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Explore the New Frontier in Foregut Care at AFS 2026



Registration is open for the [2026 AFS Annual Meeting](#), taking place September 24–26 at the Gaylord National in Washington, DC.

Centered around this year's theme, Convergence of Surgery and Endoscopy: The New Frontier, the meeting will bring together leaders across specialties to explore the latest advancements, emerging research, and collaborative approaches shaping the future of foregut care.

Join colleagues from across the foregut community for three days of multidisciplinary education, innovation, and meaningful networking opportunities at AFS 2026.

[SAVE YOUR SEAT](#)

Foregut Friday Spotlight



Each Friday the AFS CPC Committee shares topics and cases for discussion and debate about trending and important Foregut issues on DocMatter as a part of Foregut Fridays.

Last month's discussions were around **Esophageal Leak Management after Esophagectomy**. Sign into DocMatter and join the conversations!

[JOIN THE CONVERSATIONS](#)

Awards Deadlines in One Month



AFS Awards

Each year, the Society recognizes individuals whose leadership, innovation, and service help advance the field of foregut disease and strengthen our professional community. From emerging trainees to established leaders, the AFS Awards highlight the people whose work is shaping research, education, and clinical care across the specialty.

NOMINATE A COLLEAGUE BY JULY 1



2026 AFS Fellows (FAFS)

The Fellow designation recognizes members who demonstrate sustained excellence, leadership, and a strong commitment to advancing multidisciplinary collaboration in foregut care. Advancement to Fellow status acknowledges professional achievement and dedication to improving care for patients with foregut disorders, with Fellows serving as ambassadors for the Society and leaders within the field.

Applicants should have at least five years of clinical or academic practice following training, maintain specialty certification and licensure, and show meaningful engagement with AFS through meetings, leadership, education, service, or research. A one-time \$100 application fee applies, and applicants must be active members in good standing.

APPLY FOR 2026 FAFS BY JULY 1



AFS Research Grant

The AFS Research Grant supports innovative work focused on the diagnosis and treatment of foregut disease. Open to principal investigators who are current AFS members, the program gives preference to early-career investigators within five years of

completing training. The grant is intended to stimulate original bench, clinical, or educational research and help generate momentum toward future extramural funding. Proposals are reviewed competitively by the AFS Research Committee.

Awards of up to \$10,000 are provided for a one-year period and made to the recipient's institution.

[APPLY FOR AFS RESEARCH GRANT BY JULY 1](#)



Motility and pH Testing Equipment Grant

The American Foregut Society, in collaboration with Laborie, is pleased to continue the Motility and pH Testing Equipment Grant, an initiative designed to expand access to advanced diagnostic technology and support the development of multidisciplinary foregut programs. Up to three selected sites will receive a compact motility system and an alphaOne wireless pH receiver.

Participating institutions commit to building the clinical infrastructure needed to support testing, including trained personnel, equipment supplies, and collaboration between GI and surgical teams. In addition to equipment and training provided by Laborie, AFS will offer mentorship throughout the two-year grant period to support implementation, interpretation, and program growth.

Eligible applicants must be AFS members in good standing and demonstrate a clear plan to expand foregut diagnostic services, including data participation in the AFS Quality Improvement Project. Preference will be given to programs that show strong GI-surgeon collaboration and do not currently have access to reflux or manometry testing.

[APPLY FOR MOTILITY AND PH TESTING EQUIPMENT GRANT BY JULY 1](#)



Apply for a Free AFS Membership with the Trainee Grant

AFS is proud to support the next generation of foregut specialists through the AFS Trainee Membership Grant, which provides one complimentary year of AFS membership.

Trainee members also receive complimentary registration to the AFS Annual Meeting, offering valuable opportunities to learn, network, and engage with leaders in the field.

Encourage your fellows and trainees to apply and become part of the growing AFS community.

[APPLY HERE](#)

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!

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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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