

## Scientific Abstracts Due Today!

**TODAY is the last day** to submit your abstracts for the 2026 AFS Annual Meeting, September 24-26, in Washington DC.

We are accepting abstracts in the categories of:

- Benign esophageal conditions (GERD, achalasia, motility)
- Esophageal neoplasia (Barrett's esophagus, cancer)
- Stomach disorders
- Endoscopic foregut surgery (including endobariatrics)
- Bariatrics related to foregut disease
- Education and training
- New technologies
- International topics

Submissions will be judged based on their scientific quality, innovation, and importance to the field of foregut surgery/medicine. **The submission deadline is end of day today, May 1, 2026.**

[SUBMIT YOUR SCIENTIFIC ABSTRACT](#)

## DC is Calling – Annual Meeting Registration is Open!



# ANNUAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 24-26  
GAYLORD NATIONAL, WASHINGTON D.C.

CONVERGENCE OF SURGERY  
AND ENDOSCOPY:  
THE NEW FRONTIER

Registration is now open for the 2026 AFS Annual Meeting, happening September 24-26 at the Gaylord National in Washington, DC!

The foregut community will gather for a dynamic event packed with expert-led sessions, innovative research, and meaningful connections. Whether you're advancing your knowledge, growing your network, or shaping the future of foregut care, AFS 2026 is the place to be.

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## Awards, FAFS, and Grant Deadlines: July 1



### 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 TODAY](#)



## 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](#)



## 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](#)



## 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](#)

## Foregut Friday Spotlight



## May Important Dates

### JOIN THE CONVERSATIONS

- May is Digestive Disease Awareness Month
- May 16: World Barretts Esophagus Day
- May 17–23: [National Eosinophil Awareness Week](#)
- May 29: [World Digestive Health Day](#)



## 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!

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**FREE**  
AFS MEMBERSHIP

## 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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