


NEWSLETTER | SEPTEMBER 2024



SEPTEMBER IS


Achalasia Awareness Month

It's the final countdown!

We're just **23 days** away from our biggest event of the year, the annual meeting! To help you gear up for our gathering in Denver, Colorado, we've got a host of exciting announcements and updates to share. Plus, did you know that September is Achalasia Awareness Month? This is a great opportunity to raise awareness about this condition and how we can improve patient care together.

Important Dates:

- **September 3:** Last day for discounted AFS 2024 hotel rate ([reserve here](#))
- **September 27:** The Role of LINX Reflux Management System in the Post Sleeve Patient
- **September 25 - 29:** AFS Annual Meeting in Denver, CO
- **September 30:** Disease Management in Patients with Refractory Upper Gastrointestinal Bleeding

**Hotel rate increases to \$450+ September 4**
Register today to take advantage of our discounted rate

Limited Availability—Register Now!

Spaces are filling up fast, and our special discounted room rate at the Gaylord Rockies Resort is only available until September 3rd. Secure your spot and take advantage of rooms starting as low as \$279 per night. After September 3rd, rates will rise to the standard rate of \$450. Don't miss this chance to save to stay where all the action is!

[Meeting Registration!](#)

[Hotel Reservation!](#)

Bookend Courses!

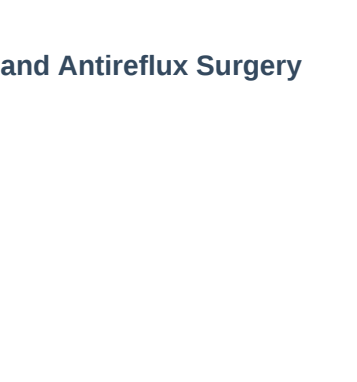
Don't miss out on these in-depth education and hands-on learning opportunities at AFS2024! Our annual meeting offers an outstanding faculty-to-attendee ratio, ensuring personalized learning experiences. Gain valuable insights from board members speaking at the conference, including in our Post Graduate Courses. These sessions are the perfect way to make the most of your time at the meeting!

COURSE

Post Graduate Courses

Motility Courses
Focus on the Esophagogastric Junction
FLIP Course
Gen GI Course

SEPTEMBER 25 - 29



Motility Courses

- Wednesday, September 25, 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm
- Thursday, September 26, 7:30 am to 12:00 pm
- Registration fee: \$200

Focus on the Esophagogastric Junction: The Reflux Barrier and Antireflux Surgery

- Thursday, September 26, 7:30 am to 12:00 pm
- Registration fee: \$150

FLIP Course

- Sunday, September 29, 8 am to 12:00 pm
- Registration fee: \$150

To sign up for the post-graduate courses, you must first register for the meeting. Register today through the link below!

AFS2024 Registration!

Gen GI Course

- Sunday, September 29, 7 am to 12:30 pm
- Registration fee: \$150


This registration is separate from the General Session so be sure to sign up below!

Gen GI Course Registration!

INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT



See you in Colorado, until then; READ ALL ABOUT IT!



Questions about RefluxStop?
See us in the Exhibit Hall at AFS

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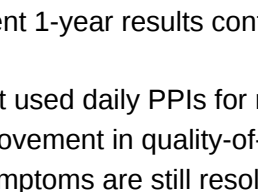
Recently Published:


Treating acid reflux without compressing the food passageway: 4-year safety and clinical outcomes with the RefluxStop device in a prospective multicenter study, Implantica CE Study

Multicentric short term and safety study of ineffective esophageal motility patients treated with RefluxStop device

Exploring the feasibility and safety of laparoscopic anti-reflux surgery with the new RefluxStop™ device: a retrospective cohort study of 40 patients

Looking back on a gold standard: a systematic literature review of laparoscopic Nissen fundoplication as an anti-reflux treatment option

**4-Year Results**
Surgical Endoscopy



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RefluxStop® 4-year follow-up data was just published in Surgical Endoscopy

The excellent 1-year results continue to be seen 4 years after the RefluxStop® procedure.

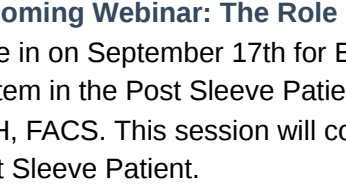
- * No patient used daily PPIs for reflux symptoms.
- * 90% improvement in quality-of-life scores.
- * GERD symptoms are still resolved 4 years post-surgery.

Read more!

Industry News

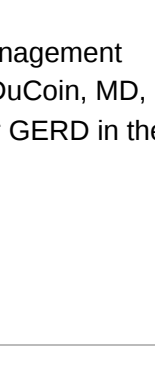
**LINX™**
Reflux Management System






The Role of LINX™ Reflux Management System in the Post Sleeve Patient


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Faculty



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Upcoming Webinar: The Role of LINX in the Post Sleeve GERD Patient

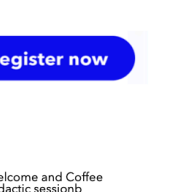
Tune in on September 17th for Ethicon's upcoming webinar, "The Role of LINX Reflux Management System in the Post Sleeve Patient," featuring Leena Khaitan, MD, MPH and Christopher DuCoin, MD, MPH, FACS. This session will cover topics like GERD in the Bariatric Patient and LINX for GERD in the Post Sleeve Patient.

Register Now!



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Endoflip™ Impedance Planimetry System

The program will offer direct observation of a series of endoscopy procedures using the Endoflip Impedance Planimetry System. A live protocol will be conducted and the Endoflip Impedance Planimetry System will be demonstrated. The program will be held in a live setting to allow for hands-on experience and discussion.

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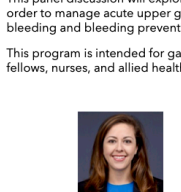
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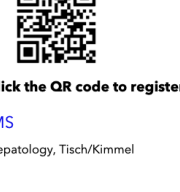
Speakers

- Anand Jain, MD**
Emory University, Atlanta, GA

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- Chris DuCoin, MD**
University of South Florida

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November 4th at 7:00 AM EST

This peer-to-peer program with Dr. Anand Jain, at Emory University, will expand your understanding of esophageal motility testing using the Endoflip impedance planimetry system, including guidelines, technology implementation, and instruction through clinical experience and live case observations in the endoscopy suite.


Register HERE!

September 30th at 7:30 PM EST

Disease Management in Patients with Refractory Upper Gastrointestinal Bleeding


This panel discussion will explore best practices in order to manage acute upper gastrointestinal bleeding and bleeding prevention post resection. This program is intended for gastroenterologists, fellows, nurses, and allied health professionals.

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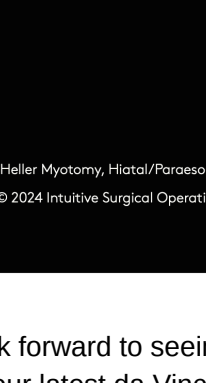
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Speakers

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NTU Longone Health
- Chris DuCoin, MD**
University of South Florida
- Prakash Gatto, MD**
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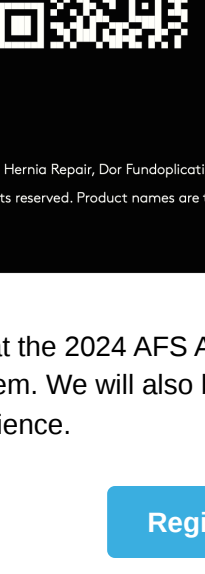


Lunch symposium

The Value of da Vinci 5® in Foregut* Surgery

Friday, September 27
11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
Cottonwood 8-9

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We look forward to seeing you at the 2024 AFS Annual Meeting. Please join us at our booth as we unveil our latest da Vinci 5 System. We will also be hosting a Friday luncheon where your peers will discuss their early clinical experience.

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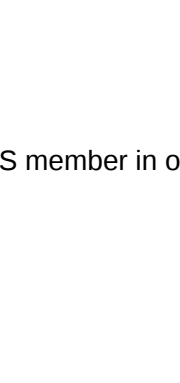
Have a Question?

Check out our latest Foregut Friday question! Join the conversation and collaborate with peers on DocMatter. Share your insights and learn from the toughest and brightest in foregut!

FOREGUT FRIDAY

When fixing a moderate hiatal hernia, non-recurrent, do you routinely use mesh at the crural repair and in what orientation do you place the mesh?

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



Love the discussions on Foregut Friday? Have a similar inquiry? Bring your questions to AFS2024! Whether you have a challenging case or need advice on new guidelines and patient management, this is your chance to get answers directly from the experts.

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:

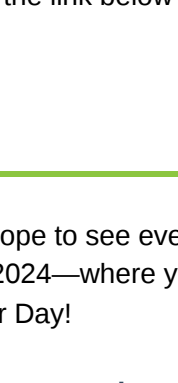
- Previous webinar recordings
- Meeting talk recordings and PDFs
- Important AFS documents
- Podcasts
- Publications

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

Take me to the AFS Member Portal!

We hope to see everyone at the meeting! Remember, spots are limited, so be sure to register for AFS2024—where you'll learn the standard of care from the best in the field. Wishing you a relaxing Labor Day!

See you soon!

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