Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons to Present the SAGES 2009 Scientific Session and Postgraduate Courses in April 2009


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The scientific program has been carefully designed to incorporate many of the scientific and technical advances from the leading experts in the fields of general, gastrointestinal, endoscopic and minimally invasive surgery. The program begins on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 with a variety of half-day postgraduate and hands-on courses on such topics as colorectal, hernia, flexible endoscopy, endolumenal/NOTES®, bariatric, laparoscopic cholecystectomy and the Fundamentals of Laparoscopic Surgery (FLS). Wednesday also features the SAGES Education and Research Foundation Awards Luncheon, recognizing distinguished leaders for their work in minimally invasive surgery and helping to keep patient safety and MIS in the forefront. Thursday, April 23, 2009 continues with more courses on foregut and advanced laparoscopic techniques, a special Allied Health Symposium on patient safety, a Endolumenal/NOTES® Symposium, a robotics panel, a forum and luncheon for surgical educators, and the SAGES Great Presidential Debates, a session dedicated to a broad range of issues including Universal Healthcare. Both Friday and Saturday's sessions are devoted to a range of engaging panels, concurrent sessions and keynote lectures. Dr. John Cameron will be delivering the Gerald Marks Lecture, "The Surgeon as a Role Model" on Friday with Dr. Catherine DeAngelis, Editor of JAMA, delivering the Health Policy Lecture on conflict of interest on Saturday.

SAGES Exhibits, Learning Center and Posters are open Thursday through Friday with the Poster session running until Saturday, April 25th.

Since 2005 the SAGES Scientific Session and Postgraduate Courses have been a part of Surgical Spring Week, a week of surgical meetings which have included the American College of Surgeons and the American Hepato-Pancreato Biliary Association. In 2009 SAGES meets once again with the International Pediatric Endosurgery Group (IPEG), the premiere international association for physicians who perform minimally invasive surgery in
children. Several joint sessions have been incorporated into both programs including the joint panel, "Urgent and Emergent Acute Case Problems in Pediatric and Adult Patients" on Friday afternoon.

More information about the annual meeting and Surgical Spring Week is posted regularly on the SAGES website, http://www.sages.org/meetings/. Interested parties may sign up for our e-newsletter by submitting an email address on the same site.

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