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SAGES 2024 virtual meeting content and CME credits are available through December 15, 2024!



You'll have until January 15, 2025 to claim CME for the amount of education you complete by December 16, 2024 (registration ends on October 31, 2024).

Previously registered attendees can access virtual content (at no additional cost) [here](#). New attendees can register [here](#).

SAGES 2025 Schedule at a Glance is now [available online](#).

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Shark Tank 2025; New QOS Committee videos; SAGES Member Spotlight Dr. Gordon Wisbach; surgical sustainability paper in *Surgical Endoscopy*; Brandeis 10k scholarship reminder; SAGES 2025 Grant applications open; and, other important dates and deadlines.

IMPORTANT DATES/ALERTS

TAVAC Committee Tech Alerts

Upcoming Free Webinars Mark Your Calendars!

SAGES 2025 Shark Tank Applications Open

WCES-IAGES Registration Open
Oct 2024

SAVE THE DATE
NBT Innovation Summit
2025 Houston
Jan 23-25

SAGES 2025
Long Beach
March 12-15

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Shark Tank 2025 - Applications Now Open

Shark Tank applications are now open at <https://www.judgify.me/sharktank2025> and due November 22!

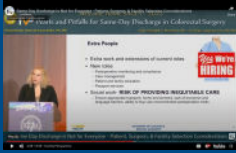


As in previous years, this year's Shark Tank finalists will present both their idea and supporting business model to the Shark Tank judges at the SAGES annual meeting in Long Beach, March 14, 2025. All semi-finalists will present **in person** at the NBT Innovation Weekend, February 23, 2025 in Houston--and will have an opportunity to receive funding through **SINC**, a digital investment platform powered by Varia Ventures that allows fellow SAGES members to invest in their idea. In addition, the winner will also receive the \$30,000 first prize. For questions or inquiries, please contact Julie Miller at julie@sages.org.

Urgent-Bariatric Guideline Available for Public Comment

Please Provide Comments by September 30

The SAGES Guidelines Committee has completed the *Guidelines for the Management of Comorbidities Relevant to Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery*. Prepared by practicing surgeons, the guideline is under review by SAGES Board of Governors. The deadline for public review and comment by SAGES members is Sunday, September 30, 2024. Visit and log in to comment.



New September Videos Posted on SMART Website

Check out the **SAGES SMART website** dedicated to Surgical Management and Advanced Recovery Tools. This month, the site highlights videos on Same Day Surgery.



SAGES Member Spotlight Dr. Gordon Wisbach

"Innovative, accepting, forward thinking. A flat organization with approachable leadership."

Dr. Gordon Wisbach has enjoyed all of that since joining SAGES as a Candidate member in 2004 and Active member in 2006 after completing his residency at the Navy Medical Center in San Diego.

"My dominant interest in residency was MIS and SAGES was the logical surgical association to join," says Dr. Wisbach. "Many of the staff surgeons who were my mentors in training were active SAGES members."

He co-founded the Military committee with Dr. Rob Lim, who he met when during their respective fellowships in Boston (he at Brigham & Women's Hospital and Dr. Lim at Beth Israel/Deaconess Medical Center).

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



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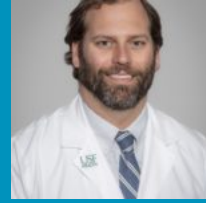
2025 Grant Applications Open - Deadline November 15

The SAGES Research Awards are open to any principal investigator who is a SAGES member, including Candidate members. Grants are limited to no more than \$30,000 each, for a period of one year. The SAGES Robotic Surgery Research Grants are open to any principal investigator who is a current SAGES member, including Candidate Members. Grants are limited to no more than \$50,000.

Please visit the [website](#) for more grant information and instructions.

Dr. Chris DuCoin Featured on SAGES Stories Podcast

Dr. Chris DuCoin's future was pretty much predetermined when his mom told him at a young age that he "had the hands of a surgeon." Despite 33 medical school rejections, the Philadelphia native is now chief of surgery at the University of South Florida in Tampa and chair of SAGES Research committee. Dr. DuCoin, who "strives to be a servant leader and lead by example," continues to focus on growing the Research Database Network to include many different demographics of patient populations. Visit the SAGES website to listen to all podcasts.



Reminder: Executive MBA for Physicians at Brandeis University

The deadline is approaching for SAGES members to apply for the **Executive MBA for Physicians program** in January 2025. The program designed to meet the needs and schedules of practicing physicians. Contact Annalisa to **Schedule a 30-Minute Informational Call** or email HellerPEMBA@brandeis.edu.

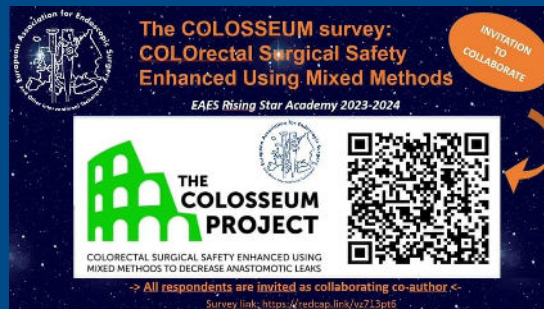


Surgical Sustainability Paper in Surgical Endoscopy

SAGES congratulates the Sustainability in Surgical Practice Task Force on its recently published work in *Surgical Endoscopy*.
White Paper: <https://bit.ly/WPSustainability...>
Survey: <https://bit.ly/SurvSustainability...>
Scoping Review: <https://bit.ly/SRSustainability...>

Calling SAGES Members Performing Colon and Rectal Resections!

Please fill out this quick, 2-minute survey (18 straightforward, click the box questions) – for the COLOSSEUM survey evaluating demographic, training, case volume, anastomotic leak rates, and bowel perfusion assessment current practices among surgeons.



October 26 is National Opioid Take Back Day!

SAGES is dedicated to promoting patient safety, including the safe disposal of opioids. Be sure to encourage your patients to participate in Take Back Day.

Visit www.OpiVoid.org for links to disposal sites, as well as practical tips, videos and other information to reduce opioid prescriptions while ensuring pain management for your patients. If you still need your 8 hour opioid-related CME activity to meet the DEA's MATE Act, SAGES is offering an online course for free to members!

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