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Foregut Friday Spotlight



How would you manage this case?

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



Register for the upcoming webinar:

November 23, 2026
7:00 PM in Central Time (US and Canada)

Ultra-short Barrett's esophagus remains an area of ongoing debate, with questions surrounding its definition, progression risk, and appropriate management. While many uncertainties remain, emerging data suggest that ultra-short segments may warrant closer consideration than they have traditionally received. Join expert faculty as they review the current evidence, discuss areas of disagreement among guidelines, and explore the unanswered questions that could shape future clinical practice.

Speakers:
Stuart Spechler, MD, AGAF, FACG
Dan Lister, MD, FACS, FAFS
Wasseem Skef, MD

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A Capital Success: Highlights from the 2026 AFS Annual Meeting

Thank you to everyone who joined us in Washington, DC, September 23–27, for the 2026 AFS Annual Meeting!

We welcomed 543 attendees, who came together for more than 100 talks covering the latest in foregut research, education, and clinical care. We're also grateful to our 14 sponsors and 35 exhibitors, whose support and engagement help make the meeting possible. It was a wonderful few days of learning, collaboration, and connection across surgery and gastroenterology, and we can't wait to see you next year!





Congratulations to the 2026 AFS Award Recipients!

The American Foregut Society is proud to honor this year's award recipients. From outstanding trainees and early career clinician-scientists to community and international practitioners and a lifetime of contributions to the field, these honorees show excellence in research, education, clinical care, and service to the foregut community. Please join us in congratulating them!

Early Career Award



Marco Sozzi, MD

Excellence in Community Practice Award



Shahin Ayazi, MD

International Clinician Award



Rajinder Parshad, MD

Lifetime Achievement Award



David Katzka, MD

Outstanding Trainee Award



Yung Lee, MD



Alex Kaye, MD, MBA



Eliza Cricco-Lizza, MD



Michelle Lee, MD

Congratulations to the 2026 Class of FAFS Inductees!

The Fellow of the American Foregut Society (FAFS) designation honors members who have shown sustained excellence, leadership, and a real commitment to bringing surgeons and gastroenterologists together to advance foregut care. As Fellows, these members will serve as ambassadors for the Society and leaders in the field. Please join us in congratulating them!

The American Foregut Society is proud to welcome its 2026 class of Fellows:



Dustin Carlson, MD, MS



Reena Chokshi, MD



Shaun Daly, MD



Missy DeSouza, MD



Elisa Furay, MD



Toshitaka Hoppo, MD



Jacob Moremen, MD



Anh Nguyen, MD

2026 Poster and Podium Awards

Best Trainee Poster Award
Awarded for the best poster presentation by a trainee at the AFS Annual Meeting.

Mr. Micah Thomas - Comparative Analysis of symptom outcomes between cTIF and Toupet Fundoplication with Hiatal Hernia Repair

Poster of Distinction Award
Awarded for outstanding scientific poster presentation at the AFS Annual Meeting.

Dr Jocelyn Burke - Predictive Values of Endoscopic findings for Pathologic Reflux in Foregut Clinics

Best Poster Award
Awarded for the best poster presentation at the AFS Annual Meeting.

Dr Thorsten Lehmann - Feasibility study RefluxStop in failed antireflux surgery

Podium Presentation of Distinction
Awarded for outstanding podium presentation at the AFS Annual Meeting.

Dr Brandon Cunha - Low-Dose Aspirin with PPI versus PPI Alone Does Not Reduce Neoplastic Progression in Non-High Grade Barrett's Esophagus
Best Scientific Podium Presentation Award
Awarded for the best oral presentation at the AFS Annual Meeting.

Dr Stefano Siboni - The Milan Score 2.0

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.

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