

Hello AFS Members!

Welcome to the August edition of our newsletter. This month, we're excited to share the latest advancements in foregut disease management. Plus, our Annual Meeting is just around the corner in September! Stay informed about important deadlines, upcoming events, and key announcements to keep you up-to-date as we prepare for this highly anticipated gathering.

Happy reading!

Important Dates:

- **August 24:** Assessing the Myotomy During Heller webinar
- **September 3:** Discounted AFS 2024 hotel rate window closes ([reserve here](#))
- **September 25 - 29:** AFS Annual Meeting in Denver, CO


AFS 2024 Course Sneak Peek

COURSE

Gastroparesis

Dan Lister, M.D.
Daniela Jodorkovsky, M.D.
and more!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Featured Course: Gastroparesis
Get an exclusive preview of this month's featured AFS 2024 course, packed with insights from leading experts Dr.'s Dan Lister, Daniela Jodorkovsky and more!

- Pharmacology of GLP-1 Agonists and Gastroparesis | Ellen Stein
- Upper GI Procedure Considerations | Caroline Newberry
- When G-POEM | Doug Adler
- When Gastric Neurostimulation? | Mike Awad

The AFS 2024 Annual Meeting will take place September 26-29 at the Gaylord Rockies, CO.

Register Today!

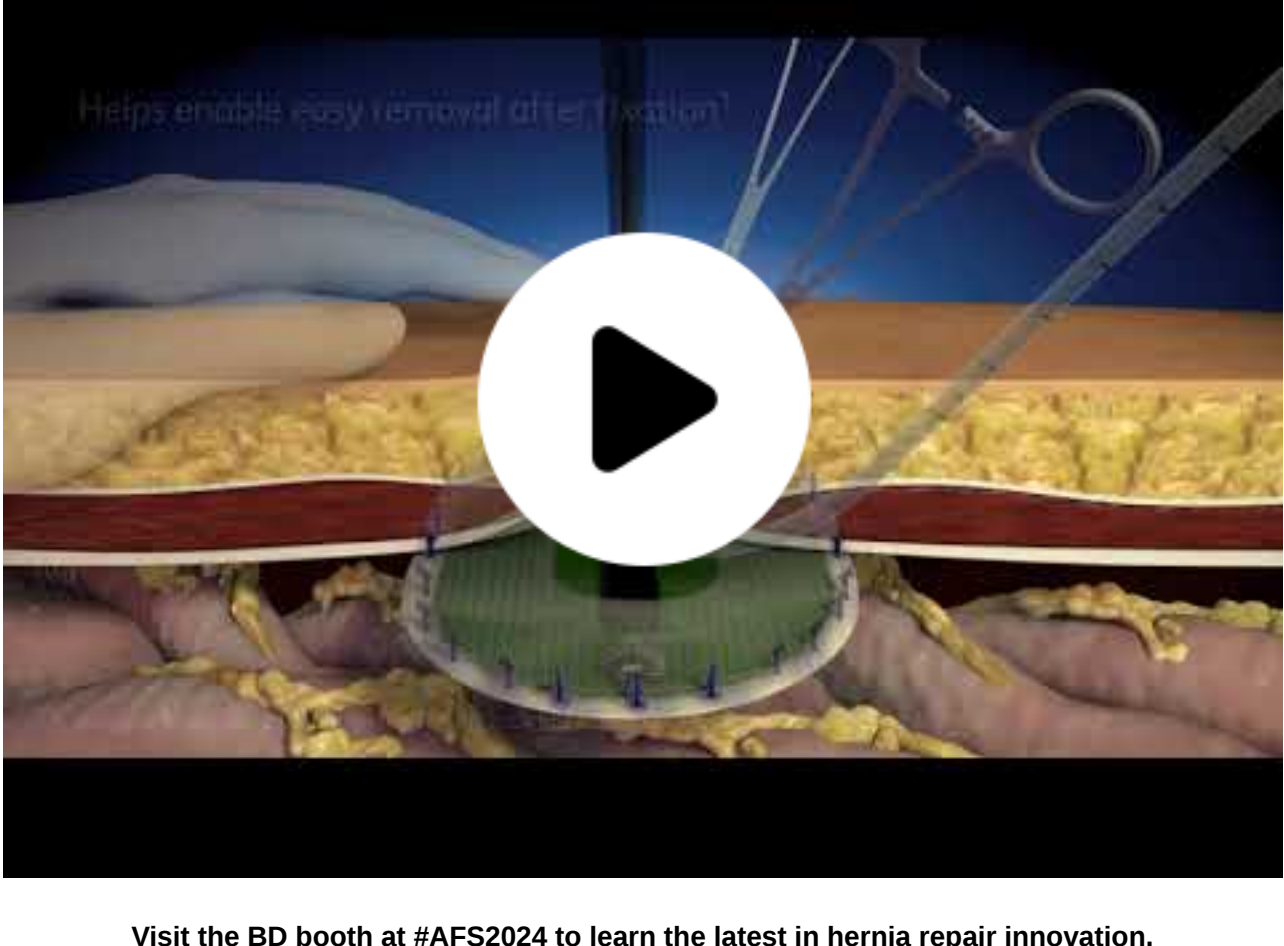
INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT



Did you know?

BD, a leader and innovator in hernia repair for over **65 years**, transforms how surgeons treat patients. Phasix™ ST Bioresorbable Mesh is a long-term, naturally derived bioresorbable mesh enhanced with a clinically proven barrier to minimize tissue attachment. Phasix™ ST Mesh has demonstrated positive clinical results for hiatal hernia repair.


Hear from Dr. Carlos Galvani on his experience with Phasix™ ST Mesh in hiatal hernias.




Visit the BD booth at #AFS2024 to learn the latest in hernia repair innovation.

Assessing the Myotomy During Heller

Virtual Education Webinar Series






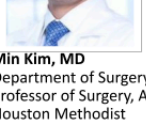
Assessing the Myotomy During Heller Myotomy

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:


- Identify the best methods & techniques for evaluating the adequacy & completeness of the myotomy
- Describe key indicators & criteria used to determine the success of a myotomy procedure
- Explore advanced imaging modalities & intraoperative tools that can assist in assessing the completeness of myotomy



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*Wednesday
August 14, 2024
8 pm ET
7 pm CT
6 pm MT
5 pm PT*

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Join us on Wednesday, August 14th for our Virtual Education Webinar Series! Register today!

We want to give a special shoutout to Medtronic for sponsoring this informative event!

Register on the EndoscopyNow App Register on Zoom

Say Cheese!


Submit Your Speaking Engagement Photos!
We want to showcase our members on AFS social media. Share your photos for a chance to be featured! We're looking for:

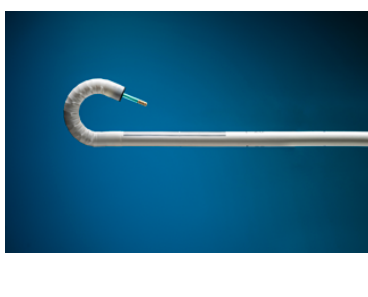
- Photos from speaking engagements focused on foregut topics.
- Shots from networking events centered around foregut discussions.

Send in your pictures and let's celebrate your contributions together!

Submit your photos HERE

Industry News





Ambu's new aScope™ Gastro Large has a unique 4.2 mm working channel and handle made with bioplastics, providing 90% higher suction power than the industry-leading 3.7 mm channelled scope. The expanded single-use gastroscope portfolio is the ideal solution to address a broader range of needs in the OR and ICU, e ICU, OR and endoscopy suite.


Learn more at [Abmu.com](#)

Robotics Mentorship Program

Applications will now be accepted!

We are thrilled to introduce our Robotics Mentorship Program, designed for surgeons with moderate foregut experience and some familiarity with DaVinci robotics. This six-month curriculum, led by dedicated AFS mentors, aims to develop your expertise in robotic foregut surgery through in-person and remote case observations, proctoring, and advanced courses. Throughout the program, participants will build professional relationships and share their learning. For details on the program, click the link below.

Details & Application



Explore the Multi-Disciplinary Approach to Esophageal Disorders

Join leading experts in the field at this comprehensive event focused on esophageal disorders. Gain insights from various specialties and enhance your understanding of advanced diagnostic and therapeutic strategies. Don't miss this opportunity to network and learn from the best in the field.

Event Details:

- **Date:** November 22, 2024
- **Location:** ASGE IT&T or Virtual
- **Hosted by:** ASGE

Why Attend:

- Multi-disciplinary perspectives
- Cutting-edge research and techniques
- Networking opportunities

Register Now

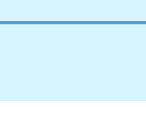
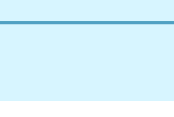
Foregut Friday

Join the Conversation on DocMatter!
Each week, we pose a thought-provoking question on AFS social media and invite experts to weigh in and discuss on DocMatter. Here's a look at our most recent question:

FOREGUT FRIDAY

During a RYGB or near total gastrectomy for benign or oncological indications, how do you approach the creation of the Gastrojejunostomy?

To view the entire question and collaborate, visit our community on DocMatter!



We encourage all members to join us on DocMatter to share your insights, engage in discussions, and collaborate on the latest topics in foregut disease management. Your expertise can help shape the future of our field!

Collaborate Now on DocMatter

Now Live!

The AFS Member Portal

We are excited to announce that the AFS Member Portal is now live!

This portal is your go-to resource hub, housing everything you need as an AFS member in one convenient location.

The portal features:

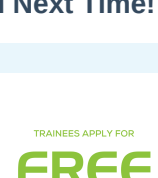
- Previous webinar recordings
- Meeting talk recordings and PDFs
- Important AFS documents
- Podcasts
- Publications

Click the link below to explore all the benefits the AFS Member Portal offers!

Take me to the AFS Member Portal!

Thanks for staying connected with us! We're excited to see you at our upcoming events and hear your thoughts on the latest in foregut disease management. We hope everyone has a fun and safe 4th, take care and keep making strides in our field.

Until Next Time!



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