



**38TH ANNUAL
CONTROVERSIES,
PROBLEMS &
TECHNIQUES IN
SURGERY**

December 15-16, 2022

Westin New York at Times Square

COURSE DIRECTORS:

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COURSE DIRECTOR WELCOME LETTER



Leadership in the Art of Surgery

Dear Colleagues,

COVID has reinforced and catalyzed the importance of what we do every single day as healthcare professionals in our service to humankind.

As we emerge from COVID, and its impact on each of us and our hospitals, we return to the importance of caring for persons who present to us with medical and surgical diseases. 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 38th 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 country and abroad share the value and importance of this meeting in helping them care for their patients. These professionals seek 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 15-16, 2022, will be held at the Westin New York in Times Square. Please visit the 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, which appears to read "R. Michler". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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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 available until November 25, 2022.

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=1663618097023&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 38 years now, 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 15 and Friday, December 16
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 15 and Friday, December 16 starting at 6:30am.

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

Diego Camacho, MD

Sheldon Marc Feldman, 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 through the joint providership of 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 **13.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)TM**. 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:

- » Describe the role of Physician Assistants in the practice of surgery.
- » Delineate risks associated with surgery in the pregnant patient.
- » Define the guidelines for treatment of cholecystitis in pregnancy.
- » Define the treatment algorithms for the treatment of appendicitis and umbilical hernia in the pregnant patient.
- » Define optimal management and associated outcomes in abdominal wall reconstruction.
- » List the parameters associated with publicly reported assessment of surgical performance.
- » Define a worrying skin lesions.
- » Describe the appropriate management of subcutaneous lesions.
- » Be able to discuss weight loss options for patients with Obesity.

- » Describe the risks associated with obesity and common surgical emergencies.
- » Evaluate increased risk of general anesthesia in patients with Obesity.

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 an ineligible organization. All reported conflicts are managed by a designated official to ensure a bias-free presentation.

Invited Faculty:

Diego Camacho, MD; Philipp Fassbender, MD, DESAIC; Sammy Ho, MD; Eve Karkowsky, MD; Sriram Machineni, MD; John McAuliffe, MD, PHD; Maureen P. McEvoy, MD; Beth McLellan, MD; Erin Moran-Atkin, MD; Katia Papalezova, MD; Robert Sammartano, PA-C; Peter Shamamian, MD; Vance Smith, MD; Dana Telem, MD, MPH; Joseph Vazzana, MD

QUESTIONS?



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AGENDA AT A GLANCE

Thursday, December 15, 2022

7:00 - 7:45am

Breakfast

7:45 - 8:00am

Welcome Orientation

8:00 - 10:00am

Scientific Session I

- » Optimal management of the Obstetric patient with a general surgical emergency
- » Acute Cholecystitis in Pregnancy
- » Acute Appendicitis in Pregnancy
- » Umbilical hernia in Pregnancy
- » Anesthetic considerations in Pregnancy
- » Panel Discussion (20 min)

10:00 - 10:15am

Coffee Break With Educational Exhibitors

10:15am - 12:15pm

Scientific Session II

- » Prophylaxis in Surgery
- » Deep venous thrombosis
- » Antibiotics
- » Management of lymphedema and surgery of the axilla
- » Panel Discussion (20 min)

12:15 - 1:00pm

Lunch With Educational Exhibitors

1:00 - 3:15pm

Scientific Session III

- » Optimal medical management of patients with Obesity
- » Challenges in general surgical problems in patients with Obesity
 - » Diverticulitis
 - » Abdominal wall hernias
 - » Gastroesophageal Reflux
- » Optimizing safe anesthesia in the patient with Obesity
- » Panel Discussion (20 min)

3:15 - 3:30pm

Coffee Break With Educational Exhibitors

3:30 - 5:15pm

Scientific Session IV

- » Modern advances in Endoscopy and the history of endoscopy in surgery
- » Case reports: Therapeutic endoscopy at Montefiore
- » Best practices: Relationships between Industry and Clinical Practitioners
- » The History of Physician Assistants in the Practice of Surgery.
- » Panel Discussion (20 min)

5:15 - 6:15pm

Welcome Reception

Everyone Welcome in the Foyer

Friday, December 16, 2022

7:00 - 7:45am

Breakfast With Educational Exhibitors

8:00 - 10:00am

Scientific Session V

- » Defining a worrying skin lesion.
- » When is a lipoma not a lipoma, diagnosis and management.
- » Mohs surgery, when, where?
- » Panel Discussion (20 min)

10:00 - 10:15am

Coffee Break With Educational Exhibitors

10:15am - 12:00pm

Scientific Session VI

- » Scoring Surgical Performance: what a contestant needs to know
- » The Synoptic Operative report, how to score cancer surgery
- » Surgery of the Axilla, managing lymphedema
- » Panel Discussion (20 min)

12:00 - 1:00pm

Keynote - Dr Dana Telem: Bringing Law [Evidence] and Order [Rational Decisions] to the Wild West [Hernia Repair]

1:00 - 1:30pm

Closing Discussion



Special Events

WELCOME RECEPTION

Thursday, December 15, 2022
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.

PA ALUMNI PRIVATE DINNER

Thursday, December 15, 2022
7:00pm

Montefiore celebrates 50 years (1971-2021) of its own Postgraduate PA Surgery Residency! It is the first postgraduate Physician Assistant residency in the country that set the standard to train PAs to become the finest surgical PA. All Montefiore PA resident alumni are welcome to join a private dinner!

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

Weather permitting a nice walk, or 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 or www.nycgo.com

REGISTRATION FORM

For faster and secure online processing, go to surgerysymposium.org/registration/. Advance registration must be received and will close at 12 PM Eastern on Friday, December 9. 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 - Allied Health Professional	\$495	\$ _____
Montefiore Health System Alum	(10% off the above rates)	

Montefiore Medical Center & Einstein Faculty

Physician	No Charge	\$ _____ 0
Resident/Fellow	No Charge	\$ _____ 0
Non MD - Allied Health Professional	No Charge	\$ _____ 0
	Grand Total	\$ _____

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. Cancellations received before December 9, 2022 will be refunded less a \$50 administrative fee. No refunds will be given after December 9, 2022, 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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