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~ PRELIMINARY PROGRAM ~

FEATURING
INTERNATIONAL GUEST SPEAKER
DR. DANIEL HASHIMOTO

MD, MSTR, FACS

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF SURGERY, PERELMAN SCHOOL OF
MEDICINE, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
DIRECTOR, PENN COMPUTER ASSISTED SURGERY &
OUTCOMES (PCASO) LABORATORY
CO-FOUNDER, MGH SURGICAL ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE &
INNOVATION LABORATORY (SAILL)

“ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN THE
FUTURE OF GENERAL SURGERY”

Other Sessions:

Rectal Cancer Pathway - Dr. Sami Chadi
Trauma Panel - Drs. H.Tien and M. Sholzberg
Practice Mgmt: QIP & Office - CMPA, CPSO, Sherrard Kuzz LLP
Difficult Hernia: - Dr. M. Maggisano
Prehabilitation Panel - Drs. B.Mahoney, G.Ma, A.Pipe, A.Menezes
Bariatric Management - Dr.A.Neville
Breast Surgery - Dr. S. Knowles
Acute Care Oncological Surgery - Dr.A.Maciver
HPB Panel: Drs. M.Tsang, S.Patel, E.Shlomovitz, A.Weil
Billing Corner Update - Dr. K.Lefebvre
Banquet Talk - Dr. D.Hashimoto

Ontario Association of General Surgeons

(OMA Section on General Surgery)

**29th OAGS Annual Meeting
November 4-5, 2023**

Hilton Toronto Hotel
145 Richmond St. W., Toronto, ON

Meeting: Toronto Ballroom I & II (*lower level*)
Exhibits & Buffet: Toronto Foyer

Sponsored Sessions: Carmichael, Jackson (TBA)

Social Hour / Reception: Toronto Ballroom III

Banquet Dinner: Toronto Ballroom III (*RSVP Only*)

Sponsored Resident Symposium: Thomson Rm (*Sunday*)

RSVP/Registration Early Bird Deadline Final Ext. July 31st

Hotel Group Rate Deadline: October 20, 2023

Target Audience: Active & Inactive General Surgeons
General Surgery Fellows/ Residents/ Physician Assistants

CME Accreditation:

This event will be seeking accreditation as an Accredited Group Learning Activity.

Register: www.oags.org/agm.html

For More Details:

Mail: P.O. Box 192, Stn. Main, Peterborough, ON K9J 6Y8

Web: www.oags.org / Email: info@oags.org / Twitter: @OAGS1

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OAGS 29TH ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023

7:30 AM REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST - EXHIBIT HALL

8:30 am TBA

Morning Session: Dr. Kevin Lefebvre, OAGS President

9:00 am **Introduction & Welcome**

9:05 am ♦ **Resident Research Grant Winners (10min)**

9:15 am **“HPB Panel: Keep or Refer”**

(8min each, 8min joint Q&A)

Speakers: Drs. E.Shlomovitz, A.Weil, M.Tsang, S.Patel

9:55 am **“Breast: Complications in Oncoplastic Surgery”**

Speaker: Drs. Sara Knowles (approx. 20min, 5min Q&A)

♦ **Prize Draw: TBA**

10:20 AM MORNING BREAK - EXHIBIT HALL NETWORKING

10:45 am **“Annual OAGS International Lecture #1:**

“AI in the Future of General Surgery”

Speaker: Dr. Daniel Hashimoto (approx.45min + 5min Q&A)

11:35 am **“Practice Management: Avoiding a Lawsuit”**

Speakers: Sherrard LLP, CPSO-Dr.Edward Everson,

CMPA-Dr. Richard Mimeault (approx.50 min + 10min Q&A)

♦ **Prize Draw: TBA**

12:35 PM LUNCH BREAK - EXHIBIT HALL NETWORKING

Afternoon Session: Dr. Julie Ann Van Koughnett, OAGS Secretary

1:35 pm **“Bariatric Management: Heal With Steel or Adjust Meal”**

Speaker: Dr. Amy Neville (approx.20min + 5min Q&A)

2:00 pm **“Prehab Panel: Nutrition, Exercise, Smoking, SSI”**

(approx.8min each + 8min joint Q&A)

Speakers: Drs. B.Mahoney, G.Ma, A.Pipe, A.Menezes

2:40 pm **“ACS Oncology Emergencies: Operate or Palliate?”**

Speaker: Dr. Allison Maciver (approx.20min + 5min Q&A)

3:05 pm **“Colorectal Cancer Pathway: TNT...It’s Dynamite!”**

Speaker: Dr. Sami Chadi (approx.20min + 5min Q&A)

♦ **Prize Draw: TBA**

3:30 PM AFTERNOON BREAK - EXHIBIT HALL NETWORKING

3:55 pm **“Billing Corner: Code Updates”**

Speaker: Dr. Kevin Lefebvre (approx. 15min + 5min Q&A)

4:15 pm **“Trauma Panel: TXA and ORNGE”**

(approx.15min each + 5min joint Q&A)

Speakers: Drs. M. Sholzberg and H. Tien

4:50 pm **“Difficult Hernia: Operate, Defer, or Refer?”**

Speaker: Dr. M. Maggisano (approx. 20 min + 5min Q&A)

♦ **Prize Draw: TBA**

5:15 PM BUSINESS MEETING

Business Session: Dr. Rav Singh, OAGS VP

Note: This free session is open to both OAGS and Section members.

I. INTRODUCTION

II. RESIDENT UPDATE

III. OAGS HOUSEKEEPING

a) Approval of Agenda/ Previous Annual Business Mtg. Minutes

b) OAGS Election

c) OAGS Treasury Report

d) OAGS President’s Report

IV. OMA SECTION CHAIR’S REPORT

V. OTHER BUSINESS

a) Annual Meeting 2024 - date & venue

b) Other...

♦ **Prize Draw: TBA**

6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR - WINE & BREW RECEPTION

Unaccredited Social Event

7:00 PM EVENING BANQUET - RSVP ONLY

Unaccredited Social Event: 4 Course Meal & Pairings

8:20 PM BANQUET PRESENTATION & PRIZE DRAWS

Annual OAGS International Lecture #2:

“TBA”

Speaker: Dr. Daniel Hashimoto (approx.20min + 10min Q&A)

♦ **Final Prize Draw: TBA ~ 9:30pm**

OVERALL LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of the Saturday sessions, participants will learn to:

- 1) distinguish when to keep or refer high risk hepatobiliary cases pertaining to a)percutaneous mgmt. of gallstones, b) colorectal liver mets, c)safe cholecystectomy, d) incidental liver/pancreatic cysts and IPMN
- 2) demonstrate how to avoid and manage complications of post-op oncoplastic breast surgery; review of new breast codes.
- 3) assess and project how artificial intelligence will impact the practice of general surgery in the immediate future.
- 4) provide an overview scope of how to avoid litigation via good office employer/employee protocol as well fulfilling expectations of clinical quality improvement program and best practice methodology
- 5) distinguish the options for preop weight loss (i.e. dietary/pharmacologic, timelines, etc.) and when to use those options versus weight loss surgery
- 6) identify possible prehabilitation course of action that may improve surgical outcome such as a)nutrition screening, b)exercise, c)smoking cessation/cannabis, d)SSI reduction.
- 7) demonstrate how best to manage ACS oncologic emergency cases (i.e. mid chemo bowel obstruct, PEG tubes, LBO stenting, bleeding tumour) and when to decide to ultimately palliate the patient
- 8) break down the latest assessment and treatment of the rectal cancer pathway using the Total Neoadjuvant Therapy (TNT) vs. standard
- 9) review the latest changes to billing codes in the schedule of benefits related to surgical procedures
- 10) discuss the indications and controversies of using Tranexamic Acid (TXA) to reduce blood loss in the trauma pt and how to arrange for transfers using ORNGE air ambulance
- 11) justify when to operate, defer or refer a difficult hernia when it is incarcerated, complex or emergency.
- 12) bqt - TBA

NOTE: Be sure to check our website for more details on our other sponsored sessions not mentioned here throughout the weekend. Unaccredited sessions cannot be included in this published document. www.oags.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dr. Kevin Lefebvre

The Ontario Association of General Surgeons was established to promote the interests of all of the general surgeons in our province, whether they practice in a major urban area or a rural community. We endeavour to fulfill this goal with strong representation in the political arena of the OMA and advising in the best interests of our members. We also endeavour to fulfill this goal by establishing a relevant educational meeting. The annual general meeting, now in its 29th year, has always been a venue to bring practical, useful and up to date knowledge to our members, as well as keeping them informed of the political situation and negotiations. This year will be no different, as the organizing committee has assembled an excellent variety of speakers which you will not want to miss! I look forward to seeing you there.

PROGRAM & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Jennifer Macmillan (Committee Chair)

Dr. L. Bui, M. Holmes, T. Jackson, K. Lefebvre, S. Rieder, A. Smith, J.A. Van Koughnett

GUEST SPEAKERS

Dr. Sami Chadi, MD, MSc, FRCS(C), FACS, FASCRS
Assist. Prof. Surgery, U of Toronto
Toronto General Hosp. UHN, Toronto, ON

Dr. Edward Everson, MD, FRCP
Medical Advisor, QI/QA, CPSCO
Emergency Med, Trillium Health Ctr.
Mississauga, ON

Dr. Daniel Hashimoto, MD, MSTR, FACS
Assistant Prof. Surgery, U of Pennsylvania
Dir. Penn Comp Assisted Surg & Outcomes Laboratory (PCASO), Co-Founder MGH Surg AI & Innovation Lab (SAIIL), Pennsylvania Hosp, Philadelphia, PA

Dr. Sarah Knowles, MD, FRCS
Assistant Prof. of Surgery and Oncology,
Western University
St. Joseph's HCC, London, ON

Dr. Kevin Lefebvre, MD, FRCS(C)
Medical Program Dir., Surgical Services
Stratford General Hospital
Div. of General Surgery, Stratford, ON

Dr. Grace Ma, MD, MSc, FRCS(C)
Assist. Professor of Surgery, NOSM
Health Sciences North, Sudbury, ON

Dr. Allison Maciver, MD, MSc, FRCS(C)
Assistant Professor, Surgery and Oncology
Western University, Victoria Hospital
London, ON

Dr. Melina Maggisano, MD, FRCS(C)
Lecturer, Surgery, U of Toronto
Humber River Hospital, Toronto, ON

Dr. Brian Mahoney, MD, CCFP
Assist. Prof., Medicine, Queen's U
Prog. Dir., Family Practice Anesthesia
Founder, PrehabMD

Dept. Head, Anesthesia, Lennox and Addington County Hosp., Napanee, ON

Dr. Amber Menezes, MD, FRCS(C)
Assist. Professor, Surgery, NOSM
Co-Chair, HQO-SSI Advisory Committee
North Bay Regional HC, North Bay, ON

Dr. Richard Mimeault, MD, FRCS(C)
Physician Advisor, Safe Med Care, CMPA
Ottawa, ON

Dr. Amy Neville, MDCM, MSc, FRCS(C)
Assist. Prof., Surgery, U of Ottawa
Medical Dir., The Ottawa Hospital, Regional Bariatric Ctr of Excellence
Ottawa, ON

Dr. Sanjay Patel, MB, BCh, BAO, SM, FRCS(C)
Assist. Prof., Surgery, NOSM
Health Sciences North Hosp, Sudbury, ON

Dr. Andrew Pipe, MD, CM, BA, LL.D, DSc, MCFP
Professor, Medicine, U of Ottawa
Former Chief, Div. of Prevention & Rehab,
U of Ottawa Heart Institute;
Former Head, Smoking Cessation Prog.
The Ottawa Hospital, Ottawa, ON

Dr. Eran Shlomovitz, MD, FRCS(C), FRCS(C), FACS
Assist. Prof., Surgery and
Medical Imaging, U of Toronto
TGH - UHN, Toronto, ON

Dr. Michelle Sholzberg, MDCM, MSc, FRCS(C)
Div Head, Hematology-Oncology,
Med Dir., Coagulation Laboratory,
St. Michael's Hosp., UHT, Toronto, ON

Dr. Homer Tien, MD, MSc, FRCS(C), FACS
Assoc. Prof., Surgery, U of Toronto
Assoc. Scientist, Sunnybrook HSC
Col., Canadian Forces Health Services,
President & CEO, ORNGE, Toronto, ON

Dr. Melanie Tsang, MD, MSc, FRCS(C)
Assist. Prof., Surgery, U of Toronto
St. Joseph's Health Ctr., UHN, Toronto, ON

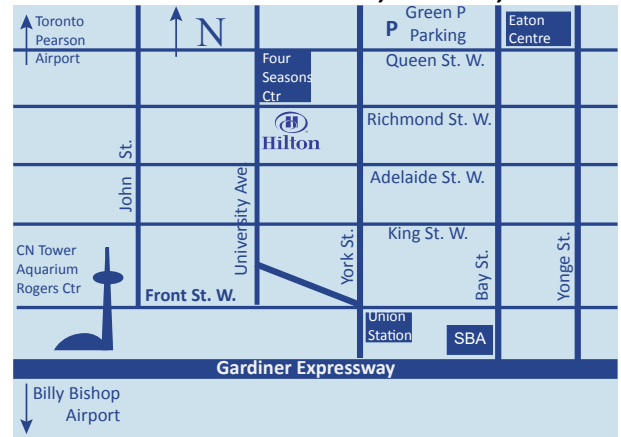
Dr. Alice Wei, MD, CM, MSc, FRCS(C), FACS
Assoc. Prof, Surgery, Weill-Cornell School
of Medicine; Memorial Sloan Kettering
Cancer Ctr., New York, NY

TBA - Rhona Cohen, BA, LLB
Sherrard Kuzz LLP, Toronto, ON

VENUE

Hilton Toronto Hotel

145 Richmond St. West, Toronto, ON



ACCOMMODATION

Hilton Toronto Hotel, 145 Richmond St. West, Toronto, ON

How To Make Hotel Reservations:

OAGS Group Rate: \$189/standard room

Cut-Off Rate Date: October 20 ...pending availability

Online Hotel Reservation Website: <https://book.passkey.com/go/OAGS2023>

Parking: Underground 3rd party parking is available on site. Please be aware of on-site height restrictions (6'4"). Nearby municipal public parking is also available. We DO NOT validate parking. More details: www.oags.org/agm.html

ADMISSION FEES

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL EXTENDED TO July 31st! Register and pay well in advance to avoid an additional \$100 service fee. (Note: Please notify us if you have to cancel, so we can avoid food wastage.)

- ◆ **FREE** - Current OAGS Member (after 2023 fiscal dues are paid - rates online)
 - ◆ **\$500** - Non-OAGS Member - General Surgeon (active/inactive/out-of-prov.)
 - ◆ **\$100** - Non-OAGS Member - General Surgery Resident/Fellow
 - ◆ **\$250** - Non-OAGS Member - Allied Health and Physician Assistants
 - ◆ **FREE** - Med Student (2/program- must be referred by an OAGS member)
- NOTE: You MUST register/RSVP for the annual meeting with OAGS before the final deadline of Oct.28** Membership dues payment does not automatically RSVP you for the annual meeting. Admission/Registration is for the academic day meeting ONLY; evening banquet is extra. **No refunds AFTER the deadline.**
- ◆ **\$125/person - Banquet Fee** (members / non-members) RSVP ONLY

REGISTRATION

RSVP Deadline: Oct.28 - If you plan to attend the academic program during the day and/or the evening reception/banquet, you **MUST RSVP** to the OAGS office well before the deadline. Space is limited. If you have not received a confirmation from the OAGS office before the deadline, you should contact the office. **NOTE: Renewing your annual dues does not automatically register you for the meeting. Notify us if you have to cancel, so we can advise catering.**

☒ How to RSVP/Cancel to the OAGS Office BEFORE FINAL DEADLINE:

- ◆ **Phone:** 1-877-717-7765 / 705-745-5621
- ◆ **Fax:** 705-745-0478
- ◆ **Email:** info@oags.org
- ◆ **Online:** <http://www.oags.org/agm.html>

☒ How to Pay: (1 of 2 methods)

- ◆ **Cheque** - Make payable to "OAGS" and mail to:
OAGS - P.O. Box 192, Stn. Main, Peterborough, Ontario K9J 6Y8 or...
- ◆ **Credit/PayPal** - Major credit cards accepted online or phone OAGS office.
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