June Updates Are Here! We're thrilled to share some exciting updates and upcoming events with you! From informative webinars to new member resources, there's a lot happening this month. Below are upcoming dates and deadlines for these opportunities, which we encourage you to participate in.

Upcoming Deadlines July 1 - FAFS

July 1 - Awards Nominations

July 1 - Research Grant Application July 1 - Early Bird Registration for 2024 Annual Meeting

Upcoming Events June 12 - PEH Webinar

June 15 - MedStart Health 2024 Esophageal Symposium September 25-29 - AFS 2024 Annual Meeting

September 29 - Gen GI Course

PEH Webinar

WEBINAR **8PM ET | JUNE 12, 2024**

Assessing Hiatal Closure During PEH Repair



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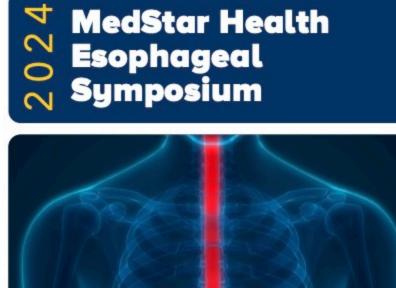
Webinar: Assessing Hiatal Closure During PEH Repair Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 **Time: 8:00 PM ET**

tailored for Gastroenterologists, Endoscopists, Surgeons, Nurses, and other professional medical staff. The session will conclude with a Q&A segment to address your queries. More details can be found **HERE** or click the buttons to register below! **Register on EndoscopyNow App**

Join us for an informative webinar focused on assessing hiatal closure during PEH repair. This event is

Register on Zoom

2024 Esophageal Symposium





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VIEW FULL PDF HERE

Date & Location: Saturday, June 15, 2024, 7:30 AM - 1:00 PM, Bethesda Marriott, Bethesda, MD We are excited to announce that Dr. Reginald Bell will speak at the 2024 MedStar Esophageal

Symposium. This interdisciplinary conference, designed for professionals in gastroenterology, otolaryngology, radiology, surgery, and thoracic surgery, will cover the clinical management of benign esophageal disorders. **Objectives** include updates on esophageal motility disorders, management of GERD, eosinophilic esophagitis, Barrett's esophagus, and more. Attendees can earn up to 4.25 continuing education

AFS Members: Use discount code **COMP2024** for FREE registration!

DETAILS AND REGISTRATION

The Latest & Greatest in Foregut Disease Management Sunday, September 29th

Learning Objectives:

Gen GI Course

Join us for an informative symposium designed to provide you with the latest advancements in foregut disease management. This course will deliver practical insights that can be immediately applied in clinical practice.

interpretation and application of findings.

1. Understand when and how to incorporate pCABs into your general gastroenterology 2. Learn how to integrate wireless pH testing into a busy clinical practice, including

3. Review new FDA-approved medications for eosinophilic esophagitis. 4. Evaluate new options for improved diagnosis and risk stratification of Barrett's esophagus. 5. Explore modern antireflux procedures, their indications, and potential side effects to educate better and set expectations for patients.

tips for forging strong partnerships and referral networks. Agenda: • 7:00-7:45 AM: Breakfast and networking with the experts

6. Discover the secrets to successful collaboration with surgeons, including myths, truths, and

• 7:45 AM: Welcome from the American Foregut Society Presidents

Approach

credits.

- 8:00-8:30 AM: The Growing Menu of New Diagnostic and Risk Stratification Options for Barrett's Esophagus
- 8:30-9:00 AM: It's Time to Incorporate pCABs in Your Practice: How and When • 9:00-9:15 AM: Q&A • 9:15-9:45 AM: Who, When, and Why: Wireless pH Testing in Your Practice
- 9:45-10:30 AM: Hands-on Primer of Wireless pH Devices and Reading Software • 10:30-11:00 AM: Not Your Grandpa's Antireflux Surgery: Modern Day Surgical Options and **Evolving Concepts** • **11:00-11:15 AM**: Q&A

• 11:15-11:45 AM: The New Kids on the Block for EoE Management: A Case-Based

- 11:45 AM-12:15 PM: The 4 Cs for Building a Successful Foregut Practice: Culture, Collaboration, Continued Learning, Curiosity • 12:15-12:30 PM: Q&A with all panels/questions
- 12:30 PM: Closing remarks This course is an excellent opportunity for gastroenterologists, GI nurse practitioners/physician assistants, fellows, and other healthcare providers interested in foregut diseases to enrich their
- knowledge and skills.



Fellow of the American Foregut Society (FAFS) Submit your nomination for the title of Fellow of the American JULY 1 Foregut Society (FAFS). This honor recognizes members' **FAFS**

more details click **HERE**!

Research Grant

Nominate a Peer for the AFS Awards



APPLICATION

DEADLINE

Recognize excellence in our community by nominating a colleague for an AFS award. Categories range from early career achievements to lifetime contributions, acknowledging the outstanding members among us. Awardees will be honored at the awards ceremony during the Annual Meeting. Submit nominations **HERE** by **July 1st!**

The AFS Research Committee is excited to announce the AFS

research in foregut disease. This grant is open to any young

principal investigator who are within five years of completing their training and are current AFS members, aiming to foster

Research Grant, offering \$10,000 to support pioneering

advancements in the diagnosis and treatment of foregut

conditions. Apply by **July 1** HERE!

commitment to excellence and their achievements in foregut

disorders. All nominations must be submitted by July 1. For



details on the program, click the link below.

Over 700

RefluxStop®

patients in Europe

Registration open soon!

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.

possible and helps us continue to advance foregut health. We couldn't do it without you. **Industry News**

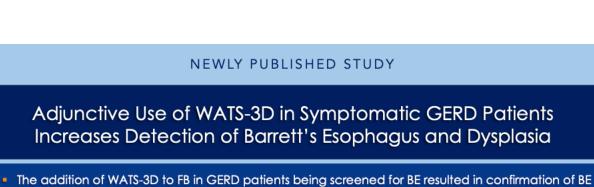
Throughout the program, participants will build professional relationships and share their learning. For

DETAILS AND APPLICATION

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If WATS-3D hadn't been utilized, **1 in 5 patients** would have gone home unaware they had Barrett's!

Nicholas | Shaheen, Robert D Odze, Mendel E Singer, William J Salyers, Sachin Srinivasan, Vivek Kaul, Arvind | Trindade, Amit Aravapalli, Robert D Herman, Michael S Smith, Matthew J McKinley Am | Gastroenterol. 2024 Apr 18. doi: 10.14309/ajg.0000000000002818. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 38635377

• 90.7% of the care plans changed for patients with positive WATS-3D and negative FB.

• The adjunctive and absolute yields of WATS-3D overall were 103.3% and 16.8%, respectively for

of WATS3D on precancer detection of patients screened for GERD. This paper, published in the American Journal of Gastroenterology, reveals that without the use of WATS3D, 1 in 5 patients would have gone home unaware they had Barrett's esophagus!

READ THE PRESS RELEASE HERE

CDx Diagnostics announces the publication of their 23k patient study measuring the diagnostic impact

Coming Soon!

The AFS Member Portal We are excited to announce that the AFS Member Portal will be launching soon! This portal will be your go-to resource hub, housing everything you need as an AFS member in one convenient location.

in an additional ~20% of patients.

Dysplasia diagnoses approximately doubled.

 Previous webinar recordings • Meeting talk recordings and PDFs • Important AFS documents Podcasts

wait for you to explore all the benefits the AFS Member Portal will offer!

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Thanks for staying in touch with us. We're excited to see you at these upcoming events and hear your thoughts on our new initiatives. Together, we're making a greater impact in foregut health. Take care!

Stay tuned for more details on the launch date and how to access this valuable new resource. We can't



The portal will feature:

Publications

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