

# ACS/Clinical Congress 2026

## PROGRAM PLANNER

Register by **August 10**  
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September 26–29 | Washington, DC

Walter E. Washington Convention Center  
Marriott Marquis Washington DC

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Walter E. Washington Convention Center  
In-Person and Virtual

**Join us September 26–29** for education, networking, and the latest surgical innovation relevant to members of The House of Surgery®. Both in-person and virtual attendance options are available.

This year's Clinical Congress offers **outstanding educational opportunities** for every stage in your surgical career—all in one place. Learn from distinguished experts, hear about groundbreaking procedures and research, network with peers from around the globe, and **gain clinical and nonclinical knowledge and skills** that you can immediately put into practice.

In-person attendees also will have access to on-demand content as part of their registration, and both in-person and virtual attendees have the opportunity to **claim AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™** and meet other regulatory requirements. Attendees who register and attend Didactic and Surgical Skills Courses may earn **Self-Assessment Credits**.

Use this *Program Planner* to find sessions specific to your areas of interest, as well as details about registration, housing, and networking events.

The best surgical education is *all in one place*.  
**Join us in Washington, DC, or online.**

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## Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you and your entire surgical team to join us in Washington, DC, for the 2026 ACS Clinical Congress.

This year marks the 250th anniversary of the US Declaration of Independence, creating a unique opportunity to engage in a highly energizing and educational surgical meeting, while simultaneously capitalizing on the special events in Washington, DC, that are planned for the US semiquincentennial.

For the 2026 Clinical Congress, we have reimagined our educational programming to better reflect our evolving specialties and offer a more meaningful and enriching experience.

Under the leadership of Kyla P. Terhune, MD, MBA, FACS, our new Senior Vice President, Education, and the Program Committee, chaired by Kenneth W. Sharp, MD, FACS, we have designed a program that highlights speakers and topics that are on the forefront of our surgical practice such as courses on artificial intelligence (AI) and surgical techniques that you can immediately put into practice when you return home to your patients.

A new lecture series this year is the “Best of Grand Rounds.” We asked our members to nominate individuals who recently inspired and motivated them. Of those nominated, we have selected three to be part of this exciting series debut. Topics include surgical leadership, using one’s own narrative in advocacy, and a new and exciting topic—surgery in space.

We are also pleased to continue offering The Capital Welcome Reception on Saturday evening. This extremely popular gathering helps us celebrate our Initiates, our profession, and the start of our signature surgical education and engagement event. The reception begins at 7:00 pm after Convocation.

On Sunday morning, following the Opening Ceremony and Martin Memorial Lecture, we have the distinct honor of presenting the Olga M. Jonasson Lecture by US Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson. The momentum continues on Monday, with a new series on Surgery Informatics and AI.

As you peruse this program, you’ll also find a number of multidisciplinary sessions, panels, and abstract presentations that connect the entire House of Surgery, as well as those that focus on your individual surgical discipline. The goal is to offer a dynamic program with choices that resonate with all surgeons—no matter their career stage, surgical specialty, practice type, or location.

In addition to the educational programming, you will have the opportunity to visit the Exhibit Hall and see the latest surgical devices and services on display, while networking events will allow you to engage with like-minded individuals, find a mentor/mentee, and have a conversation with someone who may become your next research collaborator or partner.

As always, the virtual component is included with your registration. This year, to help you maximize your budget, we have decreased the price of our Didactic Courses so that you can participate in sessions that include a medical illustration workshop, a minimally invasive and robotics techniques course for emergency general surgery, and the annual update in trauma course.

Through the live and virtual programming, you have the ability to earn approximately 182.5 Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits. CME and Self-Assessment Credit will be available for specifically designated sessions, and documentation of verification levels of knowledge and skills will be reported on the transcript. Additionally, many sessions will address specific regulatory mandates for state licensure and ACS Accreditation and Verification Programs.

Please check our website at [facs.org/clincon2026](https://facs.org/clincon2026) for more information, as well as links for housing and the online program planner, which will be continuously updated with the latest information about the meeting.

We look forward to engaging with you this September to exchange ideas and celebrate surgical excellence.

See you in DC!

**Anton N. Sidawy, MD, MPH, FACS, President;**  
**Lena M. Napolitano, MD, FACS, Chair, Board of Regents; and**  
**Patricia L. Turner, MD, MBA, FACS, Executive Director and CEO**

## Key Events



### Convocation

Saturday, September 26  
5:45–7:00 pm

*Registration is required for all guests this year. Guests of Initiates qualify for complimentary Saturday-only registration.*

The Convocation Ceremony confers Fellowship upon surgeons who have successfully met the requirements of their education and training and commit to the ACS oath, “To Heal All with Skill and Trust.” The ceremony also includes recognition of the Honorary Fellows, presentation of the Inspiring Women in Surgery and Distinguished Service Awards, installation of ACS Officers, and the Presidential Address by Timothy Eberlein, MD, FACS.

All Initiates must register for Clinical Congress if planning to participate in the Convocation Ceremony. ACS welcomes family members and guests of Initiates to attend the Convocation Ceremony and share in this celebration; their advance complimentary registration is required and can be completed during the Initiates’ registration process. Guests should be in their seats by 5:30 pm. The processional of dignitaries and Initiates begins at 5:45 pm, and the ceremony starts at 6:00 pm.



### The Capital Welcome Reception

Saturday, September 26  
7:00–9:00 pm

*All reception attendees and guests must be registered to attend.*

All Clinical Congress attendees and their families are invited to join us Saturday evening for The Capital Welcome Reception. This event will feature cuisine that highlights Washington’s global influences and regional traditions, along with a celebration of the House of Surgery. It’s a perfect opportunity for surgeons in all disciplines to come together, enjoy camaraderie, and celebrate surgical excellence.

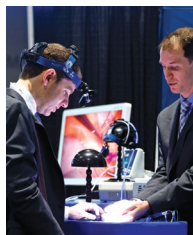


### Opening Ceremony, State of the ACS, Martin Memorial Lecture

Sunday, September 27  
8:00–9:30 am

The Opening Ceremony, presided over by the new ACS President, marks the official start of Clinical Congress.

During the ceremony, Honorary Fellows, Past-Presidents, College Officers and Regents, special invited guests from national and international healthcare organizations, as well as Resident Research Scholars and International Guest Scholars are recognized. The program also includes the annual overview of the ACS, presented by Executive Director and CEO Patricia L. Turner, MD, MBA, FACS, and concludes with the Martin Memorial Lecture.



### Exhibit Hall

Sunday–Monday, September 27–28  
9:00 am–3:30 pm

Tuesday, September 29  
9:00 am–2:00 pm

Engage face-to-face with industry leaders and learn firsthand about surgical products and services being

introduced into the market. The Clinical Congress Exhibit Hall offers the optimal place to learn, analyze, and compare surgical devices and products from more than 150 companies.

Attendees also can find popular hands-on clinics and the Innovation Theater in the Exhibit Hall, as well as ACS Central, offering exclusive ACS merchandise, special member benefits, the ability to engage with staff, and free professional headshots.



### Special Session with Dr. Monica Bertagnolli, President-Elect of the National Academy of Medicine

Monday, September 28  
9:45–10:45 am

Dr. Bertagnolli, President Elect of the National Academy of Medicine, will give a special session on Monday of Clinical

Congress. Dr. Bertagnolli is a surgical oncologist who served as the 17th director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the 16th director of the National Cancer Institute (NCI). She was elected President of the National Academy of Medicine (NAM) and will assume that position July 2026. Her influence has spanned platforms such as the intentional inclusion of rural populations in clinical studies as well as transforming data infrastructure to promote clinical research and improve care.



**NEW**

**Best of Grand Rounds Series**

This new lecture series highlights speakers, nominated by members, who gave inspiring and motivating talks this past year.

**Sunday, September 27**

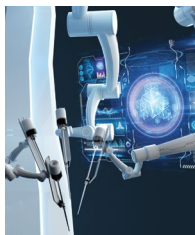
4:15–5:15 pm *Leading Beyond the Bedside: The Power of Personal Narratives in Medicine with Joseph V. Sakran, MD, MPH, MPA, FACS*

**Monday, September 28**

4:15–5:15 pm *Antifragility: The New Architecture of Healing: Transforming Despair into Hope Through Surgical Leadership and Social Innovation with Edward M. Barksdale Jr., MD, FACS, FAAP*

**Tuesday, September 29**

11:30 am–12:30 pm *Surgery in Space with Tovy H. Kamine, MD, MBA, FACS, FAsMA*



**NEW**

**Clinical Informatics and AI Sessions**

Clinical Informatics and AI Sessions will explore how data science, digital tools, and artificial intelligence are transforming surgical practice. These new sessions will offer practical insights and emerging best practices to enhance decision-making, efficiency, and patient outcomes.

**Monday, September 28**

11:30 am–12:30 pm *The Regulatory Future of AI in Surgery (Non-CME)*  
 12:45–2:15 pm *Artificial Intelligence Policy and Surgery: Balancing Innovation, Risk, and Regulation (Non-CME)*  
 2:30–4:00 pm *Surgical Video Recording: Industry Landscape & Competitive Positioning (Non-CME)*  
 4:15–5:45 pm *Next: Ambulatory Surgery Centers and Artificial Intelligence (AI) (Non-CME)*

**Tuesday, September 29**

8:00–9:30 am *Surgery Informatics and Artificial Intelligence (AI) 101 (Non-CME)*  
 9:45–11:15 am *Ignite Talks in Surgery Informatics and Artificial Intelligence (Non-CME)*  
 11:30 am–12:30 pm *Clinical Informatics Open Discussion (Non-CME)*  
 12:45–2:15 pm *Augmented Dexterity in Robotics (Non-CME)*



**NEW**

**Networking Coffee with Your Specialty**

As part of a pilot program this year featuring a limited number of specialties, each group will enjoy exclusive access to a dedicated space for a dynamic morning networking coffee experience.

**Monday, September 28**

7:00–7:45 am *Colon & Rectal Surgeons and Pediatric Surgeons*

**Tuesday, September 29**

7:00–7:45 am *Vascular Surgeons and Plastic Surgeons*



**Ten Hot Topics in General Surgery**

Tuesday, September 29  
 12:45–2:15 pm

Benjamin K. Poulouse, MD, MPH, FACS, and Nancy D. Perrier, MD, FACS, will moderate this highly popular, rapid-fire session, highlighting important topics for general surgeons. Some of the

topics that will be discussed in this session include hernia, cholecystitis, and breast cancer.



**Annual Business Meeting of Members**

Tuesday, September 29  
 2:30–3:30 pm

All ACS members are invited to attend:

- Reports from the Chair of the Board of Regents, Chair of the Board of Governors, Executive Director, and American College of Surgeons Professional Association-SurgeonsPAC Board Chair
- Reports of the Nominating Committee of the Board of Governors and Nominating Committee of the Fellows, as well as the introduction of the new Regents and election of the President-Elect

## Named Lectures

Sunday, September 27



**Martin Memorial Lecture**  
***Curiosity and Innovation: The Promise of Wonder***

NL01 | 9:00–9:30 am

*Presiding Officer:* Timothy J. Eberlein, MD, FACS, St. Louis, MO  
*Introducer:* Joshua Broghammer, MD, FACS, Kansas City, KS  
*Lecturer:* Ralph V. Clayman, MD, FACS, Orange, CA



**Olga M. Jonasson Lecture**  
***Special Event: A Moderated Conversation***

NL02 | 10:00–11:00 am

*Introducer:* Sharon L. Stein, MD, FACS, Cleveland, OH  
*Moderator:* Patricia L. Turner, MD, MBA, FACS, ACS Executive Director and CEO  
*Lecturer:* Ketanji Brown Jackson, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the United States, Washington, DC

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**Charles G. Drake History of Surgery Lecture**  
***Evolution of Combat Neuro-trauma from Cushing to Ukraine***

NL03 | 12:45–1:45 pm

*Presiding Officer and Introducer:* Alexander Khalessi, MD, MS, FACS, La Jolla, CA  
*Lecturer:* Rocco A. Armonda, MD, Bethesda, MD



**Herand Abcarian Lecture**  
***The Changing Landscape of Colorectal Oncology: Refining and Redefining the Surgeon's Role***

NL04 | 2:30–3:30 pm

*Presiding Officer and Introducer:* David J. Maron, MD, FACS, Weston, FL  
*Lecturer:* Julio E. Garcia-Aguilar, MD, PhD, FACS, New York, NY

## Monday, September 28

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**John H. Gibbon Jr., Lecture**  
***Beyond the Summit—Performance, Leadership, and Artificial Intelligence in Surgery***

NL05 | 8:00–9:00 am

*Presiding Officer and Introducer:* Richard I. Whyte, MD, FACS, Boston, MA  
*Lecturer:* Thomas K. Varghese Jr., MD, MS, MBA, FACS, Salt Lake City, UT



**Scudder Oration on Trauma**  
***The Last Preventable Death: Will Digital Transformation Change Injury Care Forever?***

NL06 | 12:45–1:45 pm

*Presiding Officer and Introducer:* Kristan L. Staudenmayer, MD, MS, FACS, Stanford, CA  
*Lecturer:* Michael F. Rotondo, MD, FACS, Rochester, NY



**Distinguished Lecture of the International Society of Surgery**  
***Advanced Flexible Endoscopic Surgery in GI Tract: From ESD, POEM, Third Space Endoscopy and EFTR***

NL07 | 2:30–3:30 pm

*Presiding Officer and Introducer:* Annabel Barber, MD, FACS, Las Vegas, NV  
*Lecturer:* Haruhiro Inoue, MD, PhD, Tokyo, Japan

## Tuesday, September 29

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**John J. Conley Ethics and Philosophy Lecture**  
***Responding to Patients Who Have Been Harmed by Their Healthcare: Implementing the Modern Ethical Paradigm***

NL08 | 9:45–10:45 am

*Presiding Officer and Introducer:* Diana L. Farmer, MD, FACS, FRCS, Sacramento, CA  
*Lecturer:* Thomas H. Gallagher, MD, MACP, Seattle, WA

# Didactic and Surgical Skills Courses

## Didactic and Surgical Skills Information

All Didactic (DC) and Surgical Skills (SC) Courses are *ticketed* and require a separate fee in addition to registering for the meeting (required). Participation is limited and seats are filled on a first-come, first-processed basis. *Note:* No refund requests for Didactic and Surgical Skills Course fees will be accepted after September 8, 2026.

Some of the courses will have two parts. Part 1 will consist of virtual study materials provided to registrants prior to the Part 2 in-person course presented onsite.

To claim *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* for Didactic and Surgical Skills Courses, participants must complete both the session evaluation and the global evaluation.

## Didactic and Surgical Skills Course Fee Categories

Fellow/Associate Fellow	A surgeon who is a Fellow or Associate Fellow of the ACS
Guest Physician	A practicing physician who is not currently a member of the ACS
Resident	Any verified resident. Registering for Clinical Congress grants automatic membership to verified residents and medical students.
Healthcare Teammate	A Nurse, Office Manager, or Technician

## ACS System for Verification of Knowledge and Skills

The ACS Board of Regents has approved a five-level model for verification and documentation of knowledge and skills, following participation in the educational programs of the College. This model provides a framework for designing and implementing educational courses based on principles of contemporary surgical education and permits a provision of appropriate documentation to the attendees. The courses offered at Clinical Congress have been assigned verification levels of I, II, or III, based on the requirements for each level.

Level	Verification of	Requirement(s)
Level I	Attendance	Affirmation of attendance/course ticket and course evaluation
Level II	Satisfactory completion of course objectives	Use of pre- and posttest* and course evaluation
Level III	Knowledge and skills	Formal assessment through pre- and posttest* and skills report card; course evaluation
Level IV	Preceptor experience	<i>Not available at Clinical Congress</i>
Level V	Satisfactory patient outcomes	<i>Not available at Clinical Congress</i>

\*A passing score of 75% or higher is required on the posttest.

All Didactic and Surgical Skills Courses designated as Verification Level II or III include a self-assessment component. To receive *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* and Self-Assessment Credit toward Part 2 of the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Program, participants must complete all course requirements. For American Board of Surgery (ABS) Diplomates, the MOC Part 2 requirement applies to those who have not yet taken their first ABS Continuous Certification Program Assessment Exam. Refer to the online program, in courses that are CME-eligible, and session descriptions for specific course details.

A nonmember Resident or Medical Student registering for Clinical Congress will be granted automatic membership in the ACS. Application fees will be waived if appropriate documentation is supplied verifying Resident or Medical Student status.



## Didactic Courses

Time	Code	Credits	Ver Level	Session Title and Leader(s)	Fellow/ Associate Fellow	Guest Physician	Resident Member	Healthcare Teammate
<b>Saturday, September 26</b>								
8:00-4:00	DC01	6.5	II	<b>Annual Update in Emergency General Surgery Course: Hot Topics, Current Concepts, and Modern Evidence</b> <i>Chair:</i> Nicole A. Stassen, MD, FACS, Rochester, NY <i>Co-Chair:</i> Kristy L. Hawley, MD, FACS, Denver, CO	\$350	\$420	\$175	N/A
8:30-4:00	DC02	6	II	<b>Global Health Competencies for Surgeons</b> <i>Chair:</i> Jennifer Rickard, MD, FACS, Minneapolis, MN <i>Co-Chair:</i> Edgar B. Rodas, MD, FACS, Richmond, VA	\$350	\$420	\$175	\$265
8:45-4:15	DC03	6	II	<b>Inclusive Excellence Certificate Course</b> <i>Chair:</i> Anthony J. Froix, MD, MBA, FACS, Dallas, TX <i>Co-Chair:</i> Tania K. Arora, MD, FACS, Birmingham, PA This registration fee includes a full day course at Clinical Congress 2026 and three virtual Inclusive Excellence Certificate Sessions.	\$575	\$675	\$225	\$475
<b>Sunday, September 27</b>								
1:00-5:15	DC04	4	II	<b>Medical Illustration Workshop</b> <i>Chair:</i> Francois I. Luks, MD, FACS, Providence, RI <i>Co-Chair:</i> Ingrid Ganske, MD, FACS, Boston, MA	\$300	\$360	\$150	\$225
<b>Monday, September 28</b>								
8:30-4:00	DC05	6	II	<b>MIS Masters Course: Advanced Minimally Invasive and Robotic Techniques for Emergency General Surgery</b> <i>Chair:</i> Michael W. Cripps, MD, FACS, Aurora, CO <i>Co-Chair:</i> Stephanie E. Joyce, MD, FACS, East Lyme, CT	\$350	\$420	\$175	N/A
<b>Tuesday, September 29</b>								
7:00-2:15	DC06	6	II	<b>Annual Update in Trauma Course: Current Practices and Hot Topics in Trauma</b> <i>Chair:</i> Raul Coimbra, MD, PhD, FACS, San Diego, CA <i>Co-Chair:</i> Navpreet K. Dhillon, MD, FACS, Castro Valley, CA	\$350	\$420	\$175	N/A
8:00-12:15	DC07	4	II	<b>Essentials of Successful Practice Management: Leadership Beyond the Operating Room</b> <i>Chair:</i> Christopher Senkowski, MD, FACS, Miami, FL <i>Co-Chair:</i> Don Selzer, MD, FACS, Indianapolis, IN	\$300	\$360	\$150	\$265

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All registrants and speakers are encouraged to spread the word about Clinical Congress using our social media resources.

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## Surgical Skills Courses

Time	Code	Credits	Ver Level	Session Title and Leader(s)	Fellow/ Associate Fellow	Guest Physician	Resident Member
<b>Saturday, September 26</b>							
8:00-12:15	SC01	6	III	<b>One Skill, Two Platforms: Mastering Difficult Suturing in Open and Laparoscopic Surgery</b> <i>Chair:</i> Areti Tillou, MD, FACS, Los Angeles, CA <i>Co-Chairs:</i> Moshim Kukar, MBBS, FACS, Amherst, NY, Dmitry Nepomnayshy MD, MSc, FACS, Burlington, MA	\$1,225	\$1,460	\$605
1:00-5:15	SC02	6	III	<b>Advanced Skills Training for Surgeons: Laparoscopic Common Bile Duct Exploration</b> <i>Chair:</i> Ezra N. Teitelbaum, MD, FACS, Milwaukee, WI <i>Co-Chair:</i> Maggie Bosley, MD, Portland, OR	\$1,225	\$1,460	\$605
<b>Sunday, September 27</b>							
1:00-5:15	SC03	4	III	<b>Ultrasound-Guided Resuscitation for Trauma and Critically Ill Patients</b> <i>Chair:</i> Jacob Glaser, MD, FACS, Mukilteo, WA <i>Co-Chair:</i> Molly Flannagan, MD, FACS, Charlottesville, VA	\$1,225	\$1,460	\$605
	SC04	N/A	III	<b>AI Skills: What Can I Do Now and What's Coming in the Future? (Non-CME)</b> <i>Chair:</i> Marc Melcher, MD, FACS, Palo Alto, CA <i>Co-Chair:</i> Filippo Filicori, MD, FACS, Long Island City, NY	\$550	\$650	\$275
<b>Monday, September 28</b>							
8:00-12:15	SC05	6	III	<b>Reskilling for Surgical Critical Care Readiness</b> <i>Chair:</i> Matthew Bradley, MD, FACS, Bethesda, MD <i>Co-Chair:</i> John Armstrong, MD, FACS, Ocala, FL	\$750	\$900	\$375
1:00-5:15	SC06	6	III	<b>Advanced Techniques to Master the Uncomplicated to Complex Axilla</b> <i>Chair:</i> Sheldon M. Feldman, MD, FACS, Bronx, NY <i>Co-Chair:</i> Maureen P. McEvoy, MD, FACS, New Canaan, CT	\$1,925	\$2,300	\$975
<b>Tuesday, September 29</b>							
7:00-4:30	SC07	6	III	<b>Civilian Surgical Skills for Care of Returning Combat Casualties</b> <i>Chair:</i> Brian J. Eastridge, MD, FACS, San Antonio, TX <i>Co-Chair:</i> Mark W. Bowyer, MD, FACS, Fairfax, VA <i>Includes travel time. This course will be held at Shock Trauma Center at the University of Maryland Medical Center Baltimore, MD. A shuttle to and from the convention center will be provided.</i>	\$1,225	\$1,460	\$605
8:00-12:15	SC08	6	III	<b>Regional Blocks: Approaches for the Surgeon</b> <i>Chair:</i> Katherine Pellizzeri, MD, FACS, Greenville, SC <i>Co-Chair:</i> Lauren Smithson, MD, FACS, Oneonta, NY	\$1,225	\$1,460	\$605

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# Sessions at a Glance by Day

## Key to Sessions/Course Codes

CI	Clinical Informatics	SI	Special Interest Session (Non-CME)
DC	Didactic Course	SL	Special Session
GR	Grand Rounds	VE	Video-Based Education Session
ME	Meet-the-Expert Session	\$	Session ticketed at an additional fee
NL	Named Lecture		
PS	Panel Session		
QS	Scientific Forum Quick-Shot		
SC	Surgical Skills Course		
SF	Scientific Forum		

## Key to Regulatory Mandates (Reg. Mand.)

BH	Behavioral Health
CC	Cultural Competency
EOL	End-of-Life Care
E	Ethics
OPM	Opioid/Pain Management
PA	Palliative Care
PTS	Patient Safety
RM	Risk Management

## Key to ACS Accreditation/Verification Requirements (ACS Acc./Ver. Req.)

MBS	Bariatric
NAPBC	Breast
C	Cancer
CSV	Children's Surgery
EGS	Emergency General Surgery
GER	Geriatric
NAPRC	Rectal Cancer
Q	Quality
T	Trauma
V	Vascular

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<b>Saturday, September 26</b>					
7:30-12:00	SI001	<b>Surgery Resident Series at Clinical Congress: Practical Knowledge for All Surgical Trainees (Non-CME)—Day 1</b>			
8:00-12:15	SC01 \$	<b>One Skill, Two Platforms: Mastering Difficult Suturing in Open and Laparoscopic Surgery</b> <i>Chair:</i> Areti Tillou, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Chairs:</i> Moshim Kukar, MBBS, FACS, Dmitry Nepomnayshy MD, MSc, FACS	✓		
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	PS001	<b>Bridging the Readiness Gap: Integrating Trauma, EGS, and Critical Care for Every Military Surgeon</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Matthew Bradley, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> William Gamble, MD, FACS			
8:30-4:00	DC02 \$	<b>Global Health Competencies for Surgeons</b> <i>Chair:</i> Jennifer Rickard, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Chair:</i> Edgar B. Rodas, MD, FACS	✓		CC, E
8:45-4:15	DC03 \$	<b>Inclusive Excellence Certificate Course</b> <i>Chair:</i> Anthony J. Froix, MD, MBA, FACS; <i>Co-Chair:</i> Tania K. Arora, MD, FACS	✓		CC, E
11:15-6:00	SI002	<b>Medical Student Program (Non-CME)—Day I</b>			
1:00-3:00	PS002	<b>RAS Symposium</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Maggie Jones-Carr, MD; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Leah Schoel, MD			
1:00-5:15	SC02 \$	<b>Advanced Skills Training for Surgeons: Laparoscopic Common Bile Duct Exploration</b> <i>Chair:</i> Ezra N. Teitelbaum, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Chair:</i> Maggie Bosley, MD	✓		
2:35-4:05	SI002-1	<b>Medical Student Program—Quick-Shot Presentation Session (Non-CME)</b>			
3:30-5:30	SI003	<b>RAS-ACS Skills Competition: So You Think You Can Operate? (Non-CME)</b>			
5:45-7:00	SI004	<b>Convocation (Non-CME)</b>			
7:00-9:00		<b>The Capital Welcome Reception</b>			
<b>Sunday, September 27</b>					
8:00-9:30	SI101, NL01	<b>Opening Ceremony, State of the ACS, and Martin Memorial Lecture   Curiosity and Innovation: The Promise of Wonder</b> <i>Presiding Officer:</i> Timothy J. Eberlein, MD, FACS; <i>Introducer:</i> Joshua Broghammer, MD, FACS; <i>Lecturer:</i> Ralph V. Clayman, MD, FACS			
9:00-3:30	SI102	<b>Open Viewing: History of Surgery Posters (Non-CME)</b>			

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9:00–3:30	SI109	<b>Surgery Resident Series at Clinical Congress: Practical Knowledge for All Surgical Trainees (Non-CME)—Day 2</b> <b>Exhibit Hall and ACS Central</b>			
10:00–11:00	NL02	<b>Olga M. Jonasson Lecture   Special Event: A Moderated Conversation</b> <i>Introducer:</i> Sharon L. Stein, MD, FACS; <i>Moderator:</i> Patricia L. Turner, MD, MBA, FACS, ACS Executive Director and CEO; <i>Lecturer:</i> Ketanji Brown Jackson, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the United States			
11:00–12:00	SI103	<b>YFA Annual Mentor Program Kick-Off (Non-CME)</b>			
11:30–12:30	SL01	<b>How to Gain Control of Our Professional Lives and Reclaim Our Autonomy</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Patricia L. Turner, MD, MBA, FACS			
	ME101 \$	<b>Breast Cancer Management in 2026</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Christine Laronga, MD, FACS			NAPBC
	ME102 \$	<b>Neoadjuvant Therapy Prior to Advanced Thyroid Cancer Surgery: A Primer</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Mark E. Zafereo, MD, FACS			C
	ME103 \$	<b>Crohn's Disease: Bring Your Worst Case</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Fabrizio Michelassi, MD, FACS			
	ME104 \$	<b>Not Always a Hemorrhoid: Evaluation and Treatment of the Patient with Anorectal Pain</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Preetha Ali, MD, FASCRS, FACS			
	ME105 \$	<b>Critical Issues in Robotic and Laparoscopic Ventral Hernia Repair</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Vedra Augenstein, MD, FACS			
	ME106 \$	<b>Sports Hernia: How to Diagnose and Understand Management Options</b> <i>Moderator:</i> L. M. Brunt, MD, FACS			
	ME107 \$	<b>How to Make ECMO Work</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Rishi Kundi, MD, FACS			
	ME108 \$	<b>How I Use EPAs to Enhance the CCC</b> <i>Moderator:</i> George A. Sarosi, MD, FACS			
	ME109 \$	<b>An Exercise in Futility: Strategies for Responding to Requests for Non-Beneficial Treatment</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Peter Angelos, MD, FACS			E
	ME110 \$	<b>Academic Publishing, Peer Review, and Editorial Board Insights: Perspectives from the Editor-in-Chief of the <i>Journal of American College of Surgeons</i></b> <i>Moderator:</i> Thomas K. Varghese Jr., MD, MS, MBA, FACS			
11:30–5:45	SI104	<b>Quick-Shot Presentation Hall Hours (Non-CME)</b>			
	SI105	<b>History of Surgery ePosters (Non-CME)</b>			
12:45–1:45	NL03	<b>Charles G. Drake History of Surgery Lecture   Evolution of Combat Neuro-trauma from Cushing to Ukraine</b> <i>Presiding Officer &amp; Introducer:</i> Alexander Khalessi, MD, MS, FACS; <i>Lecturer:</i> Rocco A. Armonda, MD			
12:45–2:15	PS101	<b>Multidisciplinary Advances in Precision Laser Surgery Across Luminal Systems: Urologic, Biliary, and Airway Applications</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Manoj Monga, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Eric M. Pauli, MD, FACS			
	PS102	<b>Diverticulitis in Transition: Modernizing Management from Acute Flares to Chronic Care</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Alexander Hawkins, MD, MPH, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Sean K. Langenfeld, MD, FACS			
	PS103	<b>Acute Care Surgery in the Cancer Patient</b> <i>Moderator:</i> David Santos, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Timothy J. Vreeland, MD, FACS			PA C

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12:45–2:15	PS104	<b>Should They Stay or Should They Go? Managing Complex Cases in Rural to Urban Transfers</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Seung S. Gwon, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Catherine M. Straub, MD, FACS		PtS, RM	MBS
	PS105	<b>Getting Your Message Out: Surgical Advocacy at the Grassroots Level</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Alisha Reiss, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Brian Gavitt, MD, MPH, FACS			
	PS106	<b>Promotion in Place: On the Path to Competency-Based, Time-Variable Surgical Training</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Steven C. Stain, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Ronald Hirschl, MD, FACS			
	PS107	<b>How to Obtain Non-Traditional Pathways for Funding</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Sigrid Burruss, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Stephanie Bonne, MD, FACS		E	Q
	PS108	<b>Humanitarian Surgical Outreach at Home and Abroad: Reports of the 2026 Surgical Volunteerism and Humanitarian Award Winners</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Maria Teresa Tam, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Howard Kirkpatrick, MD, FACS		CC, E	
	QS101	<b>Quick-Shot Presentations I</b>			
	SF101	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
	SF102	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
	SF103	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
	SF104	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
	SF105	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
	VE101	<b>Video-Based Education Session</b>			
	VE102	<b>Video-Based Education Session</b>			
VE103	<b>Video-Based Education Session</b>				
1:00–5:15	DC04 \$	<b>Medical Illustration Workshop</b> <i>Chair:</i> Francois I. Luks, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Chair:</i> Ingrid Ganske, MD, FACS	✓		
	SC03 \$	<b>Ultrasound-Guided Resuscitation for Trauma and Critically Ill Patients</b> <i>Chair:</i> Jacob Glaser, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Chair:</i> Molly Flannagan, MD, FACS	✓		T
	SC04 \$	<b>AI Skills: What Can I Do Now and What's Coming in the Future? (Non-CME)</b> <i>Chair:</i> Marc Melcher, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Chair:</i> Filippo Filicori, MD, FACS	✓		
1:00–6:00	SI106	<b>Medical Student Program (Non-CME)—Day 2</b>			
2:30–3:30	NL04	<b>Herand Abcarian Lecture   The Changing Landscape of Colorectal Oncology: Refining and Redefining the Surgeon's Role</b> <i>Presiding Officer &amp; Introducer:</i> David J. Maron, MD, FACS; <i>Lecturer:</i> Julio E. Garcia-Aguilar, MD, PhD, FACS			NAPRC
	PS109	<b>Advantages of Neoadjuvant Endocrine Therapy and Impact on Surgical Management of Breast Cancer</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Zahraa Al-Hilli, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Jeffrey Johnson, MD, FACS		RM	NAPBC
2:30–4:00	PS110	<b>Multidisciplinary Coordination in the Management of Pelvic, Bony, and Soft Tissue Infections</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Bradley A. Erickson, MD, MS, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> TBD			
	PS111	<b>Oral Cancer Defects and Gunshot Wounds: Reconstruction from Fixation to Flaps to Teeth-in-a-Day</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Steven Roser, DMD, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Peirong Yu, MD, FACS			T, C

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2:30-4:00	PS112	<b>Current Controversies in Ventral Hernia Surgery</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Lucas Beffa, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> TBD		PtS, RM	
	PS113	<b>Arterial, Venous, and Diabetic Foot Wounds: How to Diagnose and Manage</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Samantha D. Minc, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> TBD			V
	PS114	<b>Innovations and Advances in Telehealth for Surgeons</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Ravi Radhakrishnan, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Mark D. Sawyer, MD, FACS		E	Q
	PS115	<b>Fertility Preservation, Assisted Reproductive Technology, and Other Pathways to Parenthood</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Tiffany J. Sinclair, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Farin Amersi, MD, FACS		BH	
	PS116	<b>Medicolegal Considerations for Surgeons</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Ryan Dumas, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Megan Brenner, MD, FACS			
	QS102	<b>Quick-Shot Presentations II</b>			
	SF106	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
	SF107	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
	SF108	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
	SF109	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
	SF110	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
	VE104	<b>Video-Based Education Session</b>			
VE105	<b>Video-Based Education Session</b>				
3:00-4:00	SI107	<b>YFA New Initiate Program (Non-CME)</b>			
4:00-6:00	SI108	<b>YFA Annual Program for Members (Non-CME)</b>			
4:15-5:15	GR01	<b>Best of Grand Rounds   Leading Beyond the Bedside: The Power of Personal Narratives in Medicine with Joseph V. Sakran, MD, MPH, MPA, FACS</b> <i>Introducer:</i> Kyla P. Terhune, MD, MBA, FACS; <i>Moderator:</i> Kenneth W. Sharp, MD, FACS; <i>Presenter:</i> Joseph V. Sakran, MD, MPH, MPA, FACS			
4:15-5:45	PS117	<b>Update on New Reconstructive Techniques for Breast Cancer</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Mehra Golshan, MD, MBA, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Michele A. Manahan, MD, MBA, FACS			NAPBC
	PS118	<b>Innovations in Chest Wall Reconstruction</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Zaid Abdelsattar, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Luis A. Godoy, MD, FACS			T
	PS119	<b>Contemporary Management of Common Duct Stones and Cholangitis</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Chad M. Hall, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Raul Rosenthal, MD, FACS			
	PS120	<b>Enterocutaneous and Enteroatmospheric Fistulae: Contemporary Management of a Complex Surgical Challenge</b> <i>Moderator:</i> John Monson, MB, BCH, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Daniel D. Yeh, MD, MHPE, FACS		PtS, RM	
	PS121	<b>Roles and Responsibilities for Clinicians and Law Enforcement Officers Interacting During Patient Care</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Christina M. Colosimo, DO, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Shannon F. Small, MD, FACS		CC, E	
	PS122	<b>The Management of Traumatic Great Vessel Injuries</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Erica L. Mitchell, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Joseph J. DuBose, MD, FACS			T, V

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4:15–5:45	PS123	<b>Ethical Issues in Providing Culturally Competent Care</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Young K. Hong, MD, MPH, FACS, FSSO; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Peter Angelos, MD, FACS		CC, E	
	PS124	<b>Establishing Remote Mentorship for the Early Career Rural Surgeon</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Peter R. Nelson, MD, MS, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> John Turner, MD, FACS			
	PS125	<b>Navigating High-Stakes Decisions in the Unstable Rural Trauma Patient</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Kristan L. Staudenmayer, MD, MS, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Michael Person, MD, FACS			T
	SF111	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
	SF112	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
	SF113	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
	SF114	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
	SF115	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
	VE106	<b>Video-Based Education Session</b>			
	VE107	<b>Video-Based Education Session</b>			
<b>Monday, September 28</b>					
7:00–8:30	SI201	<b>History of Surgery Community Breakfast (Non-CME)</b>			
8:00–9:00	NL05	<b>John H. Gibbon Jr., Lecture   Beyond the Summit—Performance, Leadership, and Artificial Intelligence in Surgery</b> <i>Presiding Officer &amp; Introducer:</i> Richard I. Whyte, MD, FACS; <i>Lecturer:</i> Thomas K. Varghese Jr., MD, MS, MBA, FACS			
	SI202	<b>ACS Stop the Bleed Training I (Non-CME)</b>			
8:00–9:30	PS201	<b>Contemporary Management of Breast Lobular Neoplasia</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Faina Nakhliis, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Katharine Yao, MD, FACS		RM	NAPBC
	PS202	<b>Surgical Management of Severe Gastrointestinal Bleeding</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Carlos V. Brown, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Eric J. Ley, MD, FACS		PtS, RM	EGS
	PS203	<b>Common Anorectal Pathology for the General Surgeon</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Bryan Richmond, MD, MBA, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Harry Papaconstantinou, MD, FACS			
	PS204	<b>All Things Inguinal Hernia: Innovations and Resurrections</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Michael J. Rosen, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Nora Fullington, MD, FACS			
	PS205	<b>Modern Dilemmas in Pediatric Injury Care: Trauma Truths and Tough Calls</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Romeo C. Ignacio, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Howard Pryor, MD, FACS		OPM, PtS, RM	CSV, T
	PS206	<b>Real-World Teaching for Surgeons</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Christina Vargas, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Ivy N. Haskins, MD, FACS			
	PS207	<b>Ethical Issues in Emergency General Surgery</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Sharmila Dissanaiké, MD, FCCM, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Katherine Fischkoff, MD, FACS		CC, E, RM	EGS
	SF200	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
	SF201	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
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SF205	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>				

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8:00–9:30	VE201	<b>Video-Based Education Session</b>			
	VE202	<b>Video-Based Education Session</b>			
8:00–11:15	PS208	<b>Spectacular Cases</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Jessica Burgess, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Samuel R. Todd, MD, FACS			
8:00–12:15	SC05 \$	<b>Reskilling for Surgical Critical Care Readiness</b> <i>Chair:</i> Matthew Bradley, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Chair:</i> John H. Armstrong, MD, FACS	✓		T
8:00–5:45	SI203	<b>Quick-Shot Presentation Hall Hours (Non-CME)</b>			
8:30–4:00	DC05 \$	<b>MIS Masters Course: Advanced Minimally Invasive and Robotic Techniques for Emergency General Surgery</b> <i>Chair:</i> Michael W. Cripps, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Chair:</i> Stephanie E. Joyce, MD, FACS	✓		EGS, T
9:00–3:30		<b>Exhibit Hall and ACS Central</b>			
	SI204	<b>Open Viewing: History of Surgery Posters (Non-CME)</b>			
	SI214	<b>Surgery Resident Series at Clinical Congress: Practical Knowledge for All Surgical Trainees (Non-CME)—Day 3</b>			
9:45–10:45	SL02	<b>Dr. Monica Bertagnoli, President-Elect of National Academy of Medicine</b>			
9:45–11:00	SI205	<b>ACS Stop the Bleed Training II (Non-CME)</b>			
9:45–11:15	PS209	<b>Management of Low-Risk DCIS—Are Surgery and/or Radiation Required?</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Kelly C. Hewitt, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> E. Shelley Hwang, MD, MPH, MBA, FACS			NAPBC
	PS210	<b>Navigating Colonic Obstruction: Acute Management to Definitive Care</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Sang W. Lee, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Sandra Kavalukas, MD, FACS		RM	C
	PS211	<b>Airway Trauma: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Acute and Long-Term Management</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Karuna Dewan, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Cherie-Ann O. Nathan, MB, BS, FACS			T
	PS212	<b>Strategies to Prevent and Treat Nerve Pain and Painful Neuroma</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Bruce Ramshaw, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> TBD			
	PS213	<b>Burn Care Readiness in Preparation for Major Disasters</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Christine Trankiem, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Robel Beyene, MD, FACS			EGS, T
	PS214	<b>Doctoring the Birth of Our Nation: Medicine and Surgery in the American Revolution</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Keith D. Lillemoe, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Juan A. Asensio, MD, FACS, FRCS (England)			
	PS215	<b>Surgical Application of Artificial Intelligence/Computer Vision in the OR</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Eric A. Singer, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Robert A. Meguid, MD, FACS			
	PS216	<b>Global Engagement</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Girma Tefera, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Raphael Lee, MD, ScD, PhD, FACS			CC
	PS240	<b>From Tarmac to Trauma Bay: Coordinating Civilian Response to Mass Combat Casualties</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Jeannette Capella, MD, MEd, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Matthew J. Martin, MD, FACS			
	QS201	<b>Quick-Shot Presentations III</b>			
	SF206	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			

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9:45-11:15	SF207	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
	SF208	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
	SF209	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
	SF210	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
	VE203	<b>Video-Based Education Session</b>			
	VE204	<b>Video-Based Education Session</b>			
10:00-11:00	SI206	<b>ACS Integrated National Curriculum in Surgical Education (INCISE): A Next-Generation Platform for Surgical Education for Medical Students During Their Core Clerkship (Non-CME)</b>			
11:30-12:30	ME201	<b>Nipple-Sparing Mastectomy</b>			NAPBC
	\$	<i>Moderator: Mardi R. Karin, MD, FACS</i>			
	ME202	<b>Difficult Gallbladder—Tricks of the Trade</b>			
	\$	<i>Moderator: Michael C. Smith, MD, FACS</i>			
	ME203	<b>Complex Thyroid and Parathyroid Focused Practice Designation: What's in It for You?</b>			
	\$	<i>Moderator: Herbert Chen, MD, FACS</i>			
	ME204	<b>Management of Urinary Retention After Surgery: Pre-Urology Intervention Strategies</b>			
	\$	<i>Moderator: James S. Wolf Jr., MD, FACS</i>			
	ME205	<b>Anorectal Diseases</b>			
	\$	<i>Moderator: Ariane Abcarian, MD, FACS</i>			
	ME206	<b>Laparoscopic Colectomy: Tips and Tricks</b>			
\$	<i>Moderator: Peter W. Marcello, MD, FACS</i>				
ME207	<b>Pilonidal Disease: What Are My Options?</b>				
\$	<i>Moderator: Christopher J. Buzas, DO, FACS</i>				
ME208	<b>Evidence-Based Treatment of Incisional Hernia</b>				
\$	<i>Moderator: William W. Hope, MD, FACS</i>				
ME209	<b>The Bleeding Edge: High-Stakes Decisions in Pediatric Trauma Surgery</b>			CSV, T	
\$	<i>Moderator: Romeo C. Ignacio, MD, FACS</i>				
ME210	<b>Alternative Career Pathways in Surgery: Beyond Traditional Clinical Practice</b>				
\$	<i>Moderator: Tiffany J. Sinclair, MD, FACS</i>				
QS202	<b>Exceptional Quick-Shot Presentations</b>				
12:45-1:45	NL06	<b>Scudder Oration on Trauma   <i>The Last Preventable Death: Will Digital Transformation Change Injury Care Forever?</i></b>			T
		<i>Presiding Officer &amp; Introducer: Kristan L. Staudenmayer, MD, MS, FACS; Lecturer: Michael F. Rotondo, MD, FACS</i>			
	VE205	<b>Icons in Surgery I (Non-CME): Julie A. Freischlag, MD, FACS, FRSCed(Hon), DFSVS, MAMSE and Joseph G. McCarthy, MD, FACS</b>			
12:45-2:15	VE206	<b>Video-Based Education Session</b>			
	PS217	<b>Updated Guidelines for Differentiated Thyroid Cancer: What's New?</b>			
		<i>Moderator: Julie A. Sosa, MD, MA, FACS; Co-Moderator: David L. Steward, MD, FACS</i>		RM	C
	PS218	<b>Disease Monitoring and Early Detection of Cancer Using Blood and Body Fluid-Based Technologies</b>			
		<i>Moderator: Ryan C. Fields, MD, FACS; Co-Moderator: Philip Spanheimer, MD, FACS</i>			C

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12:45–2:15	PS219	<b>Benign Hepatobiliary Lesions in Children</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Harold (Bo) N. Lovvorn, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Natasha Corbitt, MD, FACS			CSV
	PS220	<b>Integrative Medicine Strategies for Surgical Recovery: Managing Pain, Anxiety, Nausea, and Bowel Dysfunction Without Narcotics</b> <i>Moderator:</i> TBD; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Ching-Wei D. Tzeng, MD, FACS		OPM	
	PS221	<b>Utilization of AI in Patient Education 2026: Challenges, Opportunities, and Pitfalls</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Daniel Hashimoto, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Alice C. Wei, MD, FACS		CC, E	
	PS222	<b>Transitioning to Retirement: Senior Fellows Society</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Andrew L. Warshaw, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Joseph A. Corrado, MD, FACS		BH	
	PS223	<b>International Scholars and Travelers Presentations</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Haytham Kaafarani, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Terry Sarantou, MD, FACS			
	PS242	<b>Eye Trauma and Emergencies</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Ron A. Adelman, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Sarwat Salim, MD, FACS			
	CI201	<b>Artificial Intelligence Policy and Surgery: Balancing Innovation, Risk, and Regulation (Non-CME)</b>			
	SF211	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
	SF212	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
	SF213	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
SF214	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>				
12:45–5:00	PS224	<b>Association of Program Directors in Surgery (APDS): Supporting our Learners, Supporting Ourselves</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Kari Rosenkranz, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Jason W. Kempenich, MD, FACS			
12:45–6:00	SI207	<b>Medical Student Program (Non-CME)—Day 3</b>			
1:00–1:45	SI208	<b>ACS Foundation Estate Planning Presentation (Non-CME)</b>			
1:00–3:00	SI213	<b>RAS Annual Business Meeting (Non-CME)</b>			
1:00–5:15	SC06 §	<b>Advanced Techniques to Master the Uncomplicated to Complex Axilla</b> <i>Chair:</i> Maureen P. McEvoy, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Chair:</i> Sheldon M. Feldman, MD, FACS	✓		NAPBC
2:30–3:30	NL07	<b>Distinguished Lecture of the International Society of Surgery   Advanced Flexible Endoscopic Surgery in GI Tract: From ESD, POEM, Third Space Endoscopy and EFTR</b> <i>Presiding Officer &amp; Introducer:</i> Annabel Barber, MD, FACS; <i>Lecturer:</i> Haruhiro Inoue, MD, PhD			
2:30–3:45	SI209	<b>ACS Stop the Bleed Training III (Non-CME)</b>			
2:30–4:00	PS225	<b>Demystifying the Appendix: From Acute Inflammation to Malignancy</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Mehreneh Jafari, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Alexandra Gangi, MD, FACS			C
	PS226	<b>The Changing Landscape of Immunotherapy for Solid Tumors: What the Surgeon Needs to Know</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Samantha Hendren, MD, MPH, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Winta T. Mehtsun, MD, FACS			NAPRC
	PS227	<b>Endoscopic and Minimally Invasive Management of Complex Esophageal Complications in Children</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Ashley E. Walther, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Irving J. Zamora, MD, FACS		PtS, RM	CSV

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2:30-4:00	PS228	<b>Animal and Human Facial Bites</b> <i>Moderator:</i> TBD; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Arun K. Gosain, MD, FACS			T, CSV
	PS229	<b>Challenging Emergency and Humanitarian Cases in a Combat Zone: Case Records of the Joint Trauma System Expert Panel</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Valerie G. Sams, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Matthew D. Tadlock, MD, FACS		E	T
	PS230	<b>Surgeon Compensation in a Value-Based Healthcare System</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Christopher Senkowski, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Don Selzer, MD, FACS			
	PS231	<b>Beyond Burnout: Restoring Purpose, Autonomy, and Joy in Surgical Practice</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Maureen Moore, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Sunil K. Geevarghese, MD, MSCI, FACS		BH	
	PS241	<b>From Blast to Recovery: Multidisciplinary Surgical Strategies for Complex Combat Injuries</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Jeffrey D. Kerby, MD, PhD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Brian J. Eastridge, MD, FACS			T
	CI202	<b>Surgical Video Recording: Industry Landscape &amp; Competitive Positioning (Non-CME)</b>			
	QS203	<b>Quick-Shot Presentations IV</b>			
	SF215	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
	SF216	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
	SF217	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
	SF218	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
	SF219	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
	VE207	<b>Video-Based Education Session</b>			
	VE208	<b>Video-Based Education Session</b>			
2:30-5:45	PS232	<b>Día Latinamericano</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Juan D. Hernandez, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Estuardo J. Behrens, MD, FACS			CC, E
4:15-5:15	GR02	<b>Best of Grand Rounds   Antifragility: The New Architecture of Healing: Transforming Despair into Hope through Surgical Leadership and Social Innovation with Edward M. Barksdale Jr., MD, FACS, FAAP</b> <i>Introducer:</i> Kyla P. Terhune, MD, MBA, FACS; <i>Moderator:</i> Kenneth W. Sharp, MD, FACS; <i>Presenter:</i> Edward M. Barksdale Jr., MD, FACS, FAAP			
4:15-5:30	SI210	<b>ACS Stop the Bleed Training IV (Non-CME)</b>			
4:15-5:45	PS233	<b>Keeping up with Colonoscopic Screening and Endoluminal Resection Techniques</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Emre Gorgun, MD, FASCRS, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Kyle G. Cologne, MD, FACS, FAAP			NAPRC
	PS234	<b>Foregut and Post-Bariatric Emergencies: Surgical and Endoscopic Interventions for the Acute Care Surgeon</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Farah Husain, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Andrew C. Bernard, MD, FACS		PtS, RM	MBS, EGS
	PS235	<b>Gynecologic and Breast Cancer Risk-Reducing Operations: Optimizing Multidisciplinary Surgical Collaborations</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Lee-May Chen, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Ashley R. Stuckey, MD, FACS		RM	NAPBC

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4:15-5:45	PS236	<b>Putting it All Together: Techniques, Materials, and Multidisciplinary Care in Abdominal Wall Reconstruction</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Jeffrey E. Janis, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Ajita S. Prabhu, MD, FACS			
	PS237	<b>Goals of Care for Palliative Cancer Cases: Communication Strategies in Action</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Bridget N. Fahy, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Emily V. Finlayson, MD, MS, FACS		EOL, PA, RM, CC	NAPBC, C, NAPRC
	PS238	<b>Non-Choice Surgical Decision-Making: When Surgery Feels Inevitable</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Ana Berlin, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Emily B. Rivet, MD, FACS		RM, CC, PtS	
	PS239	<b>Successful Models of Acute Care Surgery</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Patrick B. Murphy, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Brandon R. Bruns, MD, FACS		BH	EGS, T
	CI203	<b>Next: Ambulatory Surgery Centers and Artificial Intelligence (AI) (Non-CME)</b>			
	SF220	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
	SF221	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
	SF222	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
	SF223	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
	SF224	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
	SI211	<b>Rural Surgeons Open Forum and Oweida Scholarship Presentation (Non-CME)</b>			
	VE209	<b>Video-Based Education Session</b>			
	VE210	<b>Video-Based Education Session</b>			
4:30-5:30	SI212	<b>YFA Speed Mentoring Program (Non-CME)</b>			
<b>Tuesday, September 29</b>					
7:00-2:15	DC06 \$	<b>Annual Update in Trauma Course: Current Practices and Hot Topics in Trauma</b> <i>Chair:</i> Raul Coimbra, MD, PhD, FACS; <i>Co-Chair:</i> Navpreet K. Dhillon, MD, FACS	✓		T
7:00-4:30	SC07 \$	<b>Civilian Surgical Skills for Care of Returning Combat Casualties</b> <i>Chair:</i> Brian J. Eastridge, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Chair:</i> Mark W. Bowyer, MD, FACS	✓		T
8:00-9:30	PS301	<b>Stronger Together: Multidisciplinary Solutions for Aortic Disease and Injury</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Eden Payabyab, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Michael F. Amendola, MD, FACS			T, V
	PS302	<b>Modern Evaluation and Management of the Adrenal Incidentaloma</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Matthew A. Nehs, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Dhaval Patel, MD, FACS		PtS	C
	PS303	<b>Hernia Repair in Cirrhotic Patients</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Alexander R. Raines, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Kyle Vincent, MD, FACS			
	PS304	<b>When Operative Emergencies Reveal Oncologic Surprises</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Mohammad Al Efishat, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Mihir M. Shah, MD, FACS		RM	EGS, C
	PS305	<b>Robotic Applications in Trauma and Emergency General Surgery: The Future Is Now!</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Joseph V. Sakran, MD, MPH, MPA, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Hasan B. Alam, MBBS, FACS			EGS, T
	PS306	<b>Contemporary Updates in Dialysis Access</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Ellen D. Dillavou, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> TBD			
	PS307	<b>Sustainability in the Operating Room</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Larissa K. Temple, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Benjamin T. Miller, MD, FACS			

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8:00-9:30	PS323	<b>Locum Tenens as a Growing Practice Niche: Solution or Signal?</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Thomas C. Tsai, MD, MPH, FACS <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Christopher D. Carey, MD, FACS			
	CI301	<b>Surgery Informatics and Artificial Intelligence (AI) 101 (Non-CME)</b>			
	SF301	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
	SF302	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
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	SF304	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
	SF305	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
	VE301	<b>Video-Based Education Session</b>			
	VE302	<b>Video-Based Education Session</b>			
8:00-11:15	SI301	<b>Surgical Jeopardy (Non-CME)</b>			
8:00-12:15	DC07 \$	<b>Essentials of Successful Practice Management: Leadership Beyond the Operating Room</b> <i>Chair:</i> Christopher Senkowski, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Chair:</i> Don Selzer, MD, FACS	✓		
	SC08 \$	<b>Regional Blocks: Approaches for the Surgeon</b> <i>Chair:</i> Katherine Pellizzeri, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Chair:</i> Lauren Smithson, MD, FACS	✓	OPM, PtS	T, EGS
8:00-2:15	SI302	<b>Quick-Shot Presentation Hall Hours (Non-CME)</b>			
9:00-2:00		<b>Exhibit Hall and ACS Central</b>			
	SI303	<b>Open Viewing: History of Surgery Posters (Non-CME)</b>			
9:45-10:45	NL08	<b>John J. Conley Ethics and Philosophy Lecture   Responding to Patients Who Have Been Harmed by Their Healthcare: Implementing the Modern Ethical Paradigm</b> <i>Presiding Officer &amp; Introducer:</i> Diana L. Farmer, MD, FACS, FRCS; <i>Lecturer:</i> Thomas H. Gallagher, MD, MACP		E	
	SI305	<b>Surgery Resident Series at Clinical Congress: Practical Knowledge for All Surgical Trainees (Non-CME)—Day 4</b>			
	VE304	<b>Icons in Surgery II (Non-CME): Barbara L. Bass, MD, FACS and Henry Buchwald, MD, FACS</b>			
9:45-11:15	PS308	<b>Update on Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Sareh Parangi, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Samuel Long, MD, FACS			C
	PS309	<b>Geriatric Perioperative Care: Value-Based Approaches</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Gabriela Poles, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Susan L. Gearhart, MD, FACS			GER
	PS310	<b>Anastomotic Leak: Prevention, Prediction, and Salvage</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Marylise Boutros, MD, FRCSC, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Alessio Pigazzi, MD, FACS		RM, PtS	
	PS311	<b>Multidisciplinary Management of the Spectrum of Pancreatitis</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Jennifer Whittington, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Navin D. Bhatia, MD, FACS			
	PS313	<b>Surgical Site Infections and Antimicrobial Resistance: Are We Losing the Fight?</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Gian C. Mendiola Barrios, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Walter J. Robles Valverde, MD, FACS		RM, PtS	
	PS314	<b>Acute Limb Ischemia: Current Trends and Controversies</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Matthew Corriere, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Elizabeth Genovese, MD, FACS			V

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9:45-11:15	PS315	<b>Goal-Oriented Surgical Coaching: Mentoring for Career Success</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Jennifer E. Rosen, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Sharon L. Stein, MD, FACS			
	PS324	<b>Telesurgery: The Next Frontier is Here</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Jay A. Redan, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Patricia Sylla, MD, FACS			
	CI302	<b>Ignite Talks in Surgery Informatics and Artificial Intelligence (Non-CME)</b>			
	QS301	<b>Quick-Shot Presentations V</b>			
	SF306	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
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	VE303	<b>Video-Based Education Session</b>			
11:30-12:30	GR03	<b>Best of Grand Rounds   Surgery in Space with Tovy H. Kamine, MD, FACS</b> <i>Introducer:</i> Kyla P. Terhune, MD, MBA, FACS; <i>Moderator:</i> Kenneth W. Sharp, MD, FACS; <i>Presenter:</i> Tovy H. Kamine, MD, FACS			
	CI303	<b>Clinical Informatics Open Discussion (Non-CME)</b>			
	ME301 \$	<b>Management of the Axilla in T1 or T2 Breast Cancer</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Lee G. Wilke, MD, FACS			NAPBC
	ME302 \$	<b>How to Perform a Proper Endoscopic Surveillance of Barrett's Esophagus</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Medhat Y. Z. Fanous, MBBCh, FACS			C
	ME303 \$	<b>Molecular Testing in Thyroid Nodules: Refining Surgical Decision-Making</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Linwah Yip, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Masha J. Livhits, MD, FACS			C
	ME304 \$	<b>Subtotal Cholecystectomy: The Devil Is in the Details</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Sharmila Dissanaiké, MD, FCCM, FACS			
	ME305 \$	<b>Robotic Hepatic Surgery</b> <i>Moderator:</i> David A. Geller, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Medhat Y. Z. Fanous, MBBCh, FACS			
	ME306 \$	<b>Assessing Chronic Pain Following Inguinal Hernia Repair</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Katherine G. Lamond, MD, FACS		OPM	
	ME307 \$	<b>Rib Fixation: Who, When, How?</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Hasan B. Alam, MBBS, FACS		RM	T
	ME308 \$	<b>The Insider's Guide to the Committee on Trauma: How to Survive, Thrive, and Rise Within the Organization</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Kristan L. Staudenmayer, MD, MS, FACS			
ME309 \$	<b>Surgeons, Take Your Own Pulse First! Effect of Surgical Practice on Surgeon Health</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Alan Dardik, MD, PhD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Mary L. Brandt, MD, FAAP, FACS		BH		
12:45-2:15	PS316	<b>Integration of Obesity Treatment as a Medical-Surgical Model</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Teresa LaMasters, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Charles K. Mitchell, MD, FACS			MBS
	PS317	<b>Surgical Management of Incidental Findings in the Pancreas</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Julie Hallet, MD, MSc, FRCSC, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Rebecca Snyder, MD, FACS			C

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12:45-2:15	PS318	<b>Gene Expression Profiling in Melanoma: Current and Future State</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Gerald P. Wright Jr., MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Joshua M. V. Mammen, MD, PhD, FACS			C
	PS319	<b>Ten Hot Topics in General Surgery</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Benjamin K. Poulouse, MD, MPH, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Nancy D. Perrier, MD, FACS			
	PS320	<b>Recent Landmark Articles in Acute Care Surgery: Trauma, Surgical Critical Care, and Emergency General Surgery</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Ali Salim, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Kenji Inaba, MD, FACS			T, EGS
	PS321	<b>Morbidity &amp; Mortality Conference: Relic or Relevance</b> <i>Moderator:</i> James W. Fleshman Jr., MD, FACS, FASCRS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Mary L. Brandt, MD, FACS		BH, CC	Q
	PS322	<b>Managing the Difficult Patient: Communication, Compassion, and Professionalism Under Pressure</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Zara Cooper, MD, FACS; <i>Co-Moderator:</i> Rochelle A. Dicker, MD, FACS		BH, CC, E, PtS, RM	
	CI304	<b>Augmented Dexterity in Robotics (Non-CME)</b>			
	SF311	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
	SF312	<b>Scientific Forum Session</b>			
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	VE305	<b>Video-Based Education Session</b>			
VE306	<b>Video-Based Education Session</b>				
2:30-3:30	SI304	<b>Annual Business Meeting of Members (Non-CME)</b>			

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The entire program presented at this meeting includes physicians drawn from various specialties. The sessions are designed to present a variety of viewpoints on matters of particular interest to those for whom the session is primarily intended and to stress the need for understanding and cooperation among the specialties.

### Goal

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### Objectives

By the conclusion of Clinical Congress, participants should be able to:

- Apply new knowledge and ideas to improve their surgical practice
- Adapt concepts and quality measures in support of research advancements
- Enhance the quality of patient care

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- Cancer (C)
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- Emergency General Surgery (EGS)
- Geriatric (GER)
- Rectal Cancer (NAPRC)
- Quality (Q)
- Trauma (T)
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## Who should attend and what's included?

Registration is open to all physicians and individuals in the healthcare field and includes entrance to the exhibits and all sessions,\* other than Didactic and Surgical Skills Courses (fees listed on pages 9-10) and Meet-the-Expert sessions, which are ticketed and require a \$35 fee. To review the full registration policies and register, visit [facs.org/clincon2026](https://facs.org/clincon2026).

\*The following sessions are included with your registration for the in-person Clinical Congress and are not ticketed:

- Clinical Informatics
- Grand Rounds
- Named Lectures
- Panel Sessions
- Scientific Forum and Quick-Shots
- Special Sessions
- Video-Based Education Sessions



Registering for these sessions does not guarantee seating,

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Registration Category	In-Person Rates (Includes Virtual)		Virtual only rates	
	Early Bird (thru 8/10/26)	Standard (8/11/26-9/29/26)	Early Bird (thru 8/10/26)	Standard (8/11/26-2/22/27)
<b>Fellow/Associate Fellow (2026 dues paid)</b>	\$680	\$845	\$680	\$845
<b>International Fellow/Assoc. Fellow (High/Upper Middle Income Country)**</b>	\$445	\$610	\$445	\$610
<b>International Fellow/Assoc. Fellow (Low Middle Income Country)**</b>	\$95	\$260	\$95	\$260
<b>International Fellow/Assoc. Fellow (Low Income Country)**</b>	\$50	\$215	\$50	\$215
<b>Retired or Senior Fellow***</b>	\$250	\$415	\$250	\$415
<b>Initiate</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Resident^ or Surgical Trainee</b>	\$0	\$65	\$0	\$65
<b>Medical Student^</b>	\$0	\$65	\$0	\$65
<b>Affiliate Member (CME) and Affiliate Member (CE)</b>	\$260	\$425	\$260	\$425
<b>Affiliate Member (Non-CME/CE)</b>	\$200	\$300	\$200	\$300
<b>Nonmember Guest Physician † / Hospital Administrator / Commercial Representative</b>	\$1,355	\$1,520	\$1,355	\$1,520
<b>Nonmember Healthcare Teammate (e.g., clinical staff [PAs, NPs, RNs]) / Allied health staff (registrars, coordinators, technologist, office staff)</b>	\$815	\$980	\$815	\$980
<b>Initiate Guest (Saturday Only access; guest of Initiates only)</b>	\$0	\$0	NA	NA
<b>Guest ‡</b>	\$50	\$50	NA	NA
<b>Child (15 and under)</b>	\$0	\$0	NA	NA

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\*\*See this list for country income status as advised by the World Bank: <https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/906519-world-bank-country-and-lending-groups>.

\*\*\*A Retired or Senior ACS Fellow is an individual who meets the ACS definition of Retired or Senior, has been granted Retired or Senior status, and is officially listed in the ACS database as Retired or Senior. A Retired Fellow is a Fellow who has fully retired and is no longer engaged in professional activities. A Senior Fellow is a Fellow who has consistently maintained their membership and paid dues through their 70th birthday. Transition to Senior Fellow is automatic on the Fellow's 71st birthday. Fellows must notify the ACS of their Retired status by contacting [dues@facs.org](mailto:dues@facs.org). Questions about Retired or Senior member status should be directed to [dues@facs.org](mailto:dues@facs.org).

^A nonmember Resident or Medical Student registering for Clinical Congress will be granted automatic membership in the ACS. Application fees will be waived if appropriate documentation is supplied verifying Resident or Medical Student status.

†Nonmembers who indicate during the registration process their intent to apply for membership and who submit a completed membership application within 30 days of registering, will be eligible to receive a refund of the difference between the applicable nonmember and member registration rates.

### Guest Registration

‡Guest registration is meant for nonmedical attendees only. All Guest registrants must be accompanied by a Clinical Congress registrant of another category. The Guest fee entitles the recipient to attend scientific sessions, view the technical and scientific exhibits, and use the shuttle bus service. Guests are not eligible to attend Didactic and Surgical Skills Courses or Meet-the-Expert sessions, nor are they eligible for CME/CE credits or Certificates of Attendance. Guest registration for Convocation is required.

### Registration and Membership Questions

Should you have any questions regarding Clinical Congress registration, contact Registration Services. *Phone registrations are not accepted.*

Email: [clinconreg@facs.org](mailto:clinconreg@facs.org)  
Phone: 312-202-5244  
Fax: 312-202-5003

Should you have any questions regarding your ACS membership prior to registering for Clinical Congress, contact Member Services at:

*Fellow Dues and Status:* 877-277-0036 or [dues@facs.org](mailto:dues@facs.org)

*Fellows and Applicants for Fellowship:* 800-293-9623 or [facsapplications@facs.org](mailto:facsapplications@facs.org)

*Associate Fellow, Resident, Medical Student, and Affiliate Members:* 800-293-4029 or [enroll@facs.org](mailto:enroll@facs.org)

*2026 Clinical Congress Initiates:* 800-621-4111 or [acsinitiate@facs.org](mailto:acsinitiate@facs.org)

For information on becoming an ACS member and to complete a membership application, visit [facs.org/member-services/join](http://facs.org/member-services/join).



# General Information

## Air Transportation

The ACS has arranged special air travel discounts with United Airlines and Southwest Airlines for Clinical Congress attendees.

United Airlines discounts are available when booking directly with United, through a travel agent, or online.

800-426-1122

Monday-Friday: 7:00 am-9:00 pm CT

Saturday-Sunday: 8:00 am-5:00 pm CT

Purchase your ticket online at [united.com](https://united.com) and receive a discount off the lowest applicable fares. When booking online, enter ZRPV686526 to receive your discount.

Area/Zone fares based on geographic location are also available with no Saturday night stay required.

Southwest Airlines is offering discounts fares. To use the discount, book online at <https://bit.ly/SouthwestCC2026>.

## Visa Information

International Fellows, guest physicians, and meeting attendees: The process of obtaining a visa to attend meetings in the US currently takes much longer than in prior years. You are strongly urged to apply for a visa as early as possible, preferably at least 90 days before the start of the meeting. For detailed information regarding obtaining a visa, visit <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas.html>.

You may request a letter from the College welcoming you to the meeting when you register or by emailing [clinconreg@facs.org](mailto:clinconreg@facs.org).

## Affiliate Group Functions & Networking Opportunities

We encourage attendees to take advantage of the many networking opportunities available for alumni universities and other ancillary organizations during Clinical Congress. These events provide a valuable opportunity to reconnect with colleagues, expand your professional network, and engage with peers who share common affiliations. Visit the website to explore the full list of events and identify those you plan to attend. Note that some events are invitation only.

Affiliate groups planning a social event or business meeting in conjunction with Clinical Congress must obtain prior approval. If the event will take place at an official participating venue or hotel, space must be requested and secured through the ACS. To submit a function space request, review additional details, and complete the online form, visit the Ancillary Guidelines Page on the Clinical Congress website at [facs.org/clincon2026](https://facs.org/clincon2026).

For more information, contact Jenna Blandi-Jurgil at [jblandijurgil@facs.org](mailto:jblandijurgil@facs.org). Space is assigned on a first-come, first-processed basis.

## Shuttle Bus Service

Complimentary shuttle bus service will be provided for all registrants at regular intervals between the Walter E. Washington Convention Center and designated hotels. For a list of hotels included on the shuttle route, refer to the Housing Information Center.

## Prayer Room

A prayer room will be available at Walter E. Washington Convention Center during the meeting and open during registration hours. The room location will be confirmed in onsite navigational materials.

## Lactation Room

A lactation room will be available during the meeting. The room location will be confirmed in onsite navigational materials.

## Child Policy

- Children ages 1 year to 15 years are not permitted in the scientific sessions.
- Infants younger than 1 year of age are allowed in sessions when carried by a parent or guardian.
- Guardians are asked to be mindful of the sessions and maintain a professional and disturbance-free environment at all times, including immediately stepping out of session rooms if an infant becomes fussy.
- Children are *never* permitted in the Exhibit Hall.

## Childcare Services

The ACS will offer onsite childcare services. The service will include activities such as arts and crafts and active games. Childcare is offered to registrants' children ages 6 months through 12 years, will be conveniently located at a hotel, and available Saturday through Monday 7:30 am-10:00 pm and Tuesday 7:30 am-4:00 pm. The exact location will be provided to individuals who register for childcare services.

# General Housing Information

## Book your room through onPeak at one of the official Clinical Congress hotels.

Reserving your hotel rooms via the ACS housing system provides:

- *Lowest rates:* We've secured more than 15 hotels in the heart of the city offering a wide range of options, price points, and the lowest rates possible.
- *Flexible terms:* Book today and have the flexibility to change or cancel your reservation without charge up to 72 hours prior to arrival.
- *Customer service:* If a dispute or problem arises, onPeak is your advocate and also available to assist with housing questions or concerns.
- *Support for the ACS:* When you book through the system, you are allowing the ACS to negotiate the best rates.
- *Free transportation:* Free shuttle bus service is available between most ACS-contracted hotels and the Walter E. Washington Convention Center.

Reserve your hotel today; popular hotels fill up quickly.

## Housing Procedures

Reservation requests will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis and must be received by 3:00 pm CT on Tuesday, September 8. Requests received after this deadline or after the room blocks are filled, are subject to rate and space availability. Housing requests can be made using one of the following options:

- To book your hotel room, visit the Clinical Congress Housing & Accommodations Page at [facs.org/clincon2026](https://facs.org/clincon2026). The online reservation service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Call onPeak at 855-906-4456 (within US only) or 312-527-7300 between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm CT, Monday through Friday.
- Email onPeak at [acs@onpeaksupport.com](mailto:acs@onpeaksupport.com).

If you do not receive acknowledgment of your reservation request within 72 hours, contact onPeak via email at [acs@onpeaksupport.com](mailto:acs@onpeaksupport.com) or at the numbers indicated above.

## Deposit Requirements

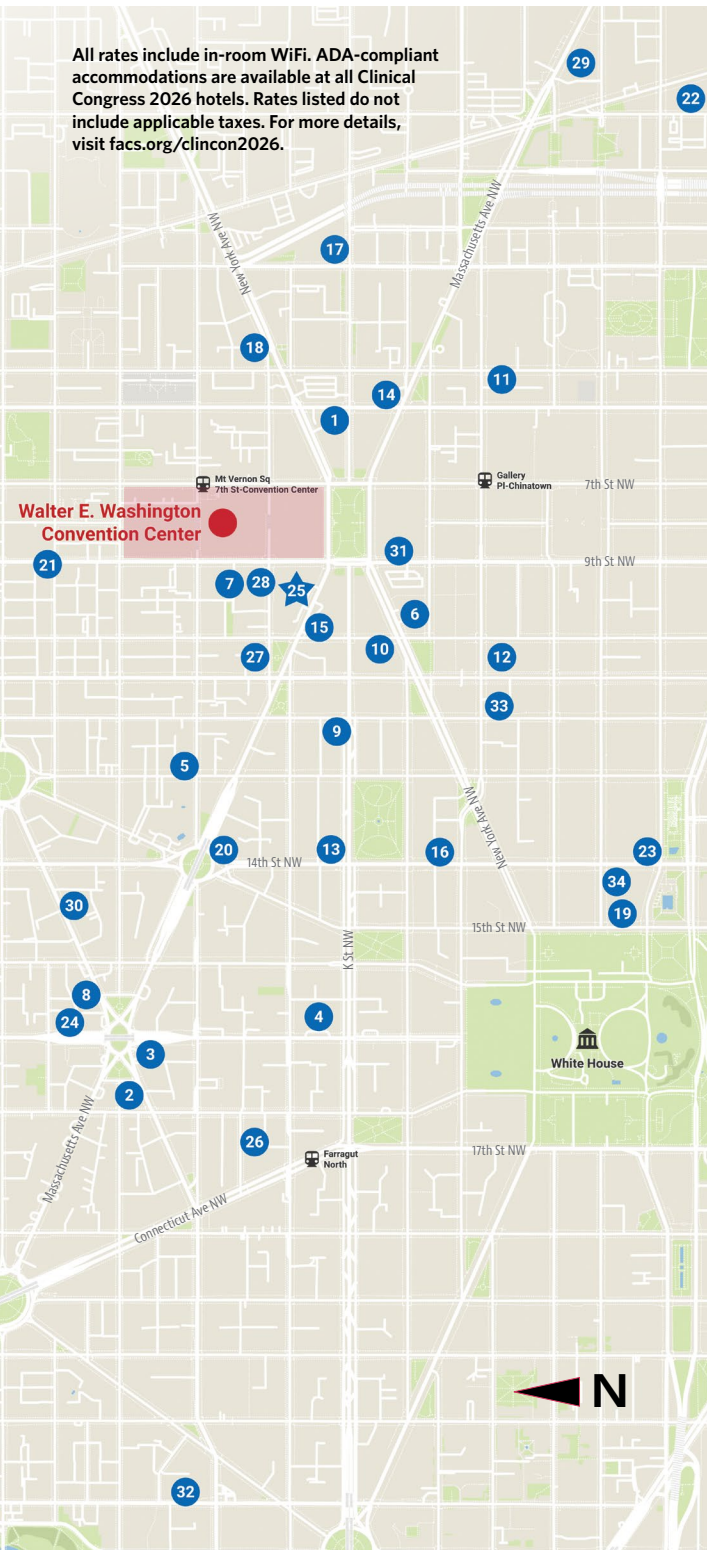
All reservations will require a credit card (American Express, VISA, or MasterCard) for arrival guarantee purposes only. A deposit is not required, and credit cards will not be charged at the time the reservation is made. Credit cards will be charged directly by the hotel only if your reservation is canceled within 72 hours of arrival or in accordance with your hotel's cancellation policy as noted on your confirmation.



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# Hotels and Map

All rates include in-room WiFi. ADA-compliant accommodations are available at all Clinical Congress 2026 hotels. Rates listed do not include applicable taxes. For more details, visit [facs.org/clincon2026](https://facs.org/clincon2026).



Map #	Transit	Official Hotels:	Single/Double Rates	Distance to Convention Center
1	Walking	<b>AC Hotel Convention Center</b> 601 K Street NW	\$319	.40 Miles
2	Bus	<b>Beacon Hotel and Corporate Quarters</b> 1615 Rhode Island Avenue NW	\$299	.80 Miles
3	Bus	<b>Canopy by Hilton Embassy Row</b> 1600 Rhode Island Ave NW	\$319	1.20 Miles
4	Bus	<b>Capital Hilton</b> 1001 16th Street NW	\$369	1 Miles
5	Walking	<b>Comfort Inn Downtown DC Convention Center</b>   1201 13th Street NW	\$229	.50 Miles
6	Walking	<b>Conrad DC</b>   950 New York Avenue NW	\$486	.20 Miles
7	Walking	<b>Courtyard Convention Center</b> 901 L Street NW	\$359	.20 Miles
8	Bus	<b>Darcy</b>   1515 Rhode Island Avenue NW	\$260	.60 Miles
9	Walking	<b>Eaton</b>   1201 K Street NW	\$350	.30 Miles
10	Walking	<b>Embassy Suites Convention Center</b> 900 10th Street NW	\$364	.20 Miles
11	Bus	<b>Fairfield Inn Washington DC</b> 500 H Street NW	\$329	.30 Miles
12	Bus	<b>Grand Hyatt</b>   1000 H Street NW	\$379	.60 Miles
13	Bus	<b>Hamilton Hotel</b>   1001 14th Street NW	\$269	.50 Miles
14	Walking	<b>Hampton Inn Convention Center</b> 901 6th Street NW	\$310	.20 Miles
15	Walking	<b>Henley Park</b>   926 Massachusetts Avenue NW	\$345	.20 Miles
16	Bus	<b>Hilton Garden Inn Downtown</b> 815 14th Street NW	\$335	.60 Miles
17	Walking	<b>Holiday Inn Express Convention Center</b> 317 K Street NW	\$275	.60 Miles
18	Walking	<b>Homewood Suites Convention Center</b> 465 New York Avenue NW	\$325	.30 Miles
19	Bus	<b>Hotel Washington</b>   515 15th Street NW	\$315	.90 Miles
20	Bus	<b>Hotel Zena</b>   1155 14th Street NW	\$299	.50 Miles
21	Walking	<b>Hyatt Washington DC Convention Center</b> 899 O Street NW	\$300	.50 Miles
22	Bus	<b>Hyatt Regency Washington</b> 400 New Jersey Avenue NW	\$359	1.30 Miles
23	Bus	<b>JW Marriott</b> 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW	\$390	.90 Miles
24	Bus	<b>Kimpton Banneker</b>   1315 16th Street NW	\$310	1 Miles
25	Walking	<b>Marriott Marquis DC (HQ)</b> ★ 901 Massachusetts Avenue NW	\$379	Connected
26	Bus	<b>Mayflower Hotel</b> 1127 Connecticut Avenue NW	\$360	.90 Miles
27	Walking	<b>Morrison Clark Historic Hotel</b> 1011 L Street NW	\$349	.30 Miles
28	Walking	<b>Residence Inn Convention Center</b> 901 L Street NW	\$369	.20 Miles
29	Bus	<b>Royal Sonesta Capitol Hill</b> 20 Massachusetts Avenue N	\$359	1.10 Miles
30	Bus	<b>Viceroy</b>   1430 Rhode Island Avenue NW	\$299	.80 Miles
31	Walking	<b>Westin DC Downtown</b> 999 9th Street NW	\$379	.20 Miles
32	Walking	<b>Washington Marriott Georgetown</b> 1221 22nd Street NW	\$314	1.30 Miles
33	Bus	<b>Washington Marriott Metro</b> 775 12th Street NW	\$355	.60 Miles
34	Bus	<b>Willard Intercontinental</b> 1401 Pennsylvania Avenue NW	\$429	1.10 Miles

Hotels with a bus symbol indicate locations for shuttle bus stops. Those staying at a hotel without a shuttle stop should use the stop closest to their hotel.  
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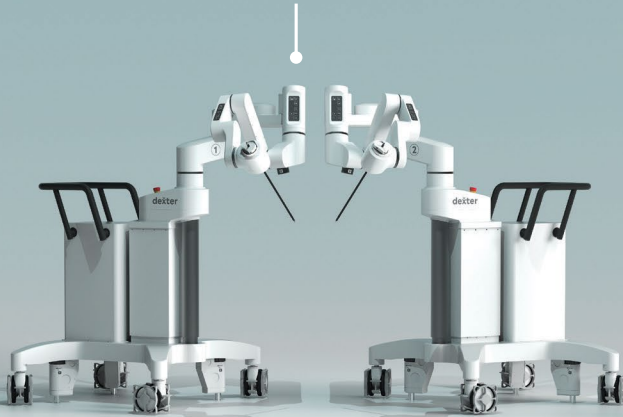
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