

2027 SCIENTIFIC MEETING PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE

JANUARY 22 | FRIDAY | SCCACS GENERAL AND CONCURRENT SESSIONS

7:00 am – 4:00 pm
REGISTRATION

7:00 am – 8:00 am
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST & EXHIBITORS

8:00 am – 8:05 am
OPENING REMARKS

Lydia Lam, MD
President
Southern California Chapter of the American College of Surgeons

SCCACS GENERAL SESSION

— PAPER SESSION 1 — GENERAL SURGERY / POTPOURRI

Presiding Officer: Lydia Lam, MD
University of Southern California & Los Angeles General Medical Center

8:05 am
Rising Use of DCD Organ Donors Offsets the Decline in Drug Overdose-related Donors – at the Cost of Donor Quality
Aarthi Muthukumar, BA
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

8:13 am
Implementation of a Geriatric Pathway at an Emergency General Surgery Verified Program: Does it Make a Difference?
Brandon Perez De Leon, MD
Riverside University Health System Medical Center

8:21 am
Care Fragmentation Following Operative Trauma: A National Analysis
Madison McCarthy, MPP, MPH
University of California / Los Angeles

8:29 am
Achieving Better Delirium Screening in Older Adults Undergoing Surgery: A National Cross-Sectional Survey Study
Cameron Harter, MD
American College of Surgeons

8:37 am
Endoluminal Wound Vacuum for Upper GI Perforations: A Single Institution Case Series
Kristen Tsai, MD
Loma Linda University

8:45 am – 9:00 am
SENIOR AUTHOR PANEL DISCUSSION

— PAPER SESSION 2 — BREAST AND CANCER CARE

Presiding Officer: To Be Announced

9:00 am
Additional Enhancement on Preoperative Breast MRI in Patients with Newly Diagnosed Breast Cancer: Malignancy Risk and Impact on Surgical Management
Noah Cohen
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

9:08 am
Breast-conserving Surgery for Paget's Disease of the Breast: 15-Year Institutional Outcomes
Rayne Peerenboom, MD
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

9:16 am
Longer Wait, More Mastectomy? Surgical Timing and Facility Volume in Early-stage Breast Cancer
Tiffany Calero, MD, MPH
Los Robles Regional Medical Center

9:24 am
Factors Associated with Successful Same-day Discharge after Mastectomy with Implant-based Reconstruction
Abigail Jacobs, MD
Huntington Hospital

9:32 am
Lost in the Referral Pathway: Fragmented Care and Treatment Delays among Patients of Color Seeking Melanoma Care
Femitan Ajayi, BS
University of California / Irvine

9:40 am – 10:00 am
SENIOR AUTHOR PANEL DISCUSSION

10:00 am – 10:30 am
REFRESHMENT BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS

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— PAPER SESSION 3 — MIS / BARIATRICS

Presiding Officer: To Be Announced

10:30 am
Diabetes Status Widens the Comparative Weight-loss Advantage of Bariatric Surgery over GLP-1 Receptor Agonist Therapy
Nicholas Prindeze, MD
University of California / Irvine

10:38 am
Robotic Cholecystectomy is Associated with Lower Conversion to Open than Laparoscopic Approach in an "Open-and-Complete" Acute Care Surgery Practice
Kristen Nordham, MD, MS
Harbor-UCLA Medical Center

10:46 am
Testicular Pain: An Uncommon but Important Symptom of Inguinal Hernias
Michael Manukyan, BA
Beverly Hills Hernia Center

10:54 am
Its the Patient, AND the Hernia: Predictors of Failure of Elective Outpatient Inguinal Hernia Repair
Paul Brosnihan, MD
Harbor-UCLA Medical Center

11:02 am
The Uncompensated Minute: Operative Time and Work RVU Valuation in Robotic vs Laparoscopic Bariatric Operations
Konmal Ali, BS
University of California / Los Angeles

11:10 am – 11:30 am
SENIOR AUTHOR PANEL DISCUSSION

11:30 am – 1:00 pm
BOARD OF DIRECTORS LUNCH MEETING

— MINI PODIUM SESSION —

Presiding Officers: To Be Announced

11:30 am
Combining Frailty and Injury Severity to Predict Geriatric Trauma Outcomes
Gabriel Forbes, MD
Southwest Healthcare Medical Education Consortium

11:38 am
Two-center Analysis of Electric Micromobility Trauma: Volume Trends, Clinical Burden, and Hospital Charges
Aditi Kashikar, MD
Los Angeles General Medical Center and University of Southern California





FRIDAY CONTINUED

11:46 am
Discharge against Medical Advice in Emergency General Surgery: A National Analysis
Darren Tran
University of California / Los Angeles

11:54 am
Trends and Outcomes of Indocyanine Green Fluorescent Imaging Utilization in Cholecystectomy: A National Analysis
Konmal Ali, BS
University of California / Los Angeles

12:02 pm
Utility of Tissue Oximetry for Assessment of Bowel Viability in Acute Care Surgery
Caitlyn Braschi, MD
Los Angeles General Medical Center

12:10 pm
Same Protection, Better Practice: LMWH Demonstrates Superior Guideline Adherence with Comparable VTE Outcomes in Emergency General Surgery
Caroline Lauer, MD
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

12:18 pm
Implementation and Assessment of an Online Preoperative Breast Cancer Educational Course
Devan Abhari, MD
Huntington Hospital

12:26 pm
Protocolized Tiered Mental Health Screening in Trauma Patients Increases Detection of Mental Health Sequelae Following Injury
Jane Kim, MD
Harbor-UCLA Medical Center

12:34 pm
Outcomes of Hypotensive Adolescent Blunt Trauma Patients at Combined Pediatric/Adult Centers (CPACs) vs Pediatric-only Hospitals (POHs)
Keyanna Daniels, BS
University of California / Irvine

12:42 pm
Femoral Central Venous Access is not Associated with Increased CLABSI Risk in Trauma Patients
Ian Joseph, MD
Harbor-UCLA Medical Center

12:50 pm
Identifying Patients at Greatest Risk for Poor Pain Outcomes following Major Lower Extremity Amputation
Brian Sutjiadi, MD
Veterans Affairs (VA) / Palo Alto Health Care System

12:58 pm
Relationship & Sex-based Differences in Social Work Consultation after Assault at a Level I Trauma Center
Kristen Nordham, MD, MS
Harbor-UCLA Medical Center

12:00 pm –1:15 pm
LUNCH WITH EXHIBITORS
(Lunch in Exhibit Hall)

— PAPER SESSION 4 — COLORECTAL SURGERY

Presiding Officer: To Be Announced

1:15 pm
Diversion Strategies for Management of Acute Diverticulitis in the United States
Deep Mehta
University of California / Los Angeles

1:23 pm
Timing of Intervention in Patients Diagnosed with Large Bowel Obstruction: A National Target Trial Emulation
Zihan (Ellis) Gao, MHSc
University of California / Los Angeles

1:31 pm
Complex Anorectal Fistula Management: A Review of Traditional and Emerging Techniques
Emily Orosco, MD
Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital

1:39 pm
National Trends in Admissions, Interventions, and Outcomes for Colon Endometriosis from 2007-2022
Shineui Kim, MD
Riverside Community Hospital

1:47 pm
Anorectal Melanoma: Challenges and Outcomes of Surgical Treatment
Harry Kim, MD
Kaiser Permanente Medical Center / Los Angeles

1:55 pm – 2:15 pm
SENIOR AUTHOR PANEL DISCUSSION

— PAPER SESSION 5 — HOW DO YOU DO THAT? VIDEO PRESENTATIONS

Presiding Officer: Maki Yamamoto, MD
University of California / Irvine

2:15 pm
Robotic Inguinal Hernia Repair: Modern-day Tips and Tricks to Reduce Complications
Shirin Towfigh, MD
Beverly Hills Hernia Center

2:30 pm
Single Port Robotic Transanal Surgery
Catherine Zhu, MD
University of California / Irvine

2:45 pm
The Robotic Whipple: Defining Surgical Precision
Mark Girgis, MD
University of California / Los Angeles

2:55 pm – 3:15 pm
PANEL DISCUSSION AND Q&A

3:15 pm – 3:45 pm
REFRESHMENT BREAK / EXHIBITORS

HOT TOPICS IN SURGERY

Presiding Officer: Tara Russell, MD
University of California / Los Angeles

3:45 pm
GLP-1s and Surgery: What Every Surgeon Needs to Know
Yijun Chen, MD
University of California / Los Angeles

4:00 pm
AI Tools For Surgeons: Thinking Outside the Box
Sean M. O'Neill, MD, PhD
University of Michigan / Ann Arbor

4:15 pm
Surgical AI and Autonomous Robots in the Operating Room
Mitchell Goldenberg, MD
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

4:30 pm
Peer Support Playbook and Ergonomics Resources: Tools from the ACS Surgeon Wellbeing Coalition
Junko Ozao-Choy, MD
Harbor-UCLA Medical Center

4:45 pm – 5:00 pm
PANEL DISCUSSION

6:00 pm – 7:15 pm
WELCOME COCKTAIL RECEPTION

JANUARY 23 | SATURDAY SCCACS GENERAL AND CONCURRENT SESSIONS

7:00 am – 4:00 pm
REGISTRATION

7:00 am – 8:00 am
YOUNG SURGEON'S BREAKFAST

7:00 am – 8:00 am
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST WITH EXHIBITORS

SCCACS GENERAL SESSION

— PAPER SESSION 6 — SURGICAL ONCOLOGY

Presiding Officer: To Be Announced

8:00 am
Variation in Textbook Oncologic Outcomes and Long-term Survival following Lung Cancer Resection
Jaden Rahmani
University of California / Los Angeles







SATURDAY CONTINUED

8:08 am
Contemporary NCDB Analysis of Extended Cholecystectomy and Survival in T2a vs T2b Gallbladder Cancer
Benjamin King, MD MPP
Harbor-UCLA Medical Center

8:16 am
Trends in the Adoption of Minimally Invasive Surgery for Primary Adrenal Malignancies
Elaine Cherenfant, MD
Loma Linda University

8:24 am
Trends of Palliative Care and Do Not Resuscitate Status with Emergency General Surgery in the United States
Darren Tran
University of California / Los Angeles

8:32 am
When Initial Biopsy Underestimates Melanoma: Predictors and Management Consequences of Upstaging
Angelina Wang, BS
University of California / Irvine

8:40 am – 9:00 am
SENIOR AUTHOR PANEL DISCUSSION

— PAPER SESSION 7 — EDUCATION BUSINESS OF MEDICINE

Presiding Officer: To Be Announced

9:00 am
Enhancing Entrustable Professional Activity Assessments Through an AI-assisted Feedback Tool: A Quality Improvement Initiative
Jessica Cao, DO
Community Memorial Health Systems / Ventura

9:08 am
The Standardized Letter of Recommendation (SLOR) for Surgical Critical Care Fellowship Applicants – Objective Tool or Poor Differentiator of Top Applicants
Neilesh Parikh, MD
University of California / Irvine

9:16 am
Compensation Per Unit of Work among Acute Care and General Surgeons: An Analysis of National Medicare Data
Dariush Yalzadeh, BS
University of California / Los Angeles

9:24 am
Financial Consequences of Medicaid Disenrollment Among Surgical Patients: A Counterfactual Analysis
Owen Lai
University of California / Los Angeles

9:32 am
When does Surgery Start to Hurt? Musculoskeletal Symptoms in Surgical Trainees and Attendings
Katherine Cironi, MD
University of Southern California

9:40 am – 10:00 am
SENIOR AUTHOR PANEL DISCUSSION

10:00 am – 10:30 am
REFRESHMENT BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS

— PRESIDENTIAL SESSION —

Moderator: Lydia Lam, MD
SCCACS President
University of Southern California and Los Angeles General Medical Center

10:30 am – 11:00 am
C. JAMES DOWDEN LECTURE
Jennifer Gurney, MD
US Army Institute of Surgical Research
Fort Sam Houston / Texas

11:00 am – 11:45 am
PRESIDENTIAL INVITED PANEL

11:45 am – 12:05 pm
UPDATE FROM ACS
Timothy Eberlein, MD
President
American College of Surgeons

12:05 pm – 12:20 pm
MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING

12:15 pm – 1:30 pm
LUNCH WITH EXHIBITORS
(Lunch in Exhibit Hall)

CONCURRENT SPECIALTY SESSIONS

MIS / GENERAL SURGERY THE GREAT DEBATES OF SOCAL ACS

Session • 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Co-Chair: S. Ariane Christie, MD
University of California / Los Angeles
Co-Chair: Lauren Hawley, MD
Harbor-UCLA Medical Center

ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS

1:30 pm
Effect of Age on Morbidity and Mortality Outcomes across Emergency General Surgery Procedures in Older Adults
Caroline Smolkin, MD, MS
American College of Surgeons

1:38 pm
Interfacility Transfer is Associated with Morbidity following Nonelective Appendectomy
Sienna Wong, MD
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

1:46 pm
Improving the Quality of Informed Consent Discussions and Age-related Perioperative Risk Documentation with Consistent ACS NSQIP Surgical Risk Calculator Use in Geriatric Patients: A Quality Improvement Study
Mimi Landers
Harbor-UCLA Medical Center

1:54 pm
Robotic Gastrectomy for Gastric GIST as an Entry Procedure for Building a Robotic Oncology Program: A National Analysis
Michelle Lee, MD
Loma Linda University

2:02 pm
Adoption, Variation, and Safety of Same-day Discharge after Thyroidectomy: A Retrospective Cohort Study
Kainoa McCauley, MD
American College of Surgeons

2:10 pm
PANEL DISCUSSION AND Q&A

2:25 pm – 2:45 pm
REFRESHMENT BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS

2:45 pm
THE GREAT DEBATES OF SOCAL ACS
Structured Debate on Controversial Questions in General/Minimally Invasive Surgery.
Moderator – To Be Announced

Teams from Southern California residency programs, each consisting of a chief resident and a faculty coach, will address opposite sides of questions in general/minimally invasive surgery. Each debate will take place in 15 minutes, with 4 minute Point and Counterpoint by each R-5, 2 minute rebuttal by each faculty coach, and 3 minutes to poll the audience and select the winner.

2:45 pm
OPENING REMARKS

2:50 pm
Promotion in Place is a win for residents and for the programs. This is the new ACS pilot in which residents complete residency training early and transition into six months of sheltered independent practice at their home institution.

3:10 pm
Subspecialists should not take general surgery call.

3:30 pm
Pay surgeons a salary, not by the RVU.







SATURDAY CONTINUED

3:50 pm
CONCLUDING REMARKS & WINNER SELECTION

4:00 pm
ADJOURN

PEDIATRIC SURGERY

Session • 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Co-Chair: Peter T. Yu, MD, MPH
UC Irvine Health
Children's Hospital of Orange County
Co-Chair: Abigail K. Zamora, MD
Kaiser Permanente Southern California

Advances, Challenges & Emerging Evidence
Fetal Therapy • Congenital Anomalies
Complex Challenges in Pediatric Surgery

1:30 pm
Fetal and Postnatal Management of Sacrococcygeal Teratoma
Shin Hirose, MD
Seattle Children's Hospital

1:47 pm
Navigating Prenatal Predictors in Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia
Mary Austin, MD, MPH
Seattle Children's Hospital

2:04 pm
Fetal Tracheal Occlusion: Advancing Therapy for Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia
KuoJen Tsao, MD
Memorial Hermann Hospital

2:21 pm
Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia and ECMO: Current Challenges and Future Directions
Yigit Guner, MD, MS
University of California / Irvine and Rady Children's Hospital Orange County

2:38 pm
Pediatric Primary Spontaneous Pneumothorax: Management Strategies and Clinical Considerations
April Carlson, MD
University of California / Irvine and Rady Children's Hospital Orange County

2:43 pm
Trisomy 18 and Surgical Intervention: Disease Burden and Survival Outcomes
Alyssa Joachim, MD
University of California / San Diego and Rady Children's Hospital Orange County

2:27 pm
Update on Lessons Learned from Magnamosis Devices for Esophageal Atresias
William Lee, MD
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

2:48 pm
Gastrojejunostomy vs Fundoplication in At-risk Children: A Cost and Outcomes Analysis
Melanie Tacher Otero, MD
University of Buffalo / New York and Rady Children's Hospital Orange County

2:53 pm – 2:57 pm
REFRESHMENT BREAK

2:57pm
The Role of Steroids in the Management of Ileocolic Intussusception
Benjamin (Ben) Carr, MD
Oregon Health & Science University

3:09 pm
Intestinal Failure across the Age Spectrum: Current State and Clinical Perspectives
Biren P. Modi, MD, MPH
Boston Children's Hospital

3:26 pm
Postoperative Management of Anorectal Malformations: Debates, Dilemmas, and Decision-making
Sam Rice-Townsend, MD
Seattle Children's Hospital

3:43 pm
Reoperative Surgery for Hirschsprung Disease: Strategies for Complex Cases
Payam Saadai, MD
University of California / Davis Health

4:00 pm
ADJOURN

CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY AND VASCULAR SURGERY

Session • 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Co-Chair: Isabella Kuo, MD
University of California / Irvine
Co-Chair: Sohail Sareh, MD
Providence St. Jude Medical Center / Fullerton

ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS

1:35 pm
Surgeon Specialization and Failure to Rescue Following Esophagectomy in the Contemporary Era
Vikram Krishna, MD
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

1:43 pm
National Analysis of Radial Artery Harvesting Techniques in Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting
Gizem Bilgili, MD
University of California / Los Angeles

1:51 pm
Clinical Phenotype and Surgical Burden of Thoracic Endometriosis: A Nationwide Descriptive Analysis
Shray Malik, MD
University of California / Irvine

2:00 pm
INVITED PRESENTATION
What's New in Thoracic Surgery?
Hari Keshava, MD
University of California / Irvine

2:20 pm
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

2:25 pm – 3:10 pm
REFRESHMENT BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS

INVITED PRESENTATION
2:40 pm
What's New In Vascular Surgery?
Xuan Binh (Ben) Pham, MD
Southern California Vascular Associates / Orange

3:00 pm
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS

3:05 pm
Trends and Disparities in Revascularization Access in Critical Limb Ischemia: A National Analysis
Isabella Chilian
University of California / Los Angeles

3:13 pm
Gender Disparities in Carotid Revascularization: A Medicare Population-level Analysis, 2019-2023
Austen Mauch, MD
Los Robles Regional Medical Center

3:21 pm
A Comparison of Outcomes between Teenage Athletes and Nonathletes with Thoracic Outlet Syndrome
Madison Betcher, MD
University of California / Los Angeles

3:30 pm
FELLOWS DEBATE
Management of Type B Aortic Dissection

3:50 pm
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

4:00 pm
ADJOURN







SATURDAY CONTINUED

BREAST SURGERY

Session • 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Co-Chair: Windy Olaya, MD
Private Practice, Orange, California
Co-Chair: Christine Dauphine, MD
Harbor-UCLA Medical Center

ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS

1:30 pm
Association between Local Anesthetic Administration Site and Mastectomy Skin-flap Complications following Immediate Implant-based Breast Reconstruction
Nicole Rossi, MD
Huntington Health

1:39 pm
A Critical Analysis of American Insurance Coverage for Lymphatic Reconstruction in Breast Cancer Patients in a Single-institution Prospective Cohort Study
Jordan Gasho, BS
University of Southern California

INVITED PRESENTATION

1:48 pm
Lymphatic Reconstruction in Breast Cancer Patients
Emma Koesters, MD
University of Southern California

2:09 pm
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

2:15 pm – 2:35 pm
REFRESHMENT BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS

ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS

2:35 pm
Patient Burden from Breast Cancer Diagnosis to Surgery and the Role of Preoperative Localization
Deepika Sarode, MD
University of California / Los Angeles

2:44 pm
Temporal Trends in Immediate Breast Reconstruction for Stage IV Breast Cancer: An ACS-NSQIP Analysis (2007-2024)
Maxwell Zywica, BA
University of California / Los Angeles

INVITED PRESENTATION
HOT TOPIC TALK

2:53 pm
Trends in Preoperative Localization Techniques, Problems, and Related Issues
Nimmi Kapoor, MD
University of California / Los Angeles

3:14 pm
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

3:22 pm
FELLOWS / SENIOR DEBATE
Case: Surgical Treatment of the Breast Primary in State IV Breast Cancer
Presenters –
Linnea Cripe, MD
University of California / Los Angeles
Kendall Weierich, MD
University of Southern California

4:00 pm
ADJOURN

4:00 pm – 4:15 pm
REFRESHMENT BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS

SURGICAL JEOPARDY

4:15 pm – 5:30 pm
JEOPARDY COMPETITION
ABSITE COMPETITION FOR RESIDENTS
Moderator –
Brian Smith, MD
University of California / Irvine

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm
WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION

6:30 pm
ADJOURN





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SUNDAY

JANUARY 24 | **SUNDAY**
SCCACS GENERAL AND CONCURRENT SESSIONS

7:00 am – 12:00 pm
REGISTRATION

7:00 am – 8:00 am
COMMITTEE ON TRAUMA BREAKFAST MEETING

7:00 am – 8:00 am
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

SCCACS GENERAL SESSION

— PAPER SESSION 8 — TRAUMA

Presiding Officer: Maheswari Senthil, MD
University of California / Irvine

8:00 am
The Use of Pigtail Catheters in Patients with Thoracic Trauma: Not so Painless
Maggie McGing, MD
University of Southern California

8:08 am
Tracheostomy Decannulation After Trauma: Is it Time for a Quality Metric?
Andrew Maneval, MD
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

8:16 am
Safety and Efficacy of Sustained Pre-hospital Cervical Collar Immobilization in Neurologically Intact Trauma Patients
Joseph Di Gerolamo, MBA, BS
University of California / Irvine

8:24 am
Feasibility of Serial CT-derived Optic Nerve Sheath Diameter as a Marker of Traumatic Brain Injury Progression: Implications for Military Field Care
Caleb Adkins, DO
Scripps Mercy Hospital / San Diego

8:32 am
The Second Victim: Psychological Distress among Surgical and Emergency Medicine Residents from the Provision of Trauma Care
Deanna Ng, MD, PhD
University of Toronto / Canada

8:40 am – 9:00 am
SENIOR AUTHOR PANEL DISCUSSION

9:00 am – 9:30 am
REFRESHMENT BREAK

9:30 am – 12:00 pm
CONCURRENT SPECIALTY SESSIONS







SUNDAY CONTINUED

TRAUMA SURGERY

Session • 9:30 am – 12:00 pm
Co-Chair: Amber Jones, MD
Kern Medical Center / Bakersfield, CA
Co-Chair: Emily Dubina, MD
Riverside Community Hospital

INVITED PRESENTATIONS
TRAUMA FRONTIERS

9:30 am
Pre-hospital Whole Blood
Thomas K. Duncan DO
Ventura County Medical Center

9:50 am
Pediatric Readiness
Aaron Jensen, MD
University of California / San Francisco

10:10 am
Trauma Exam: Past, Present, and Future
Sara Edwards, MD
Riverside Community Hospital

10:30 am
PANEL DISCUSSION

10:40 am – 10:55 am
REFRESHMENT BREAK

ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS

10:55 am
Venous Thromboembolism after Isolated Penetrating Femoral and Popliteal Vein Injury: Does Management Strategy Matter?
Arianna Konstantopoulos, BA
Harbor-UCLA Medical Center

11:03 am
Cost Burden of Trauma among the Unhoused
Jayden Wong
University of California / Los Angeles

11:11 am
Trends and Variations in Prehospital Tranexamic Acid Use in US Adult Trauma Activations, 2020-2024
David Bursalyan, DO
Riverside Community Hospital

11:18 am
Going Not So BIG: Early Cognitive Impairment following Mild Traumatic Brain Injury
Morihiro Katsura, MD, MPH
Los Angeles General Medical Center

11:26 am
Predictors of Operative Management in Pediatric Facial Dog Bites: When to Operate?
Jordan Gasho, BS
Children's Hospital of Los Angeles

11:34 am
Trends in Outcomes and Transfusion Patterns Over Time Among Trauma Patients Meeting NTDB Angiography Criteria in Level II Trauma Center
Rudy Sanchez, MD
Ventura County Medical Center

11:42 am
Characterizing National Variation in Trauma Team Activation Criteria of US Trauma Centers
Corey Burrough, MD
HCA Far West Division

12:00 pm
ADJOURN

SURGICAL ONCOLOGY HEPATOBILIARY

Session • 9:30 am – 12:00 pm
Co-Chair: Michael O'Leary, MD
University of California / Irvine
Co-Chair: Mark Girgis, MD
University of California / Los Angeles

ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS

9:30 am
The Postoperative Bottleneck: Treatment Completion across Perioperative Regimens for Resectable Gastroesophageal Cancer
Nicholas Prindeze, MD
University of California / Irvine

9:45 am
Risk Factors for Incisional-site Recurrence in Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma
Erica Daniels, MD
Cedars Sinai Medical Center

10:00 am
Compliance with Hospital Volume Standards and Outcomes after Major Cancer Resection: A National Analysis
Daanish Ahmad, MD
Harbor-UCLA Medical Center

10:15 am
Evolution of AJCC Staging towards a Numerical Nodal Classification System: A Study of the National Cancer Database assessing the Staging Effects of Pancreatic, Gallbladder, and Gastric Cancer
Timothy Ko, MD
Los Robles Medical Center

10:30 am
Does Signet Ring Cell Histology Predict Stage-dependent Survival in Gastric Adenocarcinoma? A Single-institution Experience
Micah Brainerd, MD
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

10:50 am – 11:00 am
REFRESHMENT BREAK

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

11:00
What's New with Hepatic Artery Infusion Pumps
Laleh Melstrom MD
City of Hope / Los Angeles

11:20 am
FELLOWS DEBATE
NIPEC vs PIPAC for Unresectable Colorectal Cancer with Peritoneal Spread
PIPAC / Fellow – Cristina Ilagan, MD
Faculty Advisor – Rhami Khorfan, MD
Loma Linda University
NIPEC / Fellow – Avia Kamara, MD
Faculty Advisor – Michael O'Leary, MD
University of California / Irvine

11:50 am
QUESTIONS AND WRAP-UP

12:00 pm
ADJOURN

COLORECTAL SURGERY

Session • 9:30 am – 12:00 pm
Co-Chair: Tara Russell, MD
University of California / Los Angeles
Co-Chair: Catherine Zhu, MD
University of California / Irvine

WHAT'S NEW IN COLORECTAL

9:30 am
A Practical and Stepwise Approach to Managing Low Anterior Resection Syndrome
Richard J. Straker III, MD
University of California / Irvine

9:45 am
The Role of ctDNA in Colorectal Cancer
Sarah Choi, MD
University of Southern California

10:00 am
Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection (ESD): To Try is To Succeed
Adam Truong, MD
University of California / Los Angeles

ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS

10:25 am
Utilization of High Intensity Focused Electromagnetic Stimulation on Fecal Incontinence Outcomes
Samara Spence, MD
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

10:33 am
Surgical Risk Tolerance in Patients Undergoing Colorectal Surgery: Analysis of Pilot Data for a Novel Approach to Assessing Patient Risk Preferences
Annabah Glasser, MD
University of Southern California







SUNDAY CONTINUED

10:41 am
Increasing Disease Complexity with Accelerated Recovery after Robotic Sigmoidectomy for Diverticulitis over a Decade
Sean Hormozian, MD
Arrowhead Regional Medical Center

10:50 am – 11:05 am
REFRESHMENT BREAK

ASK THE EXPERTS

11:05 am
Freeing the Flexure: Techniques for Attaining Maximal Reach
Kevork Kazanjian, MD
University of California / Los Angeles

11:25 am
Tips and Tricks for Tailored Rectal Prolapse Surgery: It's All About that Pouch of Douglas!
Liliana Bordeianou, MD
University of California / Irvine

11:45 am
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

12:00 pm
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BARIATRIC AND METABOLIC SURGERY

Session • 9:30 am – 12:00 pm
Co-Chair: Christian Perez, MD
Harbor-UCLA Medical Center
Co-Chair: Katie Galvin, MD
University of Southern California

9:30 am
INTRODUCTIONS

9:35 am
What's New in the Era of Obesity Medications? How Medications are Changing Patient Selection, Timing, and Revisional Practice
Kamran Samakar, MD
University of Southern California

9:55 am
Choosing and Revising the Operation Sleeve, Bypass, and Newer Procedures; What Drives the Choice when Weight Loss or Metabolic Response is Inadequate?
James D. Nguyen, MD
Los Angeles General Hospital

10:15 am
What's New in Foregut Surgery: RefluxStop–Rationale, Technique, and Clinical Evidence
John C. Lipham, MD
University of Southern California

10:35 am
The Difficult Redo: Decision-Making and Technical Strategies in Revisional Foregut Surgery
Shaun Daly, MD
University of California / Irvine

10:55 am – 11:05 am
REFRESHMENT BREAK

11:05 am
INTERESTING CASE VIDEO SESSION
Caitlin Houghton, MD
University of Southern California

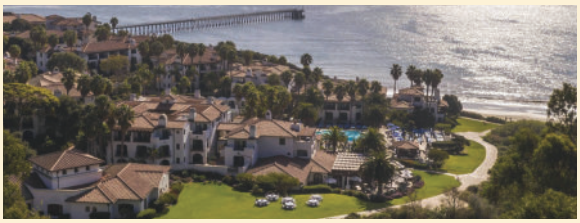
11:25 am
PANEL DISCUSSION
Challenging Decisions in Bariatric and Foregut Surgery
Panelists –
Kulmeet Sandhu, MD
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center / Los Angeles
Caitlin Houghton, MD
University of Southern California
Raul J. Rosenthal MD
University of California / Los Angeles
John C. Lipham, MD
University of Southern California

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12:15 pm – 1:30 pm
SCCACS EXECUTIVE AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING

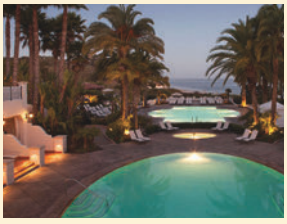
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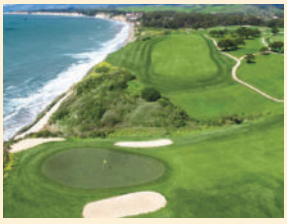








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