



# 37<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL **CONTROVERSIES, PROBLEMS & TECHNIQUES IN SURGERY**

December 9-10, 2021

Westin New York at Times Square

**COURSE DIRECTORS:**

Robert E. Michler, MD

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# COURSE DIRECTOR WELCOME LETTER



## Leadership in the Art of Surgery

Dear Colleagues,

At no time in my career have I witnessed the camaraderie, selflessness and focus of the medical profession as I have through COVID. This pandemic is personal to us, and we have all experienced challenges and loss. It has also reinforced and catalyzed the importance of what we do every single day as healthcare professionals in our service to humankind.

Our knowledge is instrumental to saving lives and as we continue to care for illnesses that have not abated during this global pandemic, we must grow as professionals and always be prepared to refine our clinical skills.

It is my pleasure to invite you to join us for this year's 37th Annual Controversies, Problems and Techniques in Surgery. New York City is a magical place to be during the holiday season. For decades, this annual surgery symposium has served as a conduit for information and discussion between healthcare professionals and experts in surgery and medicine. Year after year, physicians from around the U.S. and abroad share the value and importance of this meeting in helping them care for their patients. The draw for these professionals is the leading-edge scientific presentations, CME credits and the excitement of New York City in the holiday season.

This year's surgical symposium, on December 9-10, 2021, will be held at the Westin New York in Times Square. Please visit the [www.surgerysymposium.org](http://www.surgerysymposium.org) website for latest program announcements and registration details.

Thank you for your loyal support of our CME accredited education program.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Michler". The signature is fluid and cursive.

**Robert E. Michler, MD**

Surgeon-in-Chief

Samuel I. Belkin Chair

Professor and Chairman, Department of Surgery

Professor and Chairman, Department of Cardiothoracic & Vascular Surgery

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## Course Director



### W. Scott Melvin, MD

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## Department of Surgery at Montefiore

High volumes and exceptional outcomes are distinguishing traits of the Department of Surgery at Montefiore Medical Center. The department's five divisions collectively perform more than 8,000 procedures on adult and pediatric patients annually. In 2013, the department received national recognition for exemplary outcomes by the American College of Surgeons' National Surgical Quality Improvement Program.

In addition to excellence in traditional open surgery, Montefiore is a leader in minimally invasive techniques. Our state-of-the-art facilities incorporate the latest technologies and advancements, providing our patients with the best treatments and care available.



## Venue Information

### THE WESTIN NEW YORK AT TIMES SQUARE

270 West 43rd Street  
New York, NY, 10036, United States

Group rate of \$329 for a deluxe room per night is only available until November 17, 2021

A dedicated booking website has been created for your event so you will be able to make, modify, and cancel your hotel reservations online, as well as take advantage of any room upgrades, amenities, or other services offered by the hotel. To reserve for the Controversies, Problems and Techniques in Surgery please click the following link:

<https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1628787350566&key=GRP>

## Meeting Registration

Online registration is open at:

<http://www.surgerysymposium.org/registration/>

Payment can be made by credit card when you register online. If you prefer to pay by check, checks must be made payable to **BSC Management**. Please complete the registration form on the last page and mail it together to the address below. Please note Surgery Symposium on check.

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## About the Event

For more than 35 years, Controversies, Problems & Techniques in Surgery has provided its audience a medium where they can hear expert opinions on what constitutes best practices in surgical techniques and patient care. We are pleased that year-to-year, attendees inform us they have taken away information from the meeting, which has helped them to implement changes in their practices and positively affect patient outcomes.

## Meeting Room Locations

**Thursday, December 9 and Friday, December 10**  
**The Westin New York at Times Square - 5th Floor**

Registration and Exhibits: Majestic Foyer

Scientific Sessions: Majestic Ballroom

Welcome Reception: Majestic Foyer

## Registration Desk

We strongly encourage you to register in advance. The registration desk, to pickup your badge and meeting materials or to register onsite, will be open on Thursday, December 9 and Friday, December 10 starting at 6:00am.

Guests must wear their name badge to all functions.

## COVID-19 Protocol

Vaccination is required for all Montefiore Medical Center and Albert Einstein College of Medicine employees.

We recognize that the COVID-19 pandemic has had a big impact on surgical practice and uncertainty of travel at this time. We continue to closely monitor COVID-19 Guidelines as the health and safety of our meeting attendees is our highest priority. We are monitoring the guidance related to COVID-19 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Federal and New York State Guidelines, in addition to the Westin New York Protocol for guests. We are committed to taking appropriate precautions to provide a safe environment that does not place meeting attendees at undue risk.

## Accreditation & Disclosure Information

### PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Robert E. Michler, MD - Course Director

W. Scott Melvin, MD - Course Director

Abier Abdelnaby, MD

Diego Camacho, MD

Ragini Mehta, PhD

### *Continuing Medical Education Credit Information*

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of the PESI Inc. and Montefiore Medical Center. PESI Inc. is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

PESI Inc. designates this live educational activity for a maximum of **12.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)<sup>TM</sup>**. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.



## CME / Program Objectives

The Controversies, Problems and Techniques in Surgery meeting is designed for:

- » General Surgeons, Cardiac Surgeons, Endocrine Surgeons, Minimally Invasive Surgeons
- » Fellows/residents in general surgery programs
- » Physicians in related specialties
- » Medical students interested in surgery
- » Researchers and administrators with an interest in surgical advances.

Upon completion of this course, the participants will be able to:

- » Identify appropriate strategies for diagnosis and management of early lung cancers.
- » Describe indications for referral for lung transplantation
- » Discuss options for the management and treatment of morbid obesity and abdominal wall hernias in the obese.
- » Describe minimally invasive approaches to common bile duct pathology.
- » Improve ones understanding and options for obtaining informed consent.
- » List accomplishment in surgical history related to new York city.
- » Describe modern screening and optimal treatment in anal, rectal and colon cancers.
- » List options for the management of acute diverticulitis.
- » Describe benefits of minimally invasive approaches to the treatment of colorectal cancer.

## Disclosure Information

In compliance with the ACCME Accreditation Criteria, *PESI Inc.* must ensure that anyone in a position to control the content of the educational activity has disclosed all relevant financial relationships with any commercial interest. All reported conflicts are managed by a designated official to ensure a bias-free presentation. Please see the insert in the final program for the complete disclosure list.

### Invited Faculty:

Abier Abdelnaby, MD; Diego Camacho, MD; Jenny Choi, MD; John Cosgrove, MD; Stephen Forest, MD; Sammy Ho, MD; Rebecca Levine, MD; John Marks, MD; W. Scott Melvin, MD; Robert Michler, MD; Erin Moran-Atkin, MD; Mindy Statter, MD; Brendon Stiles, MD; Thomas Ullman, MD; Joseph Vazzana, MD

## QUESTIONS?



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# AGENDA AT A GLANCE

## Thursday, December 9, 2021

- 7:00 - 7:45am **Breakfast**
- 7:45 - 8:00am **Welcome Orientation**
- 8:00 - 10:00am **Scientific Session I**
- » Modern Management of Lung Cancer
  - » Controversies in Lung Transplantation
  - » Strategies for Early Esophageal Cancer
  - » Panel Discussion (20 min)
- 10:00 - 10:15am **Coffee Break With Educational Exhibitors**
- 10:15am - 12:15pm **Scientific Session II**
- » Modern Management and Challenges in the Transcatheter Management of Bioprosthetic Aortic Valve Failure
  - » Endoluminal Approaches to the Management of Biliary Disease
  - » The Difficult Cholecystectomy
  - » Panel Discussion (20 min)
- 12:15 - 1:00pm **Lunch With Educational Exhibitors**
- 1:00 - 3:00pm **Scientific Session III**
- » Current Challenges and Concepts in the Informed Consent Process
  - » Notable Surgeons making History in New York City
  - » Panel Discussion (20 min)
- 3:00 - 3:15pm **Coffee Break With Educational Exhibitors**
- 3:15 - 5:15pm **Scientific Session IV**
- » Sphincter Preservation for more Rectal Cancers
  - » Outpatient Colectomy: Our next Frontier
  - » Endoluminal Approaches for Rectal Cancers
  - » Preventing Anal Cancer: What the Surgeon Needs to Know
  - » Panel Discussion (20 min)
- 5:15 - 6:15pm **Welcome Reception**  
*Everyone Welcome in the Foyer*

## Friday, December 10, 2021

- 7:00 - 7:45am **Breakfast With Educational Exhibitors**
- 7:45 - 8:00am **Welcome Orientation**
- 8:00 - 10:00am **Scientific Session V**
- » Endoluminal Salvage Techniques for Anastomotic Colorectal Leaks
  - » Optimal Medical Management of Inflammatory Bowel Disease
  - » Emergent Management of Acute Diverticulitis
  - » Panel Discussion (20 min)
- 10:00 - 10:15am **Coffee Break With Educational Exhibitors**
- 10:15am - 12:00pm **Scientific Session VI**
- » Current Optional Procedures and Rationale for the Morbid Obesity
  - » Video case files: Abdominal Wall Hernia
  - » Management of Abdominal Hernias in Obese
  - » Minimally Invasive Abdominal Wall Reconstruction
  - » Panel Discussion (20 min)
- 12:00 - 1:00pm **Keynote Lecture - COVID-19: "A Year of Despair - A Year of Hope"**  
**Sheldon Teperman, MD, Trauma Medical Director, Professor of Surgery - Jacobi Medical Center**
- 1:00 - 1:30pm **Closing Discussion**



## Special Event

### WELCOME RECEPTION

**Thursday, December 9, 2021  
5:15pm**

Please join the Montefiore Medical Center sponsors, alumni, speakers, and attendees for a happy hour reception following the scientific sessions at the Westin New York at Times Square.

## Local Attractions

### NEW YORK CITY PASS

See all the finest NYC attractions like MOMA, Circle Line Boat Tour, Guggenheim Museum, Top of the Rock, Ellis Island, and The 9/11 Memorial and Museum all for 44% off regular admission with your [City Pass](#).

### RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL

Plan ahead and pick the date that fits perfectly into your holiday plans! You don't want to miss the Radio City Christmas Spectacular®, a one-of-a-kind celebration that brings together family, friends, and loved ones. The Rockettes® ring in the season with brilliant dance numbers, ice skaters swirl across the stage, and Santa spreads cheer to all in this immersive theatrical experience.

[Tickets to the Rockettes Christmas Spectacular](#)

### CENTRAL PARK

A short cab ride from the Westin, Central Park is an urban park in the central part of the borough of Manhattan, New York City. It was initially opened in 1857, on 778 acres of city-owned land, later expanding to its current size of 843 acres. Lights and sounds of Christmas fairs all around make the park lively this time of year.

## Ground Transportation

The recommended limousine service is offered by Capricorn Luxury. For detailed information on rates, vehicles, and timing please call 212-872-4585. [Lyft](#) or [Uber](#) cars are a good way to get around the city once you have arrived. The [Subway](#) can take you where you want to go with ease just ask at the Westin concierge.

## Weather Information

Winter is a beautiful season to experience New York. During this time you will experience highs of 42°F during the daytime and frosty lows of 31°F after dark.

## What to Pack

Business attire is appropriate for the Scientific Sessions. Good walking shoes, a warm coat, hat, and gloves are always advised for enjoying NYC in December. Be sure to pack your workout gear to take advantage of the Westin fitness facilities.

**For additional NYC information visit:**  
[www.nycvisit.com](http://www.nycvisit.com) or [www.nycgo.com](http://www.nycgo.com)

# REGISTRATION FORM

*For faster and secure online processing, go to [surgerysymposium.org/registration/](http://surgerysymposium.org/registration/). Advance registration must be received and will close at 12 PM Eastern on Friday, December 3. After this date you will be able to register onsite.*

**Registrant Information** Please print your name as you would like it to appear on your name badge.

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**Registration Fees** (for Thursday & Friday Symposium to be held at the Westin Times Square New York)

## NON Montefiore/Einstein Faculty

Montefiore Medical Center and Albert Einstein Alumni will receive 10% off the Non-Montefiore registration fee.

Practicing Physician	\$895	\$ _____
Practicing Physician – ONE DAY ONLY	\$500	\$ _____
Thursday   Friday		
Resident/Fellow	\$495	\$ _____
Non MD Health Professional	\$495	\$ _____
Montefiore Health System Alum	(10% off)	

## Montefiore Medical Center & Einstein Faculty

Physician	No Charge	\$ _____ 0
Resident/Fellow	No Charge	\$ _____ 0
Non MD Health Professional	No Charge	\$ _____ 0
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

Full payment must be received with the registration form via a check or by credit card by filling out the information below. **NO BALANCE DUES ARE PERMITTED.**

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Notification of cancellation must be submitted in writing; emailed to [carrie@bscmanage.com](mailto:carrie@bscmanage.com). Cancellations received before December 1, 2021 will be refunded less a \$50 administrative fee. No refunds will be given after December 1, 2021, including no-shows.

Alumni status will be verified. Registrations submitted at the incorrect rate will be corrected and charged accordingly without notice.

**MEETING CONFIRMATIONS** will be emailed to the email address provided in the "Registration Information" section above.

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