minerva Romero Arenas, MD, MPH | *Weill Cornell Medicine*
 Susan Tsai, MD, MHS | *Ohio State University*
 Jennifer F. Tseng, MD, MPH | *Boston University*

7:30 to 7:45 a.m. **BREAK/EXHIBITS**

7:45 to 9 a.m.

***Concurrent Scientific Abstract Sessions II**
 75-minute sessions to choose from:

SURGICAL ONCOLOGY I | LOCATION: GENERAL SESSION ROOM

Moderators: Cameron E. Gaskill, MD, MPH & Melissa E. Hogg, MD, MS

- G-01 High Density Collagen I Improves Modeling of Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer**
Kim Nguyen-Ta, MD, MPH
- G-02 Decoding the Immune Machinery of Cancer-associated Fibroblasts**
Chuner Guo, MD, PhD
- G-03 Outcomes of Tumor Mutational Profiling in Resected Pancreatic Cancer**
Jeremy Chang, MD
- G-04 Pancreatic Neuroendocrine Neoplasia: A Disease on a Spectrum**
Aman Singla, BS
- G-05 Association of Operative Volume with Oncologic Outcomes after Robotic Distal Gastrectomy**
Jenny Cevallos, MD
- G-06 A Rare but Increasing Threat: An Evaluation of Regional and Single-institution Trends in Merkel Cell Carcinoma**
Megan Kolbe, BS
- G-07 Evaluating Direct KRAS^{Q61H} Inhibition in Pancreatic Cancer Models**
Szu-Aun Long, MD
- G-08 The Impact of Second Pathologic Review in the Management of Patients with Malignant Melanoma**
Angelina Wang, BS
- G-09 Uncovering Molecular Pathways in Appendiceal Cancer: A Comprehensive Characterization for Precision Oncology**
Enrique Velazquez-Villarreal, MD, PhD
- G-10 Gut Check: Surgical Patients Weigh in on Fiber and Fermented Foods - A Qualitative Study**
Zeyi Zhou, MD
- G-11 Artificial Intelligence Performance in Generating Colorectal Surgery Board-style Questions**
Jonathan Zuo, MD
- G-12 Underutilization of Parathyroidectomy Among Dialysis Patients with Tertiary Hyperparathyroidism**
Natalie Ailene Moreno, MD, MHS
- G-13 Is Anastrozole Really Better than Tamoxifen for Low-risk Breast Cancer?**
Jennifer Den, MD
- G-14 Outcomes after Surgery in Academic versus Community Hospitals for Ascending Colon Cancer**
Michael Ou, MD
- G-15 Estimating Financial Impact of Using AI Predictions for OR Case Scheduling**
Eric Elftmann, BS

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75-minute sessions to choose from:

SURGICAL ONCOLOGY II | LOCATION: WHITEWATER A

Moderators: Mustafa Raoof, MD, MS & Jiping Wang, MD, PhD

- H-01 **Scoping Smart: Cutting Time, Not Corners with AI Supported Literature Reviews**
Ioannis Liapis, MD, MPH
- H-02 **Tumor DNA Analysis in Peritoneal Fluid from Patients with Peritoneal Carcinomatosis**
Muhammad Talha Nawaz, MBBS
- H-03 **Surgical Stress Promotes Development of Colorectal Liver Metastases Via Modulation of Hepatic Regulatory T Cells**
Grace Wu, MD
- H-04 **Impact of Social Determinants on Diagnosis and Treatment Delays for Resectable Pancreatic Cancer: Insights from a High-volume Center** | Muhammad Maisam Ali, MBBS
- H-05 **Development of a Quantitative Method to Assess Peritoneal Sclerosis in Patients Under-going PIPAC**
Muhammad Talha Waheed, MD
- H-06 **Utilization and Prognostic Significance of Immunotherapy in Unresectable and Metastatic Gastric Adenocarcinoma**
Naveen Manisundaram, MD, MPH
- H-07 **Lighting Up PNET: Creating Murine Models with a Novel Bioluminescent Cell Line**
Michael Wang, MD
- H-08 **True Incidence of Appendiceal Neoplasms in Patients Presenting with Complicated Appendicitis: A Call for a Revised Management Algorithm** | Suwayda Ali, BS
- H-09 **Impact of Patient Age on Information Sharing Preferences of Advanced Cancer Patients**
Beatrice Sun, MD
- H-10 **The Impact of Perioperative Systemic Therapy on Rare Subtypes of Retroperitoneal Sarcoma: A Population-based Propensity Score-matched Analysis** | Laleh Foroutani, MD
- H-11 **Distinct Immune Signatures Differentiate In-transit Melanomas from Primary Tumors**
Mackenzie Mayhew, MD
- H-12 **PIK3CA Mutations are More Frequent in Early-onset Appendiceal Cancer and Associated with Poorer Survival**
Princy Gupta, MBBS
- H-13 **Truncal Merkel Cell Carcinoma as a Poor Prognostic Factor for Long-term Survival**
Lily Rajaei, MS
- H-14 **Surgical Outcomes in Metastatic Neuroendocrine Tumors to Liver and Bone**
Shadin Ghabra, MBBS
- H-15 **Genomic Profiling of Liposarcoma Reveals Distinct Signatures and Novel Targets by Histologic Subtype and Tumor Origin** | Diamantis Tsilimigras, MD, PhD

BREAST/ ENDOCRINE/ PLASTIC AND RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY | LOCATION: WHITEWATER B

Moderators: Lucy de la Cruz, MD & Victoria Lai, MD, MS

- I-01 **A New ERA(S): Enhanced Recovery after Surgery for Outpatient Breast Reconstruction at a Small Community Hospital**
Mickel Voigt, DO
- I-02 **Influence of Age on Physicians' Decision on Offering Chemotherapy to Breast Cancer Patients with Positive Lymph Nodes**
Fang-Ju Hsueh, MD
- I-03 **The Use of Hemostatic Agent to Forego Drain Placement in Breast Surgery**
Emma Dragan, MD
- I-04 **Germline Pathogenic Variants in Asian American/Pacific Islander Women with Breast Cancer**
Jennifer Tseng, MD
- I-05 **Scrolling for Answers: Assessing the Quality of Information on YouTube Regarding Breast Reconstruction**
Natalia Mejia, MD
- I-06 **Recurrence Rates Following Breast Conserving Surgery for DCIS and the Impact of Provider Recommendations for Radiation Therapy** | Kaden Hong

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BREAST/ ENDOCRINE/ PLASTIC AND RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY | LOCATION: WHITEWATER B

Moderators: Lucy de la Cruz, MD & Victoria Lai, MD, MS

- I-07 Adrenal Tumors Identified on Abdominal Imaging in Breast Cancer Patients: Benign Incidentalomas or Metastatic Disease? | [Natalie Liu, MD](#)
- I-08 Utilizing Post-imaging Surveys to Guide Development of New Technologies | [Stephanie Delos Santos, BS](#)
- I-09 Normocalcemic Hyperparathyroidism: The Hidden Driver in Rising Global HPT Trends | [Sanjana Balachandra, MD](#)
- I-10 Breaking The Cycle: Role of Parathyroidectomy in Alleviating of Constipation | [Niranjna Swaminathan, MD](#)
- I-11 Primary Aldosteronism Patients with Discordant Adrenal Venous Sampling and Abdominal Imaging – Should Venous Sampling Still Be the Gold Diagnostic Standard? | [Azeem Izhar, MBBS](#)
- I-12 Are We There Yet? Geospatial Resource Allocation for the Treatment of Primary Hyperaldosteronism | [Shaidy Moronta, DO](#)
- I-13 Disparities in Utilization of High-volume Thyroid Surgeons for Graves' Disease: A Statewide Analysis | [Steven Xie, MD](#)
- I-14 Gender Imbalance and Racial Disparities Among Surgical Program Directors: Limited Diversity Persists in Both General and Endocrine Surgery | [Alejandro Navarro, MS](#)
- I-15 Describing the “Ideal” IMG Applicant to Integrated Plastic Surgery Residency Programs | [Olivia K. Hoy, MD](#)

PEDIATRIC SURGERY | LOCATION: WHITEWATER C

Moderators: Lily Cheng, MD & Alice King, MD, MBA

- J-01 Timing and Safety of Inguinal Hernia Repair in Preterm Infants: The Role of Social Determinants of Health | [Anam N. Ehsan, MBBS](#)
- J-02 Impact of Social Determinants of Health on Maternal Empowerment, Depression, and Anxiety in Pregnancies Complicated by Fetal Surgical Anomalies | [Bea Jeon, BA](#)
- J-03 Effect of Body Mass Index on Pediatric Kidney Transplant Outcomes | [Sara Lee, MD, MEng](#)
- J-04 Crossing the Line: Disparities in Pediatric Trauma Outcomes Along the U.S.-Mexico Border | [Carlos Garcia, BS](#)
- J-05 Hospital Transfers for Neonatal ECMO: Timing of Transfer Matters | [Humza Thobani, MBBS](#)
- J-06 Tracheoesophageal Fistula/Esophageal Atresia Types: Differences in Associated Anomalies and Outcomes | [Tijani Mohammed](#)
- J-07 Long-term Outcomes Following the Mesenteric Artery Growth Improves Circulation (MAGIC) Procedure for Midaortic Syndrome | [Megan Zaiyi Chiu, MD, MPH](#)
- J-08 Association Between Injury Intent and Behavioral Health Readmissions in Adolescents Following Firearm Injuries | [Blair Chang](#)
- J-09 Annexin-A2+ Hepatocytes Modulate Intestinal Failure Associated Liver Disease after Small Bowel Resection in a Murine Model | [Alex Park, MD](#)
- J-10 Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Repair Outside of the Neonatal Period: A 10-year NSQIP-P Review | [Eden Ines, MD](#)
- J-11 Substance Use Screening and Naloxone Prescribing at Discharge among Injured Adolescents | [Jenna Lee, MD](#)

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PEDIATRIC SURGERY | LOCATION: WHITEWATER C
Moderators: Lily Cheng, MD & Alice King, MD, MBA

- J-12** **Piezo1 Mechanoreceptors in Neurons, not Muscle, Regulate Gut Motility**
[Prisca Obidike, MD](#)
- J-13** **Malignant Vascular Tumors: A National Cancer Database Analysis Comparing Pediatric to Adult Patients**
[Tawny Kim, MD](#)
- J-14** **Trends in Insurance Coverage in Pediatric Liver and Kidney Transplantation**
[Donna Koo, MD](#)
- J-15** **Decreasing the Burden of Social Determinants of Health on Access to Pediatric Surgical Care**
[Marissa Ray, MD](#)

GENERAL/ BARIATRIC/ FOREGUT/ GLOBAL SURGERY | LOCATION: CLIFFS
Moderators: Esther Yung, MD & Edward Auyang, MD, MS

- K-01** **Beyond the Operating Room: Racial and Socioeconomic Drivers of Emergency Ventral Hernia Surgical Outcomes in Maryland** | [Nathnael Abera Woldehana, MD, MPH](#)
- K-02** **Characterizing the Growth of Robot-assisted Surgery in Surgical Residency Training**
[Katherine Ho, MD](#)
- K-03** **Evaluating Technology-based Interpreter Resources for Patients with Limited English Proficiency (LEP)**
[Maria Alejandra Montoya, MD](#)
- K-04** **A 10-year Real World Assessment of Longitudinal Outcomes Following Bailout Procedures for Severe Cholecystitis**
[Dillon Cheung, MD](#)
- K-05** **Identifying the Role of Genetic Risk Factors in the Incidence of Postoperative Surgical Site Infection**
[Brian Li](#)
- K-06** **Patient Activation Phenotypes Among Patients Undergoing Surgery in Rural Alabama**
[Alizeh Abbas, MD](#)
- K-07** **Assessing the Popularity and Quality of Direct-to-Consumer Marketing of Robotic Hernia Surgery**
[Kelli Ann Ifuku, MD](#)
- K-08** **A Dose Response Analysis of Vision Zero Implementation in India**
[Kaustav Chattopadhyay, BA](#)
- K-09** **Impact of October 2022 ASMBS/IFSO Guidelines on National Bariatric Surgery Trends and Asian Patient Representation**
[Amber Chen-Goodspeed, MD](#)
- K-10** **Improving Intraoperative Teaching in Robotic Surgery Through Reflective Practice**
[Selina Vickery, MD, MSc](#)
- K-11** **Education and Training – The Currency to Build Local Surgical Capacity in Low Resource Settings**
[John L. Dutton, MD](#)
- K-12** **Outcomes of Gastric Peroral Endoscopic Myotomy for Gastroparesis in Patients with Psychiatric Comorbidities**
[Eunise Chen, MD](#)
- K-13** **Micro and Macronutrient Deficiencies after Sleeve Gastrectomy and Gastric Bypass**
[Meghana Kapa, BS](#)
- K-14** **Barriers to Adoption of Laparoscopy in Nigeria**
[Rija Awan, BS](#)
- K-15** **Feasibility of Implementing a Prehabilitation Program for Liver Cancer in Low-and Middle-income Countries**
[Jeanine Justiniano, MD](#)

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TRAUMA/ CRITICAL CARE HEALTH DELIVERY/ EDUCATION | LOCATION: WEDGE

Moderators: Raphael Parrado, MD, MS & Tejal S. Brahmbhatt, MD

- L-01 Evaluation of a Clinical Decision Support Tool to Promote Deimplementation of Non-steroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs Following Gastrojejunostomy | [Hanna Hong, BS](#)
- L-02 Evaluating Gender and Racial Representation in the Current Surgical Leadership
[Yeu Sanz \(Samantha\) Wu, MD](#)
- L-03 Integrating Cultural Humility into Surgical Training: A Case-based Workshop Utilizing AI and Experiential Learning
[Angel Rosario Jr., MD, MPH](#)
- L-04 Beyond the Scalpel: Barriers to Advancement for Asian Women in Academic Surgery
[Nriya Nair, MBBS](#)
- L-05 Evolving Social Support Needs after Traumatic Injury in Older Adults: A Qualitative Study
[Sonal Swain](#)
- L-06 What Older Adults Say Matters Most After Trauma
[Krista Haines, DO, MA](#)
- L-07 Competition in the Political Environment and Trauma-related Fatalities
[Yuan-Hsin Chen, MD, MPH](#)
- L-08 Longitudinal Analysis of Score 1 for Health Far Vision Screening Results (School Years 2018-2019 to 2023-2024)
[Ambrose Loc Ngo, MS](#)
- L-09 The Impact of Immunosuppressive Therapy in Outcomes Following Emergency General Surgery: A Nationwide Analysis
[Manuel Castillo-Angeles, MD, MPH](#)
- L-10 From Faculty to Leadership: A Cross-sectional Study of Disparities in U.S. Academic Surgery
[Niloufar Salehi, MD](#)
- L-11 Addressing the Mentorship Divide: A Call for Structured Faculty Mentorship in Academics
[Alejandro Bustamante, MSc](#)
- L-12 Union Gains, Cost of Living Pains: The Impact of Unionization on Stipend value For Surgery Residents
[Tapas Parikh, MD](#)

9 to 9:15 a.m.

BREAK/EXHIBITS

9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

Plenary Session

Intraoperative Ergonomics during Otologic Surgery as Measured by Surface Electromyography

[Ahjeetha Shankar, BS, BA](#) | [Johns Hopkins School of Medicine](#)

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11 to 11:30 a.m.

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SAAS President's Address

The Power of Parts and the Strength of the Whole: A SAAS Reflection and Vision

[Ankush Gosain, MD, PhD](#) | [UVA Health Children's Hospital](#)

12:15 to 1:15 p.m.

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1:15 to 2 p.m.	An Immigrant's Journey Through the River of Life Christian Miguel de Virgilio, MD <i>Harbor-UCLA Medical Center</i>
2 to 3 p.m.	<p>SAAS Chair Panel Moderator: Ankush Gosain, MD, PhD <i>UVA Health Children's Hospital</i></p> <p>SAAS at the Crossroads: Reflections and Roadmaps Panelists: Herbert Chen, MD <i>University of Alabama at Birmingham Heersink School of Medicine</i> Dai Chung, MD, MBA <i>Children's Health</i> Dev M. Desai, MD, PhD <i>University of Arizona, College of Medicine Phoenix</i> Lillian S. Kao, MD, MS <i>McGovern Medical School at UTHealth Houston</i> Tien C. Ko, MD <i>McGovern Medical School at UTHealth Houston</i> Paul C. Kuo, MD, MS <i>University of South Florida</i> Nipun Merchant, MD <i>University of Miami Miller School of Medicine</i> Jennifer F. Tseng, MD, MPH <i>Boston University</i></p>
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3:15 to 4:30 p.m.	<p>Senior Faculty Breakout Sessions LOCATION: GENERAL SESSION ROOM Moderators: Gina Adrales, MD, MPH & Lucy de la Cruz, MD</p> <p>A Surgical Leader is Still a Middle Manager: How to Effectively Manage Stakeholders Todd K. Rosengart, MD, MBA <i>Baylor College of Medicine</i></p> <p>Assembling My Dream Team: Best Hiring Practices and Bringing Out the Best from the People I Have Jennifer F. Tseng, MD, MPH <i>Boston University</i></p> <p>How to Smell Trouble: Staying Ahead of the Curve Prabhakar Baliga, MD <i>Medical University of South Carolina</i></p> <p>Moderated Panel and Q&A Prabhakar Baliga, MD; Simone Betchen, MD, MBA; Todd K. Rosengart, MD, MBA; & Jennifer F. Tseng, MD, MPH</p> <p>Mid-Career Faculty Sessions LOCATION: WHITEWATER A Moderators: Mecker G. Möller, MD, MAMSE & Hassan Aziz, MD</p> <p>Network Development: Mentors, Sponsors, Kitchen Cabinet Mary T. Killackey, MD <i>Tulane School of Medicine</i></p> <p>How to Build a Strategic Plan Timothy R. Donahue, MD <i>David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA</i></p> <p>Building Your Brand Herbert Chen, MD <i>University of Alabama at Birmingham Heersink School of Medicine</i></p> <p>Moderated Panel and Q&A Herbert Chen, MD; Timothy R. Donahue, MD; Harish Lavu, MD <i>Thomas Jefferson University</i>; & Mary T. Killackey, MD</p> <p>Trainee/Junior Faculty Breakout Sessions to Rotate Through</p> <p>Bouncing Back from the Challenges of Training LOCATION: WHITEWATER B Moderator: Connie Shao, MD, MSPH <i>Ochsner Medical Center</i> Abigail Fong, MD, MBA <i>City of Hope</i> Raja Narayan, MD, MPH <i>Loma Linda University Health</i> Kiara Tulla, MD <i>Tulane University School of Medicine</i></p> <p>Lessons Learned from Being a New Attending LOCATION: WHITEWATER C Moderator: Darío Rocha-Castellanos, MD <i>Harvard Medical School</i> Yufei Chen, MD <i>Cedars-Sinai Medical Center</i> Manu Kaushik, MD <i>University of Alabama at Birmingham</i> Linda Qu, MD <i>Michigan State University</i> Juan A. Santamaria, MD <i>University of Nebraska Medical Center</i></p>
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.	*SAAS Business Meeting
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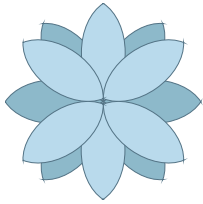
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