AMERICAN FOREGUT SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER

MAY 2025

Scientific Abstract Submission

**** DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MAY 15 ****

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/poster presentations.

The submission deadline has been extended to May 15, 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 May 15, 2025.

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Upcoming Webinar:

Evaluation of GERD in the Bariatric Patient: What You Need to Know

May 21, 2025 | 8:00pm ET

This webinar will review best practices governing pre and post bariatric surgery evaluation of reflux, highlighting current knowledge gaps. It will feature a group of multi-disciplinary experts and use a case-based approach to aid audience members in diagnosing and managing this common surgical complication.

Speakers:

- Leena Khatwa, MD, MPH
- Anthony Stanich, MD
- Michael Udin, MD
- Moderator: Anh Nguyen, MD

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Register 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!

Fellow of the American Foregut Society (FAFS)

FELLOW OF THE AMERICAN FOREGUT SOCIETY

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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Motility and pH Testing Equipment Grant

The AFS in collaboration with Laborie has launched a Motility and pH testing equipment grant. This grant provides 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
  - If surgeon, must be able to perform EGD, interpret basic 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
  - Must have access to appropriate training/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
  - Motility devices are intended to be used 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 support for the testing equipment and maintenance month once devices are in place
- Provide an intended timeline to now 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. **Virtual Training and Support:**
   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 Announcements

Sebela Pharmaceuticals® Announces Positive Topline Results from Phase 3 TRIUMpH Program of Tegoprazan in GERD

BRAINTREE, Mass., April 23, 2025/PRNewswire/ - Braintree Laboratories, a part of Sebela Pharmaceuticals®, and a leading manufacturer of gastroenterology pharmaceutical products, today announced positive topline results from two pivotal US Phase 3 clinical trials evaluating tegoprazan, a novel potassium-competitive acid blocker (P-CAB), in patients with gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD).

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Industry Event Highlight

Don't Miss the Biggest Digestive Health Symposium of the Year!

Register today for the 2025 Hoag Digestive Health Symposium on September 26-28 in Newport Beach, California. Led by Dr. Kenneth Chang, the Executive Medical Director of Hoag's Digestive Health Institute, this event features live cases, expert presentations, interactive panels, and a hands-on endoscopic session.

Hear from global leaders, including keynote speaker Dr. Haruhiro Inoue, Professor & Chairman at Showa University Koto Toyosu Hospital, Tokyo Japan.

Register before July 11 to receive 20% off published registration fees!

Visit hoag.org/DHI2025

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**This event is shared as part of a marketing partnership with Hoag to keep our community informed about relevant opportunities. While it is not sponsored by the American Foregut Society (AFS), we're happy to help spread the word!*

Hear from the Experts at DDW 2025

Want to learn more about the TIF 2.0B procedure and how you can start a program at your hospital? Stop by the Merit Medical booth (#4707) at #DDW2025, to hear from two experts and learn how the new ASGE guidelines support TIF 2.0 as a safe and effective treatment option for selective patients with #GERD.

Stay Connected –

Explore the New AFS Calendar

We're excited to launch a brand-new calendar feature on the AFS website—your go-to source for all upcoming AFS events, committee activities, and various industry highlights. Whether you're looking to join an upcoming webinar, listen to an episode of our podcast, or plan ahead for society events, the AFS calendar makes it easier than ever to stay informed and engaged.

Bookmark it, check it often, and never miss a beat!

VISIT CALENDAR

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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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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