



SEPTEMBER 2026

2026 Annual Meeting Room Block Deadline is Tomorrow!



HOTEL ROOM BLOCK EXPIRES SEPTEMBER 2 –

Make your room reservation today!

The AFS hotel block at the Gaylord National closes tomorrow, September 2, 2026. Afterwards, rooms and our discounted rates are no longer guaranteed.

Staying in the AFS hotel block keeps you steps from the sessions, social events, and networking that make the Annual Meeting so valuable. Don't miss your chance to be in the center of it all.

Deadline: September 2 until 11:59 PM ET

[GET HOTEL INFORMATION](#)

Not registered yet? Make sure you secure both your room *and* your ticket to the AFS Annual Meeting in DC, September 24 -26, 2026.

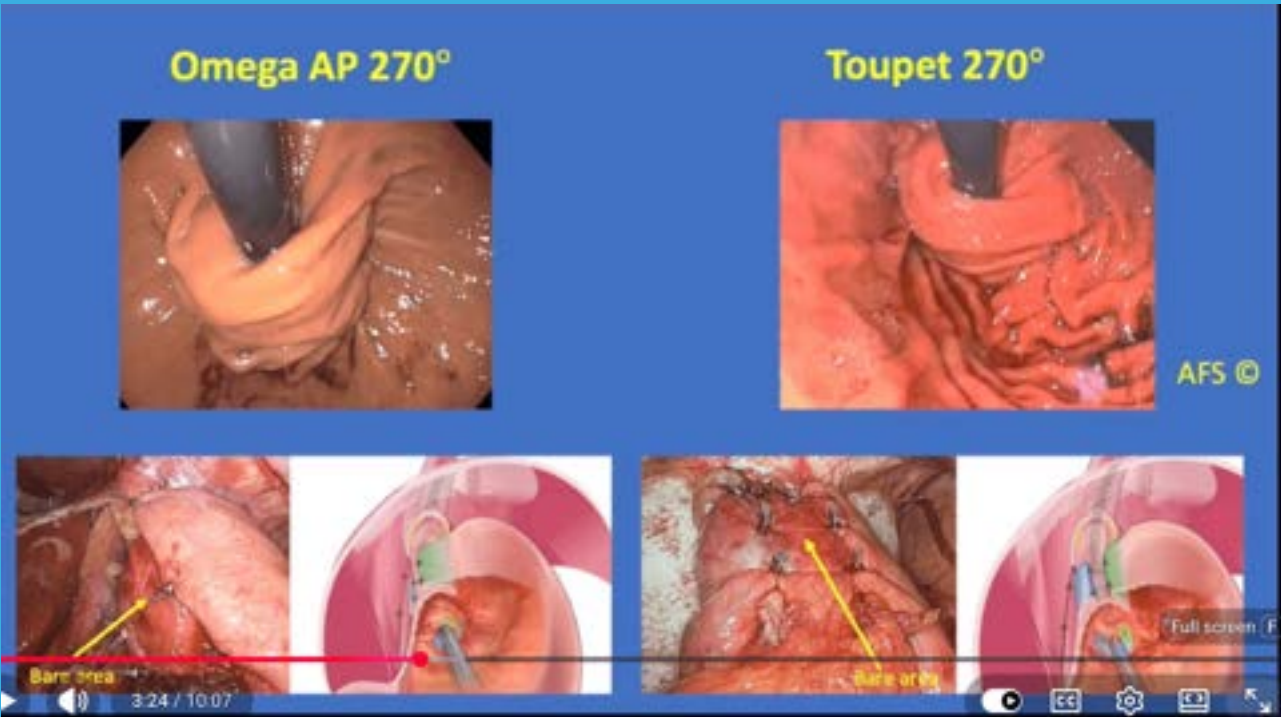
SECURE YOUR SPOT

Foregut Friday Spotlight



AUGUST VIDEO OF THE MONTH IS LIVE!

Check out "Rationale & Technique of the AFS Omega Fundoplication" on YouTube.



WATCH VIDEO ON YOUTUBE

What is Foregut Friday?

Every Friday, the AFS CPC Committee brings real-world foregut cases and emerging topics to Foregut Fridays on DocMatter. Join colleagues from across the field to discuss different approaches, share your perspective, and learn from others.

JOIN THE CONVERSATIONS

Great news: LINXTM is now covered by Aetna for post-sleeve gastrectomy patients!



Effective July 21, 2026, Aetna covers the LINXTM Reflux Management System for post-sleeve gastrectomy patients, representing an estimated 19.1 million covered lives. To review the entire policy, [click here](#).

BD introduces PhasixTM ST Mesh

BD, a leader and innovator in hernia repair for over 65 years, transforms how surgeons treat patients with PhasixTM ST Mesh—a long-term, naturally derived bioabsorbable mesh enhanced with a clinically proven barrier to minimize tissue attachment. [Learn more about PhasixTM ST Mesh and its 5-year data.](#)



QIP Update: Growing Momentum in Quality Improvement

The AFS Quality Improvement Project (QIP) continues to expand its reach in supporting personalized, data-driven care for foregut disease patients. The project now includes over 25 participating sites and has collected outcomes data on more than 3,500 patients - a testament to the growing engagement of AFS members in continuous quality improvement.

We're also excited to welcome a new site to the QIP: Dr. Christopher You and MedStar Health have just joined the project. Congratulations to Dr. You and his team on taking this important step toward systematically tracking patient outcomes!

Interested in joining the QIP? It's a no-cost benefit for AFS practitioner members — reach out to learn how you can get started.

There's Still Time to Join Us at the 2026 Hoag Digestive Health Symposium



October 2–3, 2026
Hyatt Regency Irvine
Orange County, California

The countdown is on for the 2026 Hoag Digestive Health Symposium.

This year's program features comprehensive education across the full spectrum of digestive health, including dedicated sessions on GERD, foregut surgery, esophageal disease, motility disorders, pancreaticobiliary disease, liver disease, obesity medicine, inflammatory bowel disease, and colorectal care.

Highlights include live clinical cases, multidisciplinary discussions, and presentations from internationally recognized faculty led by Dr. Christy Dunst, Dr. Kenneth Chang, and keynote speaker Dr. Lee Swanström.

Whether you're a gastroenterologist, foregut surgeon, advanced endoscopist, or other digestive health professional, you'll leave with practical, evidence-based strategies you can immediately apply in your practice.

Registration includes educational sessions, networking receptions, breakfast, lunch, and continuing medical education opportunities.

We look forward to welcoming you to Orange County this October.

REGISTER TODAY

Don't Forget to Renew Your Membership

Don't miss out on everything AFS has to offer in 2026. Renew your membership today if you have not already to continue accessing exclusive educational content, discounted event registrations, and the support of a thriving professional community.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Shop the Official Merch Store

Show your AFS pride with professional apparel and gear from our Merchology store. Whether you're in the office, attending a conference, or keeping it casual, you'll find options that let you represent AFS in style. Explore the collection today!

LET'S GO SHOPPING

