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A reminder that all SAGES 2024 meeting attendees will have access to the entire virtual meeting content in late June. Watch upcoming communications for exact timing.

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Photo highlights from Cleveland, RAFT Awards, Shark Tank winner Diatiro, Member Spotlight on Guidelines chair Dr. Bethany Slater, SAGES Stories podcast with SAGES Ingenuity leadership, SAGES President Dr. Christopher Schlachta and Dr. Steven Schweitzberg, four new Guidelines publications, and upcoming course and meeting deadlines including the FREE Resident webinar on June 18.

IMPORTANT DATES/ALERTS

2024 Robotics Resident and Fellow Courses Registration

FREE Resident Webinar June 18

WCES-IAGES Registration Open Oct 23-28

SAGES 2025 March 12-15

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RAFT Annual Meeting Abstract Contest and Awards

The Resident and Fellow Training Committee (RAFT) presented two awards for outstanding abstracts presented by Surgical Residents and Fellows at the SAGES Annual Meeting in Cleveland.

Best Resident/Fellow Abstract Presentation Award

- 1st place: Alexander Bonte, MD
- 2nd place: Jane Wang, MD (tie)
- 2nd place: Paul Agami, MD (tie)

Best Resident/Fellow Scientific Session Presentation Award

- 1st place: Claire B Rosen, MD, MSME
- 2nd place: Jessica Shanahan, MD
- 3rd place: Tiffany Paradis, MD

2024 Meeting Photo Gallery

Whether you attended or were unable to attend the Cleveland meeting in person, you can check out a gallery of **highlights** on the SAGES website. These include the Exhibit Hall, opening reception, Foundation Award winners, the (very blingy) Family Feud, Shark Tank, Keynote speakers, President's Dinner and Main Event.

Diatiro Health is SAGES 2024 Shark Tank Winner

Congratulations to Diatiro Health and Tom Sorrentino (pictured right with Shark Tank judge Dr. Steven Schwaitzberg), winner of SAGES 2024 Shark Tank. Diatiro's Kidney Pod is a breakthrough-designated device that ensures kidneys remain optimally cold during transplants, significantly boosting the success rate and making previously unusable organs viable. Backed by the National Kidney Foundation, the San Francisco-based Diatiro is setting new standards in the field, melding cutting-edge technology with the promise of robotic surgery.



Bethany Slater, MD, MBA
Pediatric Surgeon
University of Chicago Medicine



SAGES Member Spotlight Dr. Bethany Slater

Dr. Bethany Slater joined SAGES in 2015 because of the emphasis on MIS techniques, innovation and new technology, and says that "being part of an innovative MIS community with exposure to new techniques has been inspiring and motivating."

In addition to chairing the Guidelines committee, Dr. Slater is also on the SAGES Board of Governors, and has been co-chair of the Pediatric committee and member of both the Program and Technology committees.

As a pediatric surgeon, she adds that it's enjoyable to create relationships with surgeons from other surgical specialties.

To read more about Dr. Slater, please go [here](#). To learn more about SAGES membership and access an online application form, please go [here](#).



Sitdown with SAGES Ingenuity/SINC Leaders

In episode 24 of SAGES Stories, hosts Dr. Shirin Towfigh and Dr. Kevin El-Hayek discuss SAGES' for-profit company **SAGES Ingenuity** and the **SAGES Investment Network (SINC)** with Dr. Aurora Pryor (left), who succeeds Dr. Christopher Schlachta as SAGES Ingenuity President, Dr. Schlachta and SAGES Ingenuity Vice President Dr. Steven Schwaitzberg. Visit the **SAGES website** to listen to all podcasts.

New Publications from the Guidelines Committee

The Guidelines Committee has four new publications that can be found on the **SAGES website**:

- Management of symptomatic, asymptomatic and recurrent hiatal hernia: a systematic review and meta-analysis; Hanna et al.
- SAGES guideline for the diagnosis and treatment of appendicitis; Kumar et al.
- SAGES guidelines development: health equity update to standard operating procedure; Kumar et al.
- SAGES guidelines for the use of laparoscopy during pregnancy, Kumar et al.

TAVAC Committee Tech Alerts

The SAGES Technology and Value Assessment Committee (TAVAC) regularly posts Tech Alerts which review recently approved devices by the FDA. You can view the complete list of Tech alerts at <https://www.sages.org/publications/tavac/> and in all Messages going forward in the Important Dates/Alerts section.

SAGES FREE Resident Webinar - Tuesday, June 18

Please mark your calendar and sign up to attend the SAGES FREE Resident Webinar: **How to get Advanced Endoscopy Training Targeted Towards Residents & Fellows.** Details and registration here.

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