



APRIL 2025

Register Today for the Annual Meeting!

2025 Annual Meeting
September 11-14, 2025 | Gaylord Texan in Dallas, Texas

The American Foregut Society is thrilled to invite you to the [2025 Annual Meeting](#), happening September 11-13 at the Gaylord Texan in Dallas, TX, with optional Post-Graduate courses happening on September 10.

This year, we're Better Together as we partner with The Upper GI International Robotic Association (UGIRA), which will host its annual meeting on September 13-14, 2025. Join us for a collaborative day on Saturday, September 13!

VISIT CONFERENCE CENTRAL AND REGISTER TODAY!

AFS Nominating Committee – Coming Soon

AFS is launching a Nominating Committee to ensure strong and strategic leadership within our organization. This committee will play a vital role in identifying, evaluating, and recommending candidates for the AFS Board of Directors and its committees.

We will be seeking three (3) members-at-large to serve alongside four (4) Board members on the committee. This is a unique opportunity to contribute to the future of AFS by helping shape the leadership that will drive our mission forward.

A formal call for nominations will be launched in the near future with additional details on the committee responsibilities and time commitment of volunteers.



All Fore Guts Podcast

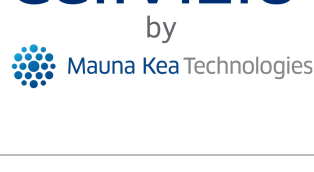
[Special Episode for Esophageal Cancer Awareness Month](#)

The American Foregut Society Podcast, [All Fore Guts](#), continues to bring expert insights on key topics in foregut disease, and our upcoming episode is one you won't want to miss!

Releasing on April 1, this episode features AFS President Dr. Dan Lister in conversation with Dr. John Lipham, Dr. Sri Komanduri, and Mindy Mintz Mordecai, President and CEO of ECAN. Together, they discuss the importance of screening and early detection for esophageal adenocarcinoma and Barrett's esophagus, helping to kick off Esophageal Cancer Awareness Month.

Tune in on April 1 to hear this important discussion, and be sure to subscribe to the Podcast to stay up to date on the latest conversations in foregut disease.

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Scientific Abstract Submission

**2025 American Foregut Society Annual Meeting
and UGIRA Annual Meeting**

We are now 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, and international topics.

Submission Guidelines:

Abstracts will be evaluated based on scientific quality, innovation, and relevance to the field. Accepted abstracts will be presented either as poster presentations or, for top-ranked submissions, as oral/podium presentations.

The submission deadline is **May 1, 2025**.

SUBMIT TODAY

Nominate a Peer for the AFS Awards

Recognize excellence in our community by nominating a colleague for an AFS award. Categories range from early career achievements to lifetime contributions, acknowledging the outstanding members among us. Awardees will be honored at the awards ceremony during the Annual Meeting.

Submit nominations by **July 1, 2025**.

SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION HERE

Fellow of the American Foregut Society (FAFS)



Submit your nomination for the title of Fellow of the American Foregut Society (FAFS). This honor recognizes members' commitment to excellence and their achievements in foregut disorders.

All nominations must be submitted by **July 1, 2025**.

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Research Grant

The AFS Research Committee is excited to announce the AFS Research Grant, offering \$10,000 to support pioneering research in foregut disease. This grant is open to any young principal investigator who are within five years of completing their training and are current AFS members, aiming to foster advancements in the diagnosis and treatment of foregut conditions.

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Launching Motility and pH Testing Equipment Grant

The AFS in collaboration with Laborie is launching a Motility and pH testing equipment grant. This grant will provide one compact motility system and one alphaONE wireless pH receiver for up to three sites.

Laborie contribution to up to 3 sites:

- Motility system x1
- AlphaOne system x1

Institution contribution:

- Purchase 1 reusable motility catheter (at minimum)
- Purchase Alpha One capsules as needed
- Commit/train sufficient GI lab personnel to conduct testing as detailed below

AFS contribution:

- Review and choose up to 3 sites to participate in the grant program
 - Facilitate communication between chosen sites and Laborie for execution of the grant
 - AFS Mentorship- during the 2-year grant, participants will have a remote mentor assigned to be available for non-urgent questions regarding editing, reporting, interpreting motility and pH studies.
- Criteria for Eligibility:**
- Surgeon or GI to be primary supervisor of motility devices
 - Supervise operator of the motility testing for high quality tests and reading
 - If Surgeon or GI has no experience with manometry / pH reading, need to prove having been to at least one training or proctoring session for pH and manometry or to have been fellowship trained with exposure to manometry and pH reading
 - Surgery / GI collaboration
 - Preference for Foregut trained surgeon and motility / advanced GI with AFS membership
 - Preference given to programs demonstrating GI/Surgeon collaboration
 - No current access to reflux / manometry testing
 - These devices will be new to the institution
 - Needs to show a commitment to receive training for the operator and supervising parties (IE Laborie clinical education to all parties involved with the devices)
 - Must hold AFS membership in good standing.
 - Both the GI and the Surgeon involved to be a member
 - Provide data entry to the AFS database.
 - Participants agree to enter appropriate data into the AFS QIP database.
 - Institution support to provide personnel for operating the testing devices
 - AlphaOne devices are deployed with endoscopy. Must have access to endoscopy suite or ambulatory surgery center with endoscopy access.
 - pH devices require a space available to house the tower, buffer solution, catheters and tubes and processing for sterilization.
 - Personnel identified as the operator for testing IE APP or dedicated endo/GI RN with physician supervision.
 - Personnel identified to follow and replenish inventory
 - "Can consider a commitment letter from the Division chief or Department chair to provide support for developing a foregut testing center.
 - Provide a business plan to show intended use and growth once devices are in place
 - Provide an intended timeline to max growth with alphaOne and motility devices once in place
 - Provide a written summary at 6 months, 1 year and 2 years to show progress of motility center and how it impacts care in their system for patients with foregut disease.
 - "Will consider having the hospital leadership also provide written summary for how introduction of this system affects their healthcare system or hospital.

Laborie to provide to each of the chosen sites:

- 1. On-Site Installation and Training:**
When a Solar GI system is ordered, a technical representative will visit the center to install the equipment and ensure everything is set up correctly.
- 2. Clinical Training with Live Cases:**
Following installation, we coordinate with the center to schedule live cases. During these sessions, a clinical representative provides hands-on training for the physicians, focusing on both performing the cases and utilizing the system software effectively.
- 3. Remote Support and Education:**
To supplement on-site training, we offer the capability to remotely log in to the system. This allows us to provide additional training, troubleshooting, and ongoing support as needed.

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Industry Event Highlight



2025 Digestive Health Symposium

Join the Hoag Digestive Health Institute for a special conference featuring live cases, expert presentations, and interactive panels with global thought leaders in digestive health.

September 26–27, 2025
Balboa Bay Resort | Newport Beach, California

September 28, 2025
Hoag Hospital Irvine Campus | Irvine, California

Don't miss this opportunity to learn and network with an international community of leading physicians in digestive health. Plus, enjoy an optional hands-on session to enhance your endoscopic skillset and experience the latest endoscopic technologies firsthand.

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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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FREE
AFS MEMBERSHIP

Get a **FREE** Membership with the AFS Membership Grant!

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

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