



NEWSLETTER

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AFS Annual Meeting Sponsorship Opportunities Available



FOR 2026, WE ARE BRINGING TOGETHER WORLD CLASS EXPERTS IN THE FIELD OF FOREGUT!

At the American Foregut Society, our vision is to advocate for personalized treatment strategies for patients with foregut disease through a collaborative, multidisciplinary partnership. No other American society offers such an in-depth exploration of foregut disease from so many perspectives.

- **REACH CLINICIANS:** The fast-growing AFS membership consists of clinicians in multiple specialties that have focused their energy on the diagnosis and treatment of foregut diseases.
- **INCREASE VISIBILITY:** AFS understands the needed collaboration with those in your industry. We welcome you to sessions and meals, allowing time and opportunity to have one-on-one interaction.
- **SPONSORSHIP:** From intimate, in-person meetings to our worldclass annual conference, AFS is sure you will find an opportunity that meets your specific

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Welcome Alissa Hicks, Director of Strategic Partnerships

The American Foregut Society (AFS) is pleased to welcome **Alissa Hicks as our new Director of Strategic Partnerships**, effective January 19, 2025.

In this role, Alissa will focus on building and strengthening partnerships that support AFS's mission to advance the diagnosis and management of foregut disease. She will work closely with the Executive Board and key stakeholders to expand engagement opportunities and enhance the value AFS delivers to its members and partners.

We are excited to have Alissa join the AFS team and look forward to the contributions she will make in strengthening our community and supporting the Society's continued growth.

Contact Alissa at alissa@foregut.org.



Building Toward September: AFS Annual Meeting 2026 and What's Ahead



ANNUAL MEETING



SEPTEMBER
24-26

GAYLORD
NATIONAL

2026 Annual Meeting Registration will open Mid-April!

At the center of our 2026 calendar is the [AFS Annual Meeting](#), taking place September 24–26 at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in Maryland. This premier event is the Society's most significant educational and scientific gathering, bringing together leaders, innovators, and colleagues from across the field. The Annual Meeting serves as the culmination of our yearlong efforts—showcasing cutting-edge research, advancing best practices, and strengthening the connections that move our specialty forward.

We're pleased to share that the 2026 program is nearly finalized, with an outstanding lineup of scientific sessions, speakers, and learning opportunities coming together. We encourage you to save the date now, as we look forward to welcoming the AFS community for an exceptional meeting experience.

This spring, several important initiatives will launch that play a key role in shaping the program and recognizing excellence within our Society. Please watch for upcoming deadlines related to:

- Scientific abstract submissions
- AFS Award nominations
- AFS Fellow nominations
- Research grant applications

Don't Forget to Renew Your Membership

Each of these opportunities helps elevate the science, innovation, and leadership that will be highlighted throughout the year—and showcased at the Annual Meeting. You have not already to continue accessing exclusive educational content, discounted event registrations, and the support of a thriving professional community.

[RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP](#)

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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!

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Apply for a Free AFS Membership with the Trainee Grant

The AFS Foundation will give a limited number of grants each year to cover AFS membership fee for trainees.

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