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Minimally Invasive Surgery Symposium

Dear Colleague,

It is my pleasure to invite you to our upcoming Minimally Invasive Surgery Symposium (MISS), February 25 - 28, 2015 at the Red Rock Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. Celebrating its 15th year, MISS is the premier meeting of thought leaders and pioneers in minimally invasive surgery for colon, hernia, foregut, and metabolic/bariatric surgery.

In addition to compelling general sessions, the 2015 MISS will offer hands-on training with optional workshops in laparoscopic suturing and endoscopic interventions.

With flexible registration options, early bird rates, and our collegial Chairman's Reception (included in your registration fee) on Thursday evening, MISS is an affordable, and enjoyable way to elevate your skills in the most advanced laparoscopic techniques while you earn essential CME credit (including optional self-assessment credit).

I hope to see you and your colleagues at the 2015 MISS!

Sincerely,

Philip R. Schauer, MD
Executive Director, MISS



OPTIONAL HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS

Limited space available. First come, first served!

HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS (Optional – separate fee required)

Director: Ninh Nguyen, MD, FASMB

Each hands-on workshop offers 2 CME credits.

• **Improve Your Skills: Laparoscopic Suturing**

Wednesday, February 25, 2015, 8:15 AM – 10:15 AM

This hands-on course provides an overview of laparoscopic suturing skills and how they allow surgeons to advance to an expert level by adding the flexibility of intracorporeal suturing and knot tying.

• **Improve Your Skills: Endoscopic Interventions**

Wednesday, February 25, 2015, 10:45 AM – 12:45 PM

This hands-on workshop features endoscopic techniques for therapeutic endoscopy including clipping, thermal ablation, balloon dilation, and endoscopic stenting.

Please see web site www.MISS-cme.org for complete workshop information.



MISS SCIENTIFIC POSTER SESSIONS

For complete details and to submit your abstract please see the poster session page of the MISS web site.

Deadline for submissions is December 15, 2014

FACULTY

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AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2015

8:15 AM **Optional Laparoscopic Suturing Workshop**

10:45 AM **Optional Endoscopic Interventions Workshop**

Colon Program

Colon Session I

1:00 PM Welcome/Introduction

1:15 PM What is the Risk of Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) in Laparoscopic Colorectal Patients: Evidence to Prevent it?

1:30 PM Can Patients be Immunologically Optimized for Laparoscopic Colorectal Surgery? Cancer Surgery?

1:45 PM Risks and Limits of Pneumoperitoneum and Trendelenburg Positioning

2:00 PM Q&A/Panel with Faculty

2:15 PM The Role of Ureteral Stents: When and Which Ones Do I Use?

2:30 PM 3D Optics in Laparoscopic Colorectal Surgery Status and Technical Specifications

2:45 PM Fast Track Protocols: Best Practices and Expected Outcomes

3:00 PM Q&A/Panel with Faculty

3:15 PM *Refreshment Break*

Colon Session II

3:30 PM Embryologic Basis of Colorectal Anatomy and How it Relates to Colorectal Surgery

3:45 PM Single Port Left Colectomy: How and Why?

4:00 PM Laparoscopic Splenic Flexure Release: Infra and Supramesocolic Approach

4:15 PM Q&A/Panel with Faculty

4:30 PM Robotic Right Colectomy: Techniques and Challenges

4:45 PM Robotic Colorectal Surgery: Obstacles for Adoption and their Solutions

5:00 PM Robotic Total Mesorectal Excision (TME): How to Achieve Optimal Performance

5:15 PM Q&A/Panel with Faculty

5:30 PM *Refreshment Break*

Colon Session III

The Components of Total Mesorectal Excision (TME) Surgery: What this Entails, and Video Demonstration of Critical Anatomy

5:45 PM Bottoms Up Total Mesorectal Excision (TME): What, How and Why?

6:05 PM Transanal Minimally Invasive Surgery (TAMIS) Treatment of Rectal Polyps

6:25 PM Transanal Abdominal Transanal (TATA) Resection: Indications and Results for Coloanal Anastomosis for Low Rectal Cancer

Colon Session IV:

Welcome to my OR: A demonstration of an operation from patient positioning, equipment and trocar placement to performance of the procedure

6:45 PM How I do a Lap Right Colectomy Taking the Middle Colics

7:00 PM How I do a Lap Left Colectomy

7:15 PM Q&A/Panel with Faculty

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2015

6:30 AM *Breakfast/Exhibits*

Colon Program, continued

Colon Session IV

Welcome to my OR: A demonstration of an operation from patient positioning, equipment and trocar placement to performance of the procedure (continued)

7:30 AM How I do a Lap Total Mesorectal Excision (TME) Rectal Resection

7:45 AM How I do a Robotic Total Mesorectal Excision (TME) Rectal Resection

8:00 AM Q&A/Panel with Faculty

Diverticulitis

8:15 AM Wash-out Therapy: The Future or Washed up?

8:30 AM Is Quality of Life Better with or without Surgery? Who Needs a Resection and When?

8:45 AM Hartmann's Procedure versus Anastomosis with/without Diversion: Who and When Appropriate

9:00 AM Keynote Presentation: What is the Current State of Minimally Invasive Colon and Rectal Surgery in the US and What is the Ceiling?

9:20 AM Q&A/Panel with Faculty

9:30 AM *Refreshment Break/Exhibits*

*Invited

(Faculty and agenda subject to change. Please see web site for updated schedule.)

Hernia Program Part 1

Hernia Session I

Mesh Use in Hernia Repair

- 10:00 AM Evidenced-Based Assessment of Bioprosthesis in Hernia Repair
- 10:15 AM Fallacy of the Ideal Mesh: Mesh of the Future
- 10:30 AM Mesh Use and "Tricks" for the Contaminated Hernia
- 10:45 AM Q&A/Panel with Faculty

Quality in Hernia Repair – You ARE Being Judged

- 11:00 AM Why Technique Matters in Hernia Repair
- 11:15 AM Improving Value in the World of Hernia Repair
- 11:30 AM Improving Hernia Outcomes through Collaboration
- 11:45 AM Q&A/Panel with Faculty
- 12:00 PM Sponsored Lunch Symposium
- 1:00 PM *Dessert Break Exhibit Hall*

Foregut Program Part 1

Foregut Session I

- 1:30 PM Laparoscopic Pancreatic Resection
- 1:45 PM Laparoscopic Liver Resection
- 2:00 PM Small Bowel Enteroscopy and Endoscopic Approach to GI Tumors
- 2:15 PM Q&A/Panel with Faculty
- 2:30 PM Approach to GIST
- 2:45 PM Minimally Invasive Esophagectomy
- 3:00 PM Gastroparesis
- 3:15 PM Q&A/Panel with Faculty

Hernia Program Part 2

Hernia Session II

Techniques

- 3:45 PM Laparoscopic V/I Hernia Repair - Better Than Open for the Right Patient?
- 4:00 PM Transversus Abdominis Release – When and How?
- 4:15 PM Robots in Hernia Surgery - Are You Kidding Me?
- 4:30 PM Q&A/Panel with Faculty

Groin Pain – Please Stop Using Those Other Terms

- 4:45 PM Taking the Leap – Time to Expand Your Horizon
- 5:00 PM Core Muscle Injury I
- 5:15 PM Core Muscle Injury II
- 5:30 PM Q&A/Panel with Faculty
- 5:45 PM *Stretch Break*

Foregut Program Part 2

Foregut Session II

- 6:00 PM Brooks Cash Gastroenterologist Approach to GERD
- 6:15 PM LINKS for GERD
- 6:30 PM Gastroenterologist Approach to Barrett's
- 6:45 PM Surgical Including Radiofrequency Ablation Treatment of Barrett's
- 7:00 PM Paraesophageal Hiatal Hernia Repair
- 7:15 PM Q&A/Panel with Faculty
- 7:30 PM **Chairman's Reception/Exhibits**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2015

- 6:30 AM *Breakfast/Exhibits*

Metabolic/Bariatric Surgery

Metabolic/Bariatric Surgery Session I

The Science and Metabolic & Diabetes Surgery: Part 1

- 7:30 AM The Gut Microbiomes in Health and Disease: Implications for Bariatric Surgery
- 7:50 AM Obesity and its Effects on Cognition and Dementia
- 8:10 AM Labs Data and What it Infers
- 8:30 AM Update on Mechanisms of Diabetes Remission
- 8:50 AM Hypoglycemia after Gastric Bypass: How Serious and How to Manage
- 9:10 AM Q&A/Panel
- 9:30 AM *Refreshment Break/Exhibits*

Metabolic/Bariatric Surgery Session II

The Science and Metabolic & Diabetes Surgery: Part 2

- 10:00 AM Keynote: Edmonton Obesity Staging System
- 10:30 AM Panel: Who and When to Refer Patients to Surgery
- 11:00 AM Q&A/Panel
- 11:15 AM Recent Randomized Control Trials
- 11:30 AM Metabolic Surgery for Type 1 Diabetes
- 11:45 AM Integrating Medications and Surgery
- 12:00 PM Sponsored Lunch Symposium
- 1:00 PM *Dessert Break Exhibit Hall*

Metabolic/Bariatric Surgery Session III

Quality and Optimizing Outcomes

- 1:30 PM Current Trends in Bariatric Surgery: Volume, Procedures, BMI, Diabetes
- 1:50 PM Update: ASBMS COE Standards, Insurance Recognition and New Volume Standards
- 2:10 PM Initial Impact: Medicare Dropping Bariatric Surgery COE Requirement
- 2:30 PM Decreasing Readmissions
- 2:50 PM Linking Outcomes to Reimbursement
- 3:10 PM Q&A/Panel
- 3:30 PM *Refreshment Break/Exhibits*

Metabolic/Bariatric Surgery Session IV

Videofest/Complications

- 4:00 PM Band with Plication: Technique and Latest Results
- 4:15 PM Robotic Bariatric Surgery for Revisions and Complex Cases
- 4:30 PM Debate: Robotic Bariatric Surgery Pro/Con
- 4:50 PM Insights into Proximal Pouch Dilatation (gastric and esophageal)
- 5:05 PM Staple Line Reinforcement
- 5:15 PM Sleeve Technique — Why Not Just Oversew?
- 5:25 PM Nutritional Deficiencies: Werneckies Syndrome and Other Neurological Complications after Bariatric Surgery
- 5:40 PM Intussusception and Internal Hernia
- 5:55 PM Q&A/Panel

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2015

Metabolic/Bariatric Surgery (continued)

- 6:30 AM *Breakfast/Exhibits*

Metabolic/Bariatric Surgery Session V

Controversies and New Frontiers

- 7:30 AM ASBMS Initiative Update
- 7:45 AM Mini Gastric Bypass – What is the Evidence?
- 8:00 AM Band Conversions Debate: What Procedure When – Sleeve, Bypass or Duodenal Switch?
- 8:30 AM Future for the Band: Where is it Going, Lower BMI Patients?
- 8:45 AM Panel: Sleeve Complications
- 9:00 AM Revisional Surgery for Non-weight Related Indications
- 9:15 AM Q&A/Panel
- 9:30 AM *Refreshment Break/Exhibits*

Metabolic/Bariatric Surgery Session VI

Controversies and New Frontiers (continued)

- 10:00 AM The Sleeve Bypass
- 10:20 AM Foregut Pathology with Bariatrics, Both Pre and Post Weight Loss Surgery
- 10:35 AM Duo Intra-gastric Balloon USA Trial
- 10:50 AM Emerging Technology Update: New Devices (Endoluminal and Suturing)
- 11:05 AM The Band and Special Populations: the Elderly; the Sick and Children
- 11:20 AM Debate: Bypass vs. Switch for Patients with BMI Over 60
- 11:35 AM Top Five Papers of 2014
- 11:50 AM Debate: The Dominant Procedure of the Future - Sleeve vs. Bypass
- 12:10 PM Q&A/Panel
- 12:30 PM MISS Adjourns

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COURSE OBJECTIVES

COLON PROGRAM 7.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™

After completing this activity, the participant will be able to do the following:

- Explain the technical aspects of laparoscopic colectomy with an emphasis on complicated disease processes including the reoperative abdomen, advanced malignancies, and pelvic dissection.
- Illustrate the principles of laparoscopic colon resection for benign and malignant disease with an emphasis on complex cases.
- Describe the available strategies to improve perioperative outcomes.
- Cite the different techniques of anastomotic creation and the potential ways to avoid and treat anastomotic leaks.
- Identify the different options for minimally invasive abdominal procedures including laparoscopy, handassisted techniques, the use of the robot, and SILS.

HERNIA PROGRAM 4 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™

After completing this activity, participants will be able to:

- List the current common techniques for inguinal hernia repair
- Describe open and laparoscopic techniques for repair of ventral and incisional hernias.
- Compare the differences among biologic, synthetic, and biosynthetic meshes and when best to use them.

FOREGUT PROGRAM 3.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™

After completing this activity, participants will be able to:

- Recognize and describe medical and surgical treatment options for GERD.
- Discuss treatments for GERD and esophageal cancer.
- Indicate and manage complications of surgical treatment for GERD.
- Identify and manage recurrence of disease.

METABOLIC/BARIATRIC PROGRAM 12.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™

After completing this activity, the participant will be able to do the following:

- Summarize the recent research on obesity causes including genetic and biologic factors.
- Discuss the pros and cons for current bariatric surgical options for obese patients, and describe the appropriate perioperative care.
- Review the clinical trial evidence documenting the impact of bariatric surgery on cardiovascular morbidity, mortality, and risk factors.
- Analyze the efficacy of current obesity management strategies, including lifestyle, diets, pharmacology, and surgery.
- Diagnose and treat comorbidities associated with obesity including cancers, diabetes, and heart disease.

ABOUT OUR VENUE

Red Rock Hotel Las Vegas, Nevada

The 2015 MISS will take place at the Red Rock Hotel, Las Vegas where we have arranged for discount room rates of just \$165* a night for MISS participants. To make your reservation, please call (866) 767-7773 and identify yourself as a MISS attendee. Discount rate expires January 27, but we urge you to make your arrangements as soon as possible, as our room block will sell out.



*Plus \$15 amenity fee which includes in-room Internet, daily newspaper, admission to the exercise facility, scheduled shuttle transportation between McCarran Airport and the Red Rock, and scheduled shuttle transportation between the Red Rock and the Las Vegas strip.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR MISS

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GENERAL SESSIONS REGISTRATION OPTIONS

(All options include admission to the 2015 MISS Exhibit Hall 2/25-2/28)

• PLATINUM PASSPORT

(Includes admission to all Colon, Hernia, Foregut, and Bariatric General Sessions)

	Until 12/19/14	Until 1/30/15	After 1/30/15
<input type="checkbox"/> PHYSICIAN	\$695	\$795	\$995
<input type="checkbox"/> RESIDENTS/FELLOWS	\$545	\$645	\$745
<input type="checkbox"/> ALLIED HEALTH	\$475	\$575	\$675

• COLON/HERNIA/FOREGUT (Includes admission to all Colon, Hernia, and Foregut General Sessions)

<input type="checkbox"/> PHYSICIANS	\$595	\$695	\$895
<input type="checkbox"/> RESIDENTS/FELLOWS	\$445	\$545	\$645
<input type="checkbox"/> ALLIED HEALTH	\$345	\$445	\$545

• BARIATRIC/HERNIA/FOREGUT (Includes admission to all Bariatric, Hernia, and Foregut General Sessions)

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OPTIONAL WORKSHOPS

	Until 12/19/14	Until 1/30/15	After 1/30/15
<input type="checkbox"/> LAPAROSCOPIC SUTURING Wednesday, February 25, 2015	\$175	\$225	\$275
<input type="checkbox"/> INTERVENTIONAL ENDOSCOPY Wednesday, February 25, 2015	\$175	\$225	\$275

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CONTINUING MEDICAL INFORMATION

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This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providorship of the University of Cincinnati and Global Academy for Medical Education, Inc. The University of Cincinnati is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

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American Board of Surgery Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Self-assessment will be offered at 2015 MISS. Optional MOC self-assessment credit will be available for delegates who complete curriculum related questions before leaving the conference. Self-assessment is a written or electronic question-and-answer exercise that assesses your understanding of the material presented in the CME program. Diplomates must achieve a score of 75% or higher for the self-assessment to count for MOC.

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