



## SAAS 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Inaugural SAAS/LSS Joint Meeting

#### THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

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

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

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

**Opening Remarks** 

Yuman Fong, MD | City of Hope

**Emerging Cellular Therapies for Brain Tumors** 

Behnam Badie, MD | City of Hope

**Socio-Precision Surgery** 

Loretta Erhunmwunsee, MD | City of Hope

**Novel Therapeutic Approaches in Refractory GI Cancers** 

Mustafa Raoof, MD, MS | City of Hope

Building a Research Program in Digital Tech: An Exploration of Sensors and Wearable Technology

Carla M. Pugh, MD, PhD | Stanford University School of Medicine

My Journey to Break Down Pancreatic Cancer

Jen Jen Yeh, MD | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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

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

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

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

10:15 – 11:15 AM \*Concurrent Scientific Abstract Sessions I 60-minute sessions to choose from:

	Moderators: Hassan Aziz, MD & Zhi Ven Fong, MD, DrPH			
	A-01	Microbial Dysbiosis Associated with Clonorchis Sinensis Infection in Liver Cancer Patients		
		Sophia Xiao, BA		
	A-02	Inhibition of AXL Dependent Non-professional Efferocytosis Sensitizes Pancreatic Cancer Cells to		
HEPATOBILIARY		Immune Checkpoint Blockade   Joon Park, MD		
SURGERY/	A-03	Prolonged Survival in Patients with Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma and Metachronous Isolated		
ONCOLOGY		Pulmonary Metastases after Neoadjuvant Therapy and Curative-intent Resection   Bahda Yun		
	A-04	Hepatic Artery Infusion of Adenovirus Encoding TNFSF14/LIGHT Increases Tumor Infiltrating		
General		Lymphocytes in Colorectal Liver Metastasis   Sophia Hernandez, MD, MAS		
Session	A-05	Optimal Timing of Adjuvant Therapy in Patients with Poorly Differentiated Pancreatic		
Room		Adenocarcinoma   Parit Mavani, MD		
	A-06	Redefining Upfront Resectable Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma: Does Vein Abutment Matter?		
		Po Hong Tan, MBBS		
	A-07	Open, Laparoscopic, and Robotic Liver Resection for Hepatic Neoplasms: Trends and Outcomes		
		Over More than a Decade   Jessica Liu, BS		





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LIEDATORILIARY	A-08	Immunohistochemistry and Cytogenetics Do Not Impact Survival in Ewing's Sarcoma Family of	
HEPATOBILIARY SURGERY/		Tumors of the Pancreas: A Systematic Review and Survival Analysis	
ONCOLOGY		Swetha Lakshminarayanan, MBBS	
	A-09	Validation of a 16-Gene Signature for Molecular Subtyping in the PANCREAS Clinical Trial	
General		Jaewon J. Lee, MD	
Session	A-10	Care for Advanced Liver Cancer: The Association Between Comission on Cancer-accredited	
Room		Hospitals and Treatment Received   Brian Longbottom, MD	

	Mode	rators: 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
COLORECTAL		Population   Gianina C. Hernández-Márquez, MD
SURGERY	B-05	Feasibility and Safety of Single-port Robotic Transanal Minimally Invasive Surgery
		Patricia Marcolin, MD
Whitewater	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
Α		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

	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	
ENDOCRINE SURGERY	C-02	Incidental and Ignored: Adrenal Incidentalomas in the Emergency Setting   Jessica K. Hall, MD	
SURGERY	C-03	Lingual Lapses: Evaluating Online Information Quality and Accuracy for Graves' Disease in Three	
Whitewater B		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	





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	Moderators: Priya Dedhia, MD, PhD & Tracy S. Wang, MD, MPH			
	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		
ENDOCRINE	C-08	The Impact of Language Discordance on Disparities in Surgical Referral for Primary		
SURGERY		Hyperparathyroidism: A Qualitative Study of Provider Perspectives   Angie Hernandez		
	C-09	Chinese Language Patients' Perceptions on Thyroid Disease and Treatment: A Qualitative Study		
Whitewater		Janice Wong		
В	C-10	No Surgery for You: Determinants of Provider Advised Non-surgical Management for Thyroid		
		Cancer   Megan Alexandra Satyadi, MD		
	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		

	Mode	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			
TD411944 /	D-05	Antibiotic Guidance in Open Pelvic Fractures: Beyond Gustilo Anderson			
TRAUMA/ CRITICAL CARE/		Andrea M. Gochi, MD, MS			
ORTHOPEDIC	D-06	Crossing Lines: How the Expiration of Title 42 Changed the Injury Landscape at the US-Mexico			
SURGERY		Border   Parisa Oviedo, MD			
	D-07	Mobile Bearing Versus Fixed Bearing Unicondylar Knee Implants. A Comparison of Early Clinical			
Whitewater		Outcomes   Cameron Nishida, BS			
C	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			





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	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			
CARDIAC/	E-02	Evaluation of an AI-assisted Pipeline for Creation of Patient-specific Hybrid Hex/Tet Biventricular			
THORACIC/		Cardiac Meshes   Gustavo Flores			
VASCULAR/ TRANSPLANT	E-03	Ancestry-associated Enrichment of POLE Mutations in Hispanic Lung Adenocarcinoma Patients:			
SURGERY		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			
Cliffs	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			
	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 Eunsaem 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			

	Mode	Moderators: Gezzer 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				
HEALTH DELIVERY/		Provider Perspectives   Trisha Lal, MD				
EDUCATION/	F-03	Enhancing Surgical Patient Education: Evaluating the Accuracy and Readability of AI-translated				
GLOBAL		Materials Across Multiple Languages   Phillip Hwang, MD				
SURGERY	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				
Wedge	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				





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HEALTH	Moderators: Gezzer Ortega, MD, MPH & Lindsay E. Y. Kuo, MD, MBA		
DELIVERY/	F-10	Real-time, automated, AI Preoperative Risk Score Implementation Decreases Rate of Serious	
EDUCATION/ GLOBAL		Post-operative Complications in a Cancer Hospital   Ryan Lamm, MD, MS	
SURGERY	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	
Wedge		Jocelynne T. Dorotan, BS, BA	

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

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

Minerva 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 Professional Development Sessions





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3:30 – 4:00 PM NETWORKING BREAK/EXHIBITS

4:00 – 5:30 PM 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 PM ADJOURN FOR THE DAY

5:30 – 6:30 PM *Trainee Networking Social* 

6:30 – 9:00 PM GALA WELCOME RECEPTION





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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 – 7:45 AM **BREAK/EXHIBITS** 

7:45 – 9:00 AM \*Concurrent Scientific Abstract Sessions II

	Mode	rators: 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
SURGICAL		Carcinoma   Megan Kolbe, BS
ONCOLOGY I	G-07	Evaluating Direct KRASQ61H Inhibition in Pancreatic Cancer Models   Szu-Aun Long, MD
General	G-08	The Impact of Second Pathologic Review in the Management of Patients with Malignant Melanoma
Session		Angelina Wang, BS
Room	G-09	Uncovering Molecular Pathways in Appendiceal Cancer: A Comprehensive Characterization for
Noom		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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	Mode	rators: 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
	05	Cancer: Insights from a High-volume Center   Muhammad Maisam Ali, MBBS
	H-05	Development of a Quantitative Method to Assess Peritoneal Sclerosis in Patients Undergoing
	11.00	PIPAC   Muhammad Talha Waheed, MD
SURGICAL	H-06	Utilization and Prognostic Significance of Immunotherapy in Unresectable and Metastatic  Gastric Adenocarcinoma   Naveen Manisundaram, MD, MPH
ONCOLOGY II	H-07	Lighting Up PNET: Creating Murine Models with a Novel Bioluminescent Cell Line
	11-07	Michael Wang, MD
Whitewater	H-08	True Incidence of Appendiceal Neoplasms in Patients Presenting with Complicated Appendicitis:
Α	11 00	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, MS
	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 Rajaee, 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

Moderators: Luc		rators: 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
BREAST/ ENDOCRINE/ PLASTIC AND RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY Whitewater B		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 Mejía, MD





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	Moderators: Lucy de la Cruz, MD & Victoria Lai, MD, MS		
	I-06	Recurrence Rates Following Breast Conserving Surgery for DCIS and the Impact of Provider	
		Recommendations for Radiation Therapy   Kaden Hong	
BREAST/	I-07	Adrenal Tumors Identified on Abdominal Imaging in Breast Cancer Patients:	
ENDOCRINE/ PLASTIC AND		Benign Incidentalomas or Metastatic Disease?   Natalie Liu, MD	
RECONSTRUCTIVE	I-08	Utilizing Post-imaging Surveys to Guide Development of New Technologies	
SURGERY		Stephanie Delos Santos, BS	
	I-09	Normocalcemic Hyperparathyroidism: The Hidden Driver in Rising Global HPT Trends	
Whitewater		Sanjana Balachandra, MD	
В	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	

	Mode	rators: 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
PEDIATRIC	J-02	Impact of Social Determinants of Health on Maternal Empowerment, Depression, and Anxiety
SURGERY		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
Whitewater	J-04	Crossing the Line: Disparities in Pediatric Trauma Outcomes Along the U.SMexico Border
C		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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	J-12	Piezo1 Mechanoreceptors in Neurons, not Muscle, Regulate Gut Motility   Prisca Obidike, MD
PEDIATRIC	J-13	Malignant Vascular Tumors: A National Cancer Database Analysis Comparing Pediatric to Adult
SURGERY		Patients   Tawny Kim, MD
Whitewater C	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 Cliffs	Mode	rators: 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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7:45 – 9:00 AM \*Concurrent Scientific Abstract Sessions II Cont'd.

75-minute sessions to choose from:

	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	
TRAUMA/		Experiential Learning   Angel Rosario Jr., MD, MPH	
CRITICAL CARE	L-04	Beyond the Scalpel: Barriers to Advancement for Asian Women in Academic Surgery	
HEALTH		Nritya Nair, MBBS	
DELIVERY/ EDUCATION	L-05	Evolving Social Support Needs after Traumatic Injury in Older Adults: A Qualitative Study	
EDUCATION		Sonal Swain	
Wedge	L-06	What Older Adults Say Matters Most After Trauma   Krista Haines, DO, MA	
Weage	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	
		<b>2023-2024)</b>   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	

9:00 – 9:15 AM **BREAK/EXHIBITS** 

9:15 – 10:15 AM *Plenary Session* 

Intraoperative Ergonomics during Otologic Surgery as Measured by Surface Electromyography Ahjeetha Shankar, BS, BA | Johns Hopkins School of Medicine

Spatial Proteomic and Transcriptomic Profiling of Melanoma Brain Metastases Exhibit Elevated Neural Cell Adhesion Molecule 1 (NCAM1) Expression and Associations with Immune Microenvironment and Treatment Response

David Su, MD | Yale New Haven Hospital

Increase in the Burden of Congenital Anomalies in Infants Following 2021 Early Pregnancy Abortion Ban

Sarah Peiffer, MD, MPH | Baylor College of Medicine

**Evaluation of a CEA-targeted Photoimmunotherapy Probe for Near-infrared Imaging** 

Thinzar M. Lwin, MD, MS | City of Hope





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9:15 – 10:15 AM *Plenary Session Cont'd.* 

Variations in Cost of Inpatient Trauma Care by Patient Primary Language

Olivia Frances Lynch, MD, MPH | Yale University

Circulating Mediators Post-burn Injury Contribute to the Development of Cardiomyopathy

Susana Fortich, MD | The University of Texas Medical Branch

10:15 – 11:00 AM Kuo Family Lectureship

Moderator: Lindsay E. Y. Kuo, MD, MBA | Temple University Lewis Katz School of Medicine

Inclusive Leadership in the Workplace
Jackie Wong | McKinsey & Company

11:00 – 11:30 AM NETWORKING BREAK/EXHIBITS

11:30 AM – 12:15 PM 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 – 1:15 PM **LUNCH/EXHIBITS** 

1:15 – 2:00 PM An Immigrant's Journey Through the River of Life

Christian Miguel de Virgilio, MD | Harbor-UCLA Medical Center

2:00 – 3:00 PM **SAAS Chair Panel** 

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

**SAAS** at the Crossroads: Reflections and Roadmaps

Panelists:

Herbert Chen, MD | University of Alabama at Birmingham

Dev M. Desai, MD, PhD | *University of Arizona, College of Medicine Phoenix* Lillian S. Kao, MD, MS | *McGovern Medical School at UTHealth Houston* 

Tien C. Ko, MD | McGovern Medical School Paul C. Kuo, MD, MS | University of South Florida

Nipun Merchant, MD | University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

Jennifer F. Tseng, MD, MPH | Boston University

3:00 – 3:15 PM **BREAK/EXHIBITS** 





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3:15 – 4:30 PM \*Concurrent Career Development Sessions Cont'd.

75-minute sessions to choose from or rotate through:

Senior Faculty	y Breakout Sessions
Moderators: (	Gina Adrales, MD, MPH & Lucy de la Cruz, MD
	A Surgical Leader is Still a Middle Manager: How to Effectively Manage Stakeholders
	Todd K. Rosengart, MD, MBA   Baylor College of Medicine
General	Assembling My Dream Team: Best Hiring Practices and Bringing Out the Best from the People I Have
Session	Jennifer F. Tseng, MD, MPH   Boston University
Room	How to Smell Trouble: Staying Ahead of the Curve
	Prabhakar Baliga, MD   Medical University of South Carolina
	Moderated Panel and Q&A
	Prabhakar Baliga, MD; Simone Betchen, MD, MBA; Todd K. Rosengart, MD, MBA; & Jennifer F. Tseng, MD, MPH
Mid-Career Fa	aculty Sessions
Moderators: N	Mecker G. Möller, MD, MAMSE & Hassan Aziz, MD
	Network Development: Mentors, Sponsors, Kitchen Cabinet
	Mary T. Killackey, MD   Tulane School of Medicine
	How to Build a Strategic Plan
Whitewater	Timothy R. Donahue, MD   David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA
A	Building Your Brand
	Herbert Chen, MD   University of Alabama at Birmingham
	Moderated Panel and Q&A
	Herbert Chen, MD; Timothy R. Donahue, MD; Harish Lavu, MD, Thomas Jefferson University; & Mary T. Killackey,
	MD
Trainee/Junio	or Faculty Breakout Sessions to Rotate Through
	Bouncing Back from the Challenges of Training
	Moderator: Connie Shao, MD, MSPH   Ochsner Medical Center
Whitewater	Abigail Fong, MD, MBA   City of Hope
В	Raja Narayan, MD, MPH   Loma Linda University Health
	Kiara Tulla, MD   Tulane University School of Medicine
	Lessons Learned from Being a New Attending
	Moderator: Darío Rocha-Castellanos, MD   Harvard Medical School
Whitewater	Yufei Chen, MD   Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
С	Manu Kaushik, MD   <i>University of Alabama at Birmingham</i>
	Linda Qu, MD   Michigan State University
	Juan A. Santamaria, MD   <i>University of Nebraska Medical Center</i>

4:30 – 5:30 PM \*SAAS Business Meeting

5:30 PM ADJOURN CONFERENCE

5:30 – 7:30 PM FAREWELL RECEPTION

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.

<sup>\*</sup>Optional and breakout/concurrent sessions are non-CME accredited.