

SCHEDULE - DETAILED VIEW

AFS 2026 Annual Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Fellows Program: Gastroparesis, Esophageal Physiology Testing

For more information on the 2026 AFS Foregut Fellows Accelerated Program, click

here: [**https://www.americanforegutsociety.org/2026-foregut-fellows-accelerated-program**](https://www.americanforegutsociety.org/2026-foregut-fellows-accelerated-program)

Wed 7:30 AM - 12 PM • Chesapeake F

Breakfast

Wed 7:30 AM - 7:45 AM • • Chesapeake F

Introductions and Agenda

Wed 7:45 AM - 8 AM • • Chesapeake F

Pathophysiology of Gastroparesis

Wed 8 AM - 8:30 AM • Courses • Chesapeake F

Dr. Linda Nguyen *Faculty*

Hoag Digestive Health Institute

Diagnosis and Medical Management of Gastroparesis

Wed 8:30 AM - 9 AM • Courses • Chesapeake F

Dr. Reena Chokshi *Faculty*

Surgical Therapy for Gastroparesis: Options and Guidelines

Wed 9 AM - 9:30 AM • Courses • Chesapeake F

Dr. Christy M Dunst *Faculty*

Hoag Digestive Health Institute

Clinical Scenarios

Wed 9:30 AM - 10 AM • Courses • Chesapeake F

Dr. Christy M Dunst *Faculty*

Hoag Digestive Health Institute

9:30 AM - 10 AM

Dr. Reena Chokshi *Faculty*

9:30 AM - 10 AM

Dr. John Lipham *Faculty*

University Of Southern California

9:30 AM - 10 AM

Dr. Linda Nguyen *Faculty*

Hoag Digestive Health Institute

9:30 AM - 10 AM

Break

Wed 10 AM - 10:15 AM • • Chesapeake F

Procedure Videos

Wed 10:15 AM - 10:45 AM • Courses • Chesapeake F

Dr. Christy M Dunst *Faculty*

Hoag Digestive Health Institute

10:15 AM - 10:45 AM

Dr. John Lipham *Faculty*

University Of Southern California

10:15 AM - 10:45 AM

Hands-On: Neuromodulation Principles and Programming the Enterra Device

Wed 10:45 AM - 11:15 AM • Courses • Chesapeake F

Dr. Linda Nguyen *Faculty*

Hoag Digestive Health Institute

10:45 AM - 11:15 AM

Dr. Reena Chokshi *Faculty*

10:45 AM - 11:15 AM

Motility in Gastroenterology Practice

Wed 11:15 AM - 11:30 AM • Courses • Chesapeake F

Dr. Reena Chokshi *Faculty*

pH Testing in Gastroenterology Practice

Wed 11:30 AM - 11:45 AM • Courses • Chesapeake F

Dr. Linda Nguyen *Faculty*

Hoag Digestive Health Institute

Implications of pH Testing and Motility for Surgeons

Wed 11:45 AM - 12 PM • Courses • Chesapeake F

Dr. John Lipham *Faculty*

University Of Southern California

Beginner Motility Course

Fee: \$250

The American Foregut Society Beginner Motility Course is designed to provide a practical foundation in esophageal motility assessment for clinicians new to the field. This course will introduce the interpretation of high-resolution manometry within the framework of Chicago Classification v4.0 diagnoses, as well as provide an introduction to FLIP planimetry and panometry's role in evaluating esophageal function. Through a combination of focused lectures, case discussion, and hands-on breakout sessions, participants will gain experience with the major motility assessment platforms and develop the skills needed to confidently interpret studies in clinical practice.*Participants in this course will be expected to review the AFS' online introduction video series on how to perform HRM prior to attending the course.

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Target Audience: Gastroenterologists, surgeons, trainees and APPs looking to develop a foundational understanding and practical skills in performing and interpreting high-resolution manometry (HRM) as well as gaining insight into how FLIP panometry can be incorporated into clinical practice.

Wed 12 PM - 4:30 PM • Chesapeake DE

Introductory Motility Course

Wed 12 PM - 4:30 PM • Courses (Moderators) • Chesapeake DE

Dr. Adriana Lazarescu *Moderator*

University of Alberta

12 PM - 4:30 PM

Dr. Missy DeSouza *Moderator*

Hoag Memorial Hospital

12 PM - 4:30 PM

The HRM Starting Line: Understanding Protocol and Pressure Landmarks

Wed 12:30 PM - 1 PM • Courses • Chesapeake DE

Dr. Adriana Lazarescu *Faculty*

University of Alberta

Metrics that Matter in HRM: IRP, DCI, DL, individual swallows

Wed 1 PM - 1:20 PM • Courses • Chesapeake DE

Dr. Catherine Ngo *Faculty*

Hoag Digestive Health

Turning Colors into Conclusions: Chicago Classification v4.0

Wed 1:20 PM - 1:40 PM • Courses • Chesapeake DE

Dr. Mayssan Muftah *Faculty*

Brigham & Women's Hospital

BREAKOUT SESSIONS: Hands-on motility review

Wed 1:40 PM - 2:20 PM • • Chesapeake DE

Pressure at the Junction: Achalasia and EGJOO

Wed 2:20 PM - 2:40 PM • Courses • Chesapeake DE

Kimberly Cavaliere *Faculty*

FLIP panometry: Indications and Use in Foregut Disease

Wed 2:40 PM - 3:10 PM • Courses • Chesapeake DE

Dr. Dustin Carlson *Faculty*

Kenneth C. Griffin Esophageal Center of Northwestern Medicine

When the Esophagus Overperforms: Hypermotility Disorders (DES and HE)

Wed 3:50 PM - 4:10 PM • Courses • Chesapeake DE

Dr. Joan Chen *Faculty*

University of Michigan

When the Esophagus Underperforms: Hypomotility Disorders (IEM and Absent contractility)

Wed 4:10 PM - 4:30 PM • Courses • Chesapeake DE

Dr. Missy DeSouza *Faculty*

Hoag Memorial Hospital

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Reflux Measurement Course

Fee: \$250

The AFS Reflux Measurement Course, a new half-day offering for 2026, is intended for a broad audience: practicing gastroenterologists and surgeons, including fellows and residents, advance practice nurses, physicians assistants,

motility lab nurses, and technicians who want to learn both the fundamentals and more advanced concepts in the physiologic assessment of gastroesophageal reflux.

The course will cover the principles behind both catheter-based and wireless pH measurement, impedance detection of volume reflux, techniques for probe placement, study analysis, and report creation. Hands-on sessions for working with the various software platforms used in reflux measurement will be a prominent component of this course, and there will be multiple opportunities to directly interact with experts who can help guide you through challenging questions and considerations.

Thu 7 AM - 11 AM • Chesapeake GHI

Breakfast

Thu 7 AM - 7:30 AM • • Chesapeake GHI

Reflux Measurement Course

Thu 7:30 AM - 11 AM • Courses (Moderators) • Chesapeake GHI

Dr. Ben Rogers *Moderator*

7:30 AM - 12 PM

Dr. Roger Tatum *Moderator*

University Of Washington/Va Puget Sound Hcs

7:30 AM - 12 PM

Introduction to primary reflux testing modalities--catheter based, impedance, wireless

Thu 7:30 AM - 7:45 AM • Courses • Chesapeake GHI

Dr. Josh Sloan *Faculty*

University of Minnesota

Matching the clinical scenario to the testing modality

Thu 7:45 AM - 8 AM • Courses • Chesapeake GHI

Dr. Abraham Khan *Faculty*
NYU Langone Medical Center

Setting up a reflux test

Thu 8 AM - 8:15 AM • Courses • Chesapeake GHI

Dr. Shreya Chablaney *Faculty*
NYU Langone Medical Center

BREAK

Thu 8:15 AM - 8:30 AM • • Chesapeake GHI

Hands-on: Software Set Up and Analysis

Thu 8:30 AM - 9:15 AM • • Chesapeake GHI

Generating a Report

Thu 9:15 AM - 9:30 AM • Courses • Chesapeake GHI

Dr. Stefano Siboni *Faculty*
IRCCS Policlinico San Donato

Symptom correlation, reflux scores, and the Lyon Consensus

Thu 9:30 AM - 9:45 AM • Courses • Chesapeake GHI

Dr. Prakash Gyawali *Faculty*
Washington University in St. Louis

Hands-on: Reporting

Thu 9:45 AM - 10 AM • • Chesapeake GHI

BREAK

Thu 10 AM - 10:15 AM • • Chesapeake GHI

Wireless pH: probe placement, reporting, and pitfalls

Thu 10:15 AM - 10:30 AM • Courses • Chesapeake GHI

Dr. Anh Nguyen *Faculty*
Baylor Scott & White Center for Esophageal Diseases

Diagnostic Conundrum: Panel Discussion

Thu 10:30 AM - 11 AM • • Chesapeake GHI

Endoscopic Surgery: Tips, Tricks and Innovations from the Experts

Fee: \$250

This dynamic, four-hour pre-program session offers an immersive educational experience at the cutting edge of foregut flexible endoscopic surgery. Designed for practicing endoscopists, surgeons, and advanced endoscopy fellows, the session combines the immediacy of live case demonstration with the clarity and consistency of expertly curated procedural video — delivering a high-yield learning environment that is both engaging and reproducible.

Lightly edited procedural videos simulate the rhythm and decision-making of live operative cases, preserving the authenticity of real clinical scenarios while ensuring optimal instructional quality. Each case is presented and moderated by internationally recognized leaders in foregut endoscopy, who guide attendees through their clinical reasoning, technical approach, and nuanced decision-making in real time.

Throughout the program, expert faculty will share the practical tips and tricks that define excellence in the field — the subtle instrument maneuvers, patient positioning strategies, tissue handling techniques, and troubleshooting approaches that are rarely captured in the published literature but are invaluable in daily practice. Attendees are encouraged to engage directly with faculty during dedicated question-and-answer segments, fostering the kind of frank, collegial dialogue that accelerates learning and elevates clinical standards.

The curriculum spans the breadth of contemporary foregut flexible endoscopic surgery, with a focus on the latest innovations shaping the specialty — from emerging platforms and novel accessories to evolving indications and refined procedural workflows. Whether attendees are refining established techniques or exploring new frontiers in therapeutic endoscopy, this session is designed to provide immediately applicable knowledge and lasting clinical impact.

By the end of this program, participants will be inspired and have gained practical insights they can bring directly back to their practice, supported by a deeper understanding of where the field is heading and the confidence to advance their own endoscopic capabilities.

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Breakfast

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Endoscopic Surgery: Tips, Tricks and Innovations from the Experts

Thu 7:30 AM - 11:30 AM • Courses (Moderators) • Chesapeake DEF

Dr. Lee Swanstrom *Moderator*

IHU-Strasbourg

7:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Dr. Chris Thompson *Moderator*

7:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Consecutive Hiatal Hernia Repair with Trans-oral Incisionless Fundoplication (cTIF)

Thu 7:30 AM - 8 AM • Courses • Chesapeake DEF

Dr. Ken Chang *Faculty*

Hoag Hospital

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Thu 7:30 AM - 8 AM • Courses • Chesapeake DEF

Dr. Christy M Dunst *Faculty*

Hoag Digestive Health Institute

Per-Oral Plication of the Esophagus (POPE)

Thu 8 AM - 8:30 AM • Courses • Chesapeake DEF

Dr. Michael Ujiki *Faculty*

Endeavor Health

Dynamic assessment of GERD: Endoscopic pressure study integrated system (EPSIS)

Thu 8:30 AM - 9 AM • Courses • Chesapeake DEF

Dr. Haru Inoue *Faculty*

Showa University

BREAK

Thu 9 AM - 9:15 AM • • Chesapeake DEF

Open ZPOEM - No need to close?

Thu 9:15 AM - 9:45 AM • Courses • Chesapeake DEF

Dr. Ken Chang *Faculty*

Hoag Hospital

Gastroplasty with Endoscopic Myotomy (GEM) for Obesity

Thu 9:45 AM - 10:15 AM • Courses • Chesapeake DEF

Dr. Chris Thompson *Faculty*

BREAK

Thu 10:15 AM - 10:30 AM • • Chesapeake DEF

Duodenal Mucosal Resurfacing (DMR): Technical considerations and future indications

Thu 10:30 AM - 11 AM • Courses • Chesapeake DEF

Prof. Barham Abu Dayyeh *Faculty*

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

Underwater Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection (ESD): The Rising Tide

Thu 11 AM - 11:30 AM • Courses • Chesapeake DEF

Dr. Stavros Stavropoulos *Faculty*

Mount Sinai Health

Open Discussion

Thu 11:30 AM - 11:50 AM • • Chesapeake DEF

Registration Open

Thu 7 AM - 5 PM • Maryland Registration Desk

Lunch and Learn - Clinical Implications of Type 2 Inflammation in Patients with Eosinophilic Esophagitis (EoE)

Problem Base Learning (PBL) Case - Adult Patient Case: A 32-Year-Old Man with Progressive Dysphagia

Speaker: [Dr. Greg Sayuk](#)

Sponsored by Regeneron

Thu 11 AM - 12:15 PM • National Harbor 10 & 11

Exhibits Open

Thu 11 AM - 5:30 PM • Maryland AB

Lunch

Thu 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM • Maryland AB

Welcome to the AFS Annual Meeting

Thu 12:30 PM - 12:40 PM • Maryland CD

Session 1: Barretts & Cancer

Thu 12:40 PM - 2:30 PM • Maryland CD

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Thu 12:40 PM - 2:30 PM • General Session • Maryland CD

Dr. Jennifer Kolb *Moderator*

UCLA

12:40 PM - 2:30 PM

Dr. Stephanie Worrell *Moderator*

University of Arizona

12:40 PM - 2:30 PM

Updates in Barrett's Diagnosis and Surveillance

Thu 12:40 PM - 12:55 PM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Farhan Quader *Faculty*

Endeavor Health

Medical Management of Barrett's Esophagus (Do We Stop PPI's after ARS)

Thu 12:55 PM - 1:10 PM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Felice Schnoll-Sussman *Faculty*

Cornell University

Surgical Management of Barrett's Esophagus

Thu 1:10 PM - 1:25 PM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Caitlin Houghton *Faculty*

KECK of USC

Endoscopic Ablation in Barrett's Esophagus (Surveillance / Long Term Reflux)

Thu 1:25 PM - 1:40 PM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Mimi Canto *Faculty*

Endoscopic Resection in Barrett's Neoplasia in Early Cancer

Thu 1:40 PM - 1:55 PM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Sri Komanduri *Faculty*

Northwestern University

Pearls for Esophagectomy

Thu 1:55 PM - 2:10 PM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Inderpal Sarkaria *Faculty*
UT Southwestern Medical Center

Open Discussion

Thu 2:10 PM - 2:30 PM • • Maryland CD

Break

Thu 2:30 PM - 2:50 PM • Maryland AB

Session 2: Motility / EOE

Thu 2:50 PM - 4:40 PM • Maryland CD

Session 2: Motility / Eoe

Thu 2:50 PM - 4:40 PM • General Session • Maryland CD

Dr. Peter Kahrilas *Moderator*
Northwestern University
2:40 PM - 4:30 PM

Dr. Amber Shada *Moderator*
University of Wisconsin
2:40 PM - 4:30 PM

How to Interpret Motility Testing after Anti-Reflux Surgery

Thu 2:50 PM - 3:05 PM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Roger Tatum *Faculty*
University Of Washington/Va Puget Sound Hcs

Is preoperative motility evaluation needed?

Thu 3:05 PM - 3:20 PM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Leena Khaitan *Faculty*
University Hospitals, Cleveland

Updates from the Dallas Consensus

Thu 3:20 PM - 3:35 PM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Dustin Carlson *Faculty*
Kenneth C. Griffin Esophageal Center of Northwestern Medicine

Updates from TULIPS 2.0

Thu 3:35 PM - 3:50 PM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Julia Amundson *Faculty*
Ohio State University

EOE Diagnosis Updates

Thu 3:50 PM - 4:05 PM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Walter Chan *Faculty*

EOE Treatment Updates

Thu 4:05 PM - 4:20 PM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Nirmala Gonsalves *Faculty*
Northwestern

Open Discussion

Thu 4:20 PM - 4:40 PM • • Maryland CD

Poster Session & Industry Happy Hour

Thu 4:40 PM - 6:30 PM • Maryland AB

LLL Committee Meeting

Thu 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM • Belvedere Lobby Bar

APP Hangout at Belvedere Lobby Bar

Thu 6 PM - 8 PM • Belvedere Lobby Bar

Dinner and Learn - Optimizing LINX™ patient selection: Diagnostic best practices and clinical pearls

Join us for an interactive dinner symposium at the 2026 AFS Annual Meeting to learn how the LINX Reflux Management System continues to redefine the surgical treatment of reflux disease.

Sponsored by J&J MedTech

Thu 6:30 PM - 8 PM • Chesapeake DEF

Dinner and Learn: cTIF Enters a New Era: Evidence That's Reshaping Reflux Care

The treatment landscape for GERD has evolved over the last decade, with cTIF and TIF 2.0 emerging as key therapeutic options for appropriately selected patients. This session will explore the latest clinical data that compares cTIF to LNF, patient selection strategies, and the outcomes that are influencing treatment decisions and helping physicians bridge the gap between medical therapy and traditional anti-reflux surgery.

[REGISTER TODAY](#)

Sponsored by Merit Medical

Thu 6:30 PM - 8 PM • Chesapeake GHI

Women of the Foregut: Mentorship Mixer The Things We Carry: A Circle of Release, Resilience, and Renewal

The Mentorship Mixer will be an immersive evening experience exploring the visible and invisible responsibilities, expectations, pressures, and aspirations women carry throughout their professional and personal lives.

The program builds upon what made last year's event so successful. We will transform the room, step outside the conventional conference environment, and bring participants together in a circle without hierarchy. Titles, specialties, disciplines, career stages, and organizational roles will temporarily become less important, creating a sense of equality, intimacy, trust, and shared experience that cannot be achieved through a lecture, panel, or traditional networking reception.

At the center of the circle will be three symbolic vessels:

- What We Carry
- What We Can Release
- What We Are Making Room For

The evening will move through four phases:

1. Recognition: Participants anonymously identify something they carry that others may not see. The responses, which may be meaningful, practical, or humorous, are read aloud without attribution to create recognition and reinforce the feeling, "I am not the only one."
2. Reflection and Release: Participants engage in a brief paired listening exercise in which each woman has an opportunity to be heard without being advised, judged, or fixed. Each participant then uses a small stone to symbolically represent something she would like to release or carry differently.
3. Renewal and Making Room: Participants move into smaller circles focused on making room for more of what matters, honoring a needed boundary, or taking one small step forward. Each group identifies a word representing what its members want to bring back to the larger circle, such as permission, courage, rest, clarity, joy, space, or enough.

4. What We Carry Forward: Each participant identifies an intention or insight she wants to carry forward. The evening concludes with a celebratory toast and group photograph.

The experience will be warm, candid, reflective, and often funny. It is not intended to function as group therapy, and no participant will be required to speak or disclose anything personal. Listening, writing, reflecting, and quietly witnessing will all be considered meaningful forms of participation.

The central message is:

We may carry many things, but we do not have to carry everything alone.

Participants should leave feeling lighter, more connected, and more intentional, with a greater sense of belonging within the WoTF community.

Thu 8 PM - 10 PM • National Harbor 10

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Continental Breakfast

Fri 6:30 AM - 8 AM • Maryland AB

Women of the Foregut: Coffee Talk UNSCRIPTED: The Professional Moments No One Teaches You How to Navigate

CoffeeTalk will provide a more energetic, practical, and professionally focused experience. Rather than presenting a traditional panel, we will engage participants in realistic workplace scenarios involving moments for which there is rarely a perfect answer or time to prepare.

Scenarios may include:

- Being interrupted or dismissed during a meeting
- Receiving a leadership opportunity without sufficient resources or protected time

- Needing to push back, say no, or establish a boundary
- Advocating for oneself or another woman
- Navigating credit, recognition, compensation, or authorship
- Initiating a difficult professional conversation

Participants will discuss what they would actually say or do and hear perspectives from colleagues across disciplines and career stages. Each scenario will then include a “plot twist” that introduces new information and requires participants to reconsider their response.

The program is designed to move beyond general advice and give participants specific words, approaches, and strategies they may use when these situations arise. It will also demonstrate the power of collective wisdom, showing that women at every career stage have valuable experiences and perspectives to contribute.

Participants should leave CoffeeTalk feeling better prepared to navigate challenging professional moments, with practical language they can use when it matters.

Fri 7 AM - 8 AM • Chesapeake DEF

Registration Open

Fri 7 AM - 5 PM • Maryland Registration Desk

Exhibits Open

Fri 7 AM - 5:30 PM • Maryland AB

Session 3: E-POEM

Fri 8 AM - 9:30 AM • Maryland CD

Session 3: E-Poem

Fri 8 AM - 9:30 AM • General Session • Maryland CD

Dr. Zach Callahan *Moderator*
University of Tennessee Health Science Center
8 AM - 9:30 AM

Dr. Jennifer Kolb *Moderator*
UCLA
8 AM - 9:30 AM

Outcomes of E-POEM

Fri 8 AM - 8:15 AM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Stavros Stavropoulos *Faculty*
Mount Sinai Health

Is There Still a Role for Heller Myotomy?

Fri 8:15 AM - 8:30 AM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Missy DeSouza *Faculty*
Hoag Memorial Hospital

Pearls to Perform the Perfect Poem

Fri 8:30 AM - 8:45 AM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Haru Inoue *Faculty*
Showa University

Post POEM GERD Mitigation/Management

Fri 8:45 AM - 9 AM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Ken Chang *Faculty*
Hoag Hospital

E-Poem for Hypercontractile and Other Disorders

Fri 9 AM - 9:15 AM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Joan Chen *Faculty*
University of Michigan

Open Discussion

Fri 9:15 AM - 9:30 AM • • Maryland CD

Break

Fri 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM • Maryland AB

Session 4: GERD

Fri 10:30 AM - 12 PM • Maryland CD

Session 4: Gerd

Fri 10:30 AM - 12 PM • General Session • Maryland CD

Dr. Wai-Kit Lo *Moderator*
Brigham And Women's Hospital
10:30 AM - 12 PM

Dr. Christy M Dunst *Moderator*
Hoag Digestive Health Institute
10:30 AM - 12 PM

Updates on Medical Management of Gerd

Fri 10:30 AM - 11 AM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Daniela Jodorkovsky *Faculty*
Icahn School Of Medicine

Endoscopic Management of Gerd (ARMS and ARMA)

Fri 10:45 AM - 11 AM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Haru Inoue *Faculty*
Showa University

Trans-oral Incisionless Fundoplication (TIF and cTIF)

Fri 11 AM - 11:15 AM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Prof. Barham Abu Dayyeh *Faculty*
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

Evolving Modalities for Treatment (Reflux Stop / LINX)

Fri 11:15 AM - 11:30 AM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. John Lipham *Faculty*
University Of Southern California

Metrics for Assessing Treatment Response

Fri 11:30 AM - 11:45 AM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Sumeet Mittal *Faculty*
Norton Thoracic Institute

Open Discussion

Fri 11:45 AM - 12 PM • • Maryland CD

Lunch and Learn - Low-Risk on Histology. High-Risk in Reality: Johnny Walker's journey with Barrett's esophagus

Come hear Johnny Walker share the story of his unexpected diagnosis of non-dysplastic Barrett's esophagus and how TissueCypher risk stratification helped his gastroenterologist, Dr. Mark Amoroso, identify hidden progression risk. This led to a referral to interventional gastroenterologist Dr. David Forcione, who discovered progression as ablative therapy was initiated. All three will be present for questions during this panel discussion.

Sponsored by Castle Biosciences

Fri 12 PM - 1:30 PM • Chesapeake DEF

Lunch and Learn - RefluxStop® Now FDA Approved: The Mechanism, the Data, and the Global Experience

Join us for an expert panel discussion on the newly approved RefluxStop® device for GERD. Who Should Attend?

This panel is designed for foregut surgeons, gastroenterologists, and referring physicians. It will offer a comprehensive look at integrating this innovation into clinical practice.

The Discussion:

Attendees will gain valuable insights into:

- FDA approved indications for use
- Evidence-based strategies for patient selection
- Treatment mechanism of action
- 5+ years clinical data alongside global real-world experience
- and much more!

Register Today: <https://wkf.ms/4wEIV1P>

Do not miss this opportunity to advance your understanding of the newest surgical solution for GERD and how to optimize patient outcomes.

Get ahead of the conversation

? Friday, September 25

? 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

? Chesapeake GHI

* RefluxStop® is not available for sale in all regions Contact Implantica for availability in your region. <https://www.implantica.com/about-implantica/contact/>

Please see our data privacy statement: <https://www.implantica.com/about-implantica/legal-notice/data-privacy/>

Sponsored by RefluxStop by Implantica

Fri 12 PM - 1:30 PM • Chesapeake GHI

Lunch and Learn - Strengthening the Hiatal Repair: Addressing Tension and Recurrence

Sponsored by BD

Fri 12 PM - 1:30 PM • National Harbor 10

Petite Lunch and Learn - Predicting Surgical-Site Infections Early: Breakthrough Results from the Multicenter SPRED Study on Perioperative Immune Profiling

Surgical-site infections (SSIs) remain a major complication in up to 17.6% of patients undergoing elective abdominal surgery, despite modern prevention bundles. Traditional risk tools—such as the ACS-NSQIP risk score and postoperative C-reactive protein (CRP) levels—often fail to capture individual immune responses in time to make actionable clinical adjustments.

Join the Surge Team for this Product Theater session to explore data from the prospective SPRED study across five French tertiary hospitals. Discover PreCyte-SSI, a rapid, 7-marker perioperative immune-functional blood test that predicts 30-day SSI risk:

1. **Preoperative Accuracy:** On the day of surgery, PreCyte-SSI predicts SSI risk with an AUROC of 0.82, significantly outperforming the ACS-NSQIP surgical risk estimate (AUROC 0.58).
2. **Early Postoperative Insight:** On Postoperative Day 1 (POD1), PreCyte-SSI achieves an AUROC of 0.87, outperforming POD1 CRP (AUROC 0.62).
3. **Accelerated Clinical Decision-Making:** PreCyte-SSI delivers the sensitivity of a POD5 CRP test four days earlier in the postoperative period, with fewer false positives.
4. **Impact on Recovery Pathways:** Learn how early risk stratification provides an actionable foundation for targeted infection surveillance, personalized prevention, and potential reduction in hospital length of stay.

Sponsored by Surge

Fri 12 PM - 1:30 PM • Chesapeake J

Session 5: Gastroparesis

Fri 1:30 PM - 3 PM • Maryland CD

Gastroparesis vs. Functional Dyspepsia: Treatment Strategies

Fri 1:30 PM - 1:45 PM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Linda Nguyen *Faculty*
Hoag Digestive Health Institute

Session 5: Gastroparesis

Fri 1:30 PM - 3 PM • General Session • Maryland CD

Dr. Linda Nguyen *Moderator*
Hoag Digestive Health Institute
1:30 PM - 3 PM

Dr. Herbert Mason Hedberg *Moderator*
Endeavor Health
1:30 PM - 3 PM

Novel Diagnostics in Gastroparesis

Fri 1:45 PM - 2 PM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Catherine Ngo *Faculty*
Hoag Digestive Health

Medical Treatment of Gastroparesis

Fri 2 PM - 2:15 PM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Brad Kuo *Faculty*
Columbia

Pearls for the Perfect G-POEM

Fri 2:15 PM - 2:30 PM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Natalie Liu *Faculty*
Northshore University Health System

Surgical Treatment of Gastroparesis

Fri 2:30 PM - 2:45 PM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Michael Awad *Faculty*

Open Discussion

Fri 2:45 PM - 3 PM • • Maryland CD

Break

Fri 3 PM - 4 PM • Maryland AB

Grant Writing Workshop: How to Write a Competitive Grant?

Session 1: Developing a Fundable Idea

Great grants start with great ideas.

Join Stuart Spechler, MD, for a practical session on transforming clinical

observations and research questions into focused, innovative, and fundable research projects.

You Will Learn How To:

- Identify important and impactful research questions
- Define knowledge gaps through an effective literature review
- Develop clear hypotheses and specific aims
- Translate clinical problems into focused, feasible research projects
- Understand what makes a research idea compelling to reviewers

Turn an important question into a fundable idea.

This workshop is free to attend.

Fri 3 PM - 4 PM • Chesapeake C

Session 6: EMR / ESD / Closure

Fri 4 PM - 5:30 PM • Maryland CD

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Fri 4 PM - 5:30 PM • General Session • Maryland CD

Dr. Aziz Aadam *Moderator*

Northwestern University

4 PM - 5:30 PM

Dr. Jocelyn Burke *Moderator*

Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine of UNLV

4 PM - 5:30 PM

Endoscopic Mucosal Resection (EMR)

Fri 4 PM - 4:15 PM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Vani Konda *Faculty*

Baylor Scott & White

Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection (ESD)

Fri 4:15 PM - 4:30 PM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. SriHari Mahadev *Faculty*
Weill Cornell Medical College

Submucosal Tunneling Endoscopic Resection (STER)

Fri 4:30 PM - 4:45 PM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Michael Ujiki *Faculty*
Endeavor Health

Endoscopic Full Thickness Resection (EFTR)

Fri 4:45 PM - 5 PM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Stavros Stavropoulos *Faculty*
Mount Sinai Health

Endoscopic Closure

Fri 5 PM - 5:15 PM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Phillip Ge *Faculty*
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Open Discussion

Fri 5:15 PM - 5:30 PM • • Maryland CD

Late-Night Party / Reception

Fri 6 PM - 10 PM • Lookout 18

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Breakfast

Sat 6:30 AM - 8 AM • Maryland AB

QIP Meeting

Sat 7 AM - 8 AM • Chesapeake C

Exhibits Open

Sat 7 AM - 3 PM • Maryland AB

Registration Open

Sat 7 AM - 5 PM • Maryland Registration Desk

Session 7 - Podium Presentations

Sat 8 AM - 9:30 AM • Maryland CD

Effects of GLP-1s on Esophageal Motility

Sat 8 AM - 8:10 AM • Podium Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Annabella Hochschild *Presenter*
Seattle Children's Hospital, Division of Cardiac Surgery

Tegoprazan Achieves Maximum Intragastric pH Control on Day 1 Persisting to Day 7 in Healthy US Adults: Pharmacokinetics, Pharmacodynamics, Safety and Tolerability of Multiple Oral Doses of Tegoprazan

Sat 8:10 AM - 8:20 AM • Podium Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Philip Katz *Presenter*
Weill Cornell Medicine

The Milan Score 2.0: Recalibration of the manometric variables and integration of demographic characteristics

Sat 8:20 AM - 8:30 AM • Podium Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Stefano Siboni *Presenter*
IRCCS Policlinico San Donato

Efficacy of Double Flap Technique in Maintaining Gastroesophageal Function Post Proximal Gastrectomy

Sat 8:30 AM - 8:40 AM • Podium Presentation • Maryland CD

Jin-Jo Kim *Presenter*
The Catholic University of Korea

Antireflux Surgery in Patients with Advanced Respiratory Disease

Sat 8:40 AM - 8:50 AM • Podium Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Andrés Latorre-Rodríguez *Presenter*
Norton Thoracic Institute

Low-Dose Aspirin with PPI Versus PPI Alone Does Not Reduce Neoplastic Progression in Non-High-Grade Barrett's Esophagus: A Propensity Score Matched Analysis

Sat 8:50 AM - 9 AM • Podium Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Brandon Cunha *Presenter*
Virtua Health Internal Medicine

Electrosurgical Energy Strategy in Underwater Third-Space Endoscopy for Esophageal Disorders: Technical Considerations and Early Clinical Experience from Vietnam

Sat 9 AM - 9:10 AM • Podium Presentation • Maryland CD

Hung Do *Presenter*

Break

Sat 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM • Maryland AB

CPC Committee Meeting

Sat 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM • Chesapeake DEF

Research Committee Meeting

Sat 9:45 AM - 10:15 AM • Chesapeake K

Session 8: Managing Diverticula

Sat 10:30 AM - 12 PM • Maryland CD

Session 8: Managing Diverticula

Sat 10:30 AM - 12 PM • General Session • Maryland CD

Dr. Jacob Moremen *Moderator*

University of Mississippi Medical Center
10:30 AM - 12 PM

Dr. Jenn Phan *Moderator*

Hoag Digestive Health Institute

Overview of Esophageal Diverticula

Sat 10:30 AM - 10:45 AM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Aziz Adam *Faculty*

Northwestern University

Outcomes after Z-POEM

Sat 10:45 AM - 11 AM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Mouen Khashab *Faculty*

John Hopkins

Pearls for the Perfect Z-POEM

Sat 11 AM - 11:15 AM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Marc Ward *Faculty*

Baylor University Medical Center

Surgical Management for Esophageal Diverticula

Sat 11:15 AM - 11:30 AM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Amber Shada *Faculty*

University of Wisconsin

Endoscopic Management of Esophageal Diverticulum (D-POEM)

Sat 11:30 AM - 11:45 AM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Lee Swanstrom *Faculty*

IHU-Strasbourg

Open Discussion

Sat 11:45 AM - 12 PM • • Maryland CD

Petite Lunch and Learn - Sponsored by Phathom

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Sat 12 PM - 1:30 PM • Chesapeake J

Session 9: Awards and Annual Updates

Sat 1:30 PM - 3 PM • Maryland CD

Business Meeting

Sat 1:30 PM - 1:40 PM • • Maryland CD

Treasury Report

Sat 1:40 PM - 1:43 PM • • Maryland CD

Update on EFS, need for global specialization in Foregut

Sat 1:43 PM - 1:51 PM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Sebastian Schoppmann *Faculty*
Medizinische Universität Wien

Journal Updates

Sat 1:51 PM - 1:59 PM • • Maryland CD

QIP Updates

Sat 1:59 PM - 2:04 PM • • Maryland CD

Fellowship & Training Updates

Sat 2:04 PM - 2:16 PM • • Maryland CD

AWARDS

Sat 2:16 PM - 2:37 PM • • Maryland CD

Presidential Address

Sat 2:37 PM - 3 PM • • Maryland CD

Break

Sat 3 PM - 3:30 PM • Maryland AB

Session 10: EndoBariatrics

Sat 3:30 PM - 5 PM • Maryland CD

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Sat 3:30 PM - 5 PM • General Session • Maryland CD

Dr. Moustafa Elshafei *Moderator*

Joerg Zehetner *Moderator*
Swiss1Chirurgie AG

Endoscopic Sleeve Gastroplasty (ESG): Outcomes and Techniques

Sat 3:30 PM - 3:45 PM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Zach Callahan *Faculty*
University of Tennessee Health Science Center

Other Gastric Restrictive Modalities

Sat 3:45 PM - 4 PM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Pichamol Jirapinyo *Faculty*
Brigham And Women's Hospital

TORe Outcomes and Technique

Sat 4 PM - 4:15 PM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Thomas McCarty *Faculty*
Houston Methodist Hospital

Duodenal Mucosal Resurfacing (DMR) for Type 2 Diabetes

Sat 4:15 PM - 4:30 PM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Jenn Phan *Faculty*
Hoag Digestive Health Institute

State of the Art and Future Perspectives

Sat 4:30 PM - 4:45 PM • Individual Presentation • Maryland CD

Dr. Chris Thompson *Faculty*

Open Discussion

Sat 4:45 PM - 5 PM • • Maryland CD

Closing

Sat 5 PM - 5:15 PM • Maryland CD

AFS Future Perspective

Sat 5 PM - 5:15 PM • • Maryland CD

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Registration Open

Sun 7 AM - 9 AM • Maryland Registration Desk

Advanced Motility Course

Fee: \$250

The American Foregut Society Advanced Motility Course is an in-depth program designed for clinicians seeking to expand their expertise in the application of high-resolution manometry and FLIP planimetry/panometry in complex clinical settings. This course will focus on the use of HRM and FLIP motility testing in pre-procedural evaluation, intra-procedural guidance during esophageal interventions

such as myotomy and anti-reflux surgery, and the assessment of recurrent or persistent symptoms following intervention. Through expert-led sessions and interactive case discussions, participants will refine their interpretive skills and develop advanced strategies for integrating motility data into procedural decision-making and post-procedural management.

Target Audience: Gastroenterologists, surgeons, trainees and APPs seeking to strengthen their skills in high-resolution manometry (HRM) interpretation and the clinical application of FLIP panometry, particularly in the management of complex, challenging medical and surgical cases in foregut disease.

Sun 7:30 AM - 12 PM • Chesapeake DEF

Advanced Motility Course

Sun 7:30 AM - 12 PM • Courses (Moderators) • Chesapeake DEF

Dr. Anh Nguyen *Moderator*

Baylor Scott & White Center for Esophageal Diseases

7:30 AM - 12 PM

Dr. Jacob Moremen *Moderator*

University of Mississippi Medical Center

7:30 AM - 12 PM

Stress Testing the Esophagus: How provocative maneuvers (SLR, MRS, RDC) in HRM inform decisions

Sun 7:30 AM - 7:50 AM • Courses • Chesapeake DEF

Dr. Anh Nguyen *Faculty*

Baylor Scott & White Center for Esophageal Diseases

FLIP Decoded: FLIP protocol and interpretation (Dallas Consensus)

Sun 7:50 AM - 8:10 AM • Courses • Chesapeake DEF

Dr. Walter Chan *Faculty*

Seeing Pressure, Shaping Outcomes: Use of FLIP during myotomy (POEM)

Sun 8:10 AM - 8:30 AM • Courses • Chesapeake DEF

Dr. Vani Konda *Faculty*

Baylor Scott & White

Case session #1 (2 cases)

Sun 8:30 AM - 9:15 AM • Courses • Chesapeake DEF

Dr. Wai-Kit Lo *Faculty*

Brigham And Women's Hospital

BREAK

Sun 9:15 AM - 9:30 AM • • Chesapeake DEF

Body issues on HRM: Implications for fundoplication

Sun 9:30 AM - 9:50 AM • Courses • Chesapeake DEF

Dr. Amber Shada *Faculty*

University of Wisconsin

Precision Fundoplication: Role of FLIP in pre and post fundoplication

Sun 9:50 AM - 10:10 AM • Courses • Chesapeake DEF

Dr. Natalie Liu *Faculty*

Northshore University Health System

9:50 AM - 10:10 AM

Back to the Drawing Board: Approach to recurrent symptoms after treatment in achalasia

Sun 10:10 AM - 10:30 AM • Courses • Chesapeake DEF

Dr. Brian Louie *Faculty*

Swedish Cancer Institute

10:10 AM - 10:30 AM

Case Session #2 (2 Cases)

Sun 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM • Courses • Chesapeake DEF

Dr. Jacob Moremen *Faculty*

University of Mississippi Medical Center

General Foregut Course

Fee: \$250

This half-day, case-based course is designed for general gastroenterologists and foregut surgeons seeking a comprehensive, evidence-based approach to foregut disease. The program integrates current concepts in pathophysiology, diagnostic evaluation, and therapeutic management across the spectrum of esophageal disorders, including motility disorders, eosinophilic esophagitis, gastroesophageal reflux disease, and Barrett's esophagus.

Through a multidisciplinary framework, expert faculty will emphasize clinical decision-making, appropriate use and interpretation of diagnostic modalities, and the selection of medical, endoscopic, and surgical therapies. Interactive discussions and case-based presentations will focus on practical application, patient selection, and aligning treatment strategies with underlying disease mechanisms.

This course is designed to provide participants with a structured, clinically relevant framework to enhance the evaluation and management of foregut disease in everyday practice.

Sun 7:30 AM - 12 PM • Chesapeake GHI

General Foregut Course

Sun 7:30 AM - 12 PM • Courses (Moderators) • Chesapeake GHI

Dr. Dany Raad *Moderator*

University Hospitals Medical Center

General Foregut Course

Sun 7:30 AM - 12 PM • Courses (Moderators) • Chesapeake GHI

Dr. Alex Lois *Moderator*

University of Chicago

Dr. Dany Raad *Moderator*

University Hospitals Medical Center

Course Welcome and Overview

Sun 7:30 AM - 7:35 AM • Courses • Chesapeake GHI

Dr. Alex Lois *Faculty*

University of Chicago

7:30 AM - 7:35 AM

Dr. Dany Raad *Faculty*

University Hospitals Medical Center

7:30 AM - 7:35 AM

Heartburn that won't go away: What's next?

Sun 7:35 AM - 7:40 AM • Courses • Chesapeake GHI

Dr. Alex Lois *Faculty*

University of Chicago

Refractory GERD: Sorting out acid, non-acid, and functional disease

Sun 7:40 AM - 8 AM • Courses • Chesapeake GHI

Dr. Kerry Dunbar *Faculty*

UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas and VA North Texas Health Care System

Optimizing Medical Therapy: Getting the most out of PPIs and PCABs

Sun 8 AM - 8:20 AM • Courses • Chesapeake GHI

Dr. Philip Katz *Faculty*

Weill Cornell Medicine

Barett's in Practice: From Detection to Ablation

Sun 8:20 AM - 8:40 AM • Courses • Chesapeake GHI

Dr. Aziz Aadam *Faculty*

Northwestern University

Anti-reflux Surgery: It's all about patient selection

Sun 8:40 AM - 9 AM • Courses • Chesapeake GHI

Dr. Alex Lois *Faculty*

University of Chicago

Beyond medication and surgery: Endoscopic and Device-Based Interventions

Sun 9 AM - 9:20 AM • Courses • Chesapeake GHI

Dr. Leena Khaitan *Faculty*

University Hospitals, Cleveland

Panel Discussion and Q&A

Sun 9:20 AM - 9:40 AM • • Chesapeake GHI

BREAK

Sun 9:40 AM - 9:50 AM • • Chesapeake GHI

My patient cannot swallow: now what?

Sun 9:50 AM - 9:55 AM • Courses • Chesapeake GHI

Dr. Dany Raad *Faculty*

University Hospitals Medical Center

Progressive Dysphagia: Where do you start

Sun 9:55 AM - 10:15 AM • Courses • Chesapeake GHI

Dr. Dany Raad *Faculty*

University Hospitals Medical Center

Eosinophilic Esophagitis: What every GI and surgeon should know

Sun 10:15 AM - 10:35 AM • Courses • Chesapeake GHI

Dr. Mayssan Muftah *Faculty*

Brigham & Women's Hospital

Esophageal Motility Disorders: Making Sense of Manometry and CC4

Sun 10:35 AM - 10:55 AM • Courses • Chesapeake GHI

Dr. Roger Tatum *Faculty*

University Of Washington/Va Puget Sound Hcs

Achalasia and Beyond: When and How to Intervene

Sun 10:55 AM - 11:15 AM • Courses • Chesapeake GHI

Dr. Chris Thompson *Faculty*

My patient cannot swallow after anti-reflux surgery: now what?

Sun 11:15 AM - 11:30 AM • Courses • Chesapeake GHI

Dr. Kyle Perry *Faculty*

The Ohio State University

Panel Discussion and Q&A

Sun 11:35 AM - 11:55 AM • • Chesapeake GHI

Closing Remarks and Key Takeaways

Sun 11:55 AM - 12 PM • Courses • Chesapeake GHI

Dr. Dany Raad *Faculty*

University Hospitals Medical Center