LEADERSHIP IN THE ART OF SURGERY

Dear Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to invite you to join us for this year’s 35th Annual Controversies, Problems and Techniques in Surgery. New York City is a very special place to be during the Holiday Season.

For 35 years, this annual surgery symposium has served as a conduit for information and discussion between healthcare professionals and surgeon experts on a variety of topics ranging from surgical techniques to guideline directed patient care. Year after year, attendees tell us how vibrant this meeting is for them and how it has helped them in their surgical practice.

We are proud to report that at our last annual meeting we hosted more than 20 international medical professionals and 25 US states were represented. In addition, through our partnership with the American College of Surgeons a total of over 700 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ were awarded to our meeting participants.

This year’s surgical symposium will be held on December 20-21, 2018 at The Westin New York in Times Square. Please visit this website for program and registration details. Thank you for your loyal support of our CME accredited education program. We look forward to working with you to lead the way towards creating better patient outcomes.

Warm regards,

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
Montefiore Medical Center
Albert Einstein College of Medicine
New York City
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

WESTIN NEW YORK AT TIMES SQUARE
270 West 43rd Street
New York, NY, 10036, United States

Group rate of $199 for a deluxe room per night is only available until November 18, 2018. 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.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/montefioremédicalcenter

MEETING REGISTRATION

Online registration is open at surgery symposium. Please use the attached registration form and email or fax to the address below as soon as possible. Payment can be made when you register online by check or credit card by faxing or mailing the registration form. Checks can be made out to Montefiore Medical Center and mailed to:

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ABOUT THE EVENT
For 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.

DISCLOSURE INFORMATION
In compliance with the ACCME Accreditation Criteria, the American College of Surgeons, as the accredited provider of this activity, 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.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION CREDIT INFORMATION
Accreditation
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 American College of Surgeons and the Montefiore Medical Center. The American College of Surgeons is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™
The American College of Surgeons designates this live activity for a maximum of 11.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.
LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of this program, participants should be able to discuss the following topics:

**Flexible Endoscopy for Surgeries**
- Understand embed access
- List appropriate approach to the obese patient
- Identify complication management strategy

**Robotics**
- Understand options in General Surgery for surgical robotics
- Describe new robotic technologies and appropriate or potential uses for robotics in colorectal surgery

**Hernia**
- Identify options for treating abdominal wall hernias
- Describe updates in biologics and prosthetics
- Identify options for atypical hernia repairs

**Enhanced Imaging**
- Describe Biliary Mapping
- Identify the best perfusion evaluation
- Understand sentinel node mapping

**Acute/Critical Care Update**
- Use and rationale for extra corporeal support
- Surgical management of LGI bleeding
- Lung Transplantation
- Aortic Loot Surgery
- Managing Acute Esophageal Rupture

**Complication Management**
- Discuss evaluation of suspected intestinal ischemia
- Understand how modern technology can be used to enhance general surgery approach
- Describe vascular surgery management
- Understand the role of interventional radiology management

**Inguinal Hernia - Video Collection**
- Open inguinal hernia
- L/S - T.A.P. and L/S - T.E.P.
Thursday, December 20, 2018

7:00 – 7:45am
Continental Breakfast with Educational Exhibitors
Welcome and Orientation
Robert E. Michler, MD

8:00-10:00am
Scientific Session I — Hernia Advances in Hernia Repair
David Renton, MD
Update on Biologics and Prosthetics
Flavio Malcher, MD
Hernias in Obesity
Erin Moran-Atkin, MD
Atypical Hernia Repairs
Diego Camacho, MD

10:00 – 10:15 am
Coffee Break

10:15 – 11:00am
Scientific Session II — Hernia: Video Collection
Interesting Hernia
Flavio Malcher, MD
Laparoscopic Inguinal Hernia Repairs
David Renton, MD
Open Hernia Repair
Anibal Puente, MD

11:00 – 12:00pm
Scientific Session III — Enhanced Imaging
Biliary Mapping
W. Scott Melvin, MD
Perfusion Evaluation
Evan Garfein, MD
Sentinel Node Mapping
Sheldon Feldman, MD

12:00 – 1:00pm
Lunch with Educational Exhibits

1:00 – 3:00pm
Scientific Session IV — Critical Care Update
Use and Rationale for Extracorporeal Support
William Jakobleff, MD
Surgical Management of LGI Bleeding
Vance Smith, MD
Lung Transplantation
Scott Scheinin, MD
Managing Acute Esophageal Rupture
Peter Muscarella, MD

3:00 – 3:15pm
Coffee Break with Educational Exhibits

3:15 – 5:00pm
Scientific Session V — Technology Update
Cost Containment in the Operation Room Approach to Cholecystectomy
Colin Walsh
Robotics for Colorectal Surgery, Hit or Hype?
Rahul Narang, MD
Robots and Hernias
Flavio Malcher, MD / David Renton, MD

5:00 – 6:00pm
Montefiore Alumni Reception
Everyone Welcome in the Atrium
Friday, December 21, 2018

7:00 – 7:45am
Continental Breakfast

7:45 – 8:00am
Welcome and Orientation
Robert Michler, MD

8:00 – 10:00am
Scientific Session VI — Acute Care Surgery
   Evaluation of suspected intestinal Ischemia
   Arnold Berlin, MD
   General Surgery Management
   Prashanth Sreeramojou, MD
   Interventional Vascular Management
   Karan Garg, MD
   How Old is Your Heart? Evaluation of Your Personal Risk Factors for Heart Disease
   Robert Michler, MD

10:00 – 10:15am
Coffee Break with Educational Exhibits

10:15 – 11:00am
Scientific Session VII — Flexible Endoscopy for Surgeries
   Advances for the Management of Obesity
   Jeff Marks, MD
   Enteral Access
   Peter Muscarella, MD
   Intramural Endoscopy
   Diego Camacho, MD

11:00am – 12:00am
Gliedman Oration: Surgeons and Flexible Endoscopy
Jeffrey Marks, MD

12:00 – 12:30pm
Awards and Closing Discussion
SPECIAL EVENTS

WELCOME RECEPTION
Thursday, December 20, 2018
5 – 6:00pm
Please join the Montefiore Medical Center Sponsors, Alumni, Speakers, and attendees for a happy hour type reception in the Atrium at the Westin New York at Times Square.

CLOSING AWARDS
Friday, December 21, 2018
12:00pm
Be sure to stay until the end of the meeting to see if you are the winner of an Apple Watch. All attendees can enter to win by visiting each of the sponsors of the meeting. You must be present to win.

FACULTY DINNER
Thursday, December 20, 2018
New York Yacht Club
37 West 44th Street
New York, NY 10036 USA
6:30pm Cocktails and 7:00pm Dinner
By invitation only. Controversies, Problems and Techniques in Surgery speakers and faculty please confirm your attendance at the New York Yacht Club at 7:00pm for dinner by using the RSVP on the invitation you receive.

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 49% 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. 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.

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.

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.

PRESENTER INSTRUCTIONS

Professional audio-visual services will be provided for this meeting by C Sherman AV. If you need pre-meeting technical support call Chris Sherman 360-708-4226. Mac, Prezzi, PC Powerpoint, and Keynote presentations should be on a USB drive and uploaded onsite one hour before you present on the morning of the meeting. Please arrange to arrive in time to test your videos.

QUESTIONS?

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PROFESSIONAL SPECIALTY

REGISTRATION FEES  (for Thursday & Friday Symposium to be held at Waldorf=Astoria 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 $  
☐ Resident/Fellow $495 $  
☐ Non MD Health Professional $495 $  
☐ Montefiore Health System Alum n/a (10% off) $  

Montefiore Medical Center & Einstein Faculty

☐ Physician No Charge $ 0 
☐ Resident/Fellow No Charge $ 0 
☐ Non MD Health Professional No Charge $ 0 

GRAND TOTAL $  

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CANCELLATION POLICY: Refunds will be given when requested in writing and faxed to 360-261-6077 or emailed to: surgicalcs@gmail.com by December 9.

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