

NW SOCIETY OF COLON & RECTAL SURGEONS

2025 Annual Meeting Program

July 16-19, 2025 (Westin Resort & Spa, Whistler, BC)

Agenda

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

1:00 - 6:00 PM	Registration	Alpine Foyer
1:00 - 8:00 PM	Exhibit Set-Up	Alpine ABC
3:00 - 5:00 PM	Board Meeting	Crystal
6:00 - 9:00 PM	Welcome Reception	Grill & Vine Patio

Thursday, July 17, 2025

7:30 - 12:30 PM	Registration	Alpine Foyer
7:30 - 12:30 PM	Exhibit Displays	Alpine ABC
7:30 - 9:00 AM	Breakfast	Alpine ABC
8:00 - 12:00 PM	General Session	Alpine DE
8:45 - 9:00 AM	Break/Visit Exhibits	Alpine ABC
9:45 - 10:00 AM	Break/Visit Exhibits	Alpine ABC
12:00 - 12:30 PM	Break/Visit Exhibits	Alpine ABC
12:30 - 1:30 PM	Lunch/Symposium	Alpine DE
AFTERNOON & EVENING AT LEISURE		

Friday, July 18, 2025

7:30 - 12:30 PM	Registration	Alpine Foyer
7:30 - 12:30 PM	Exhibit Displays	Alpine ABC
7:30 - 9:00 AM	Breakfast	Alpine ABC

8:00 - 12:30 PM	General Session	Alpine ABC
9:00 - 9:15 AM	Break/Visit Exhibits	Alpine ABC
10:00 – 10:15 AM	Break/Visit Exhibits	Alpine ABC
11:15 – 11:30 AM	Break/Visit Exhibits	Alpine ABC
12:30 – 1:30 PM	Lunch/Symposium	Alpine DE
AFTERNOON AT LEISURE		
6:00 – 9:00 PM	Kids Program	Glacier
6:00 - 7:00 PM	Reception	Callaghan
7:00 - 9:30 PM	Annual Banquet	Callaghan

Saturday, July 19, 2025

7:00 - 12:00 PM	Registration	Alpine Foyer
7:00 - 12:00 PM	Exhibit Displays	Alpine ABC
7:00 - 8:30 AM	Breakfast	Alpine ABC
7:30 - 8:15AM	Business Meeting (Members Only)	Alpine ABC
8:15 – 12:00 PM	General Session	Alpine ABC
9:15 - 9:30 AM	Break/Visit Exhibits	Alpine ABC
10:45 – 11:00 AM	Break/Visit Exhibits	Alpine ABC
12:00 PM	Adjourn	

Program Schedule

Thursday, July 17, 2025

8:00 am **WELCOME/OPENING REMARKS**

John Griffin, MD - President
Val Simianu, MD - Program Chair

8:05 am **ABSTRACT SESSION I: EDUCATION/AI**

Moderators: Matthew Bobel, MD and Samantha Quade, MD

1. COLORECTAL CANCER CARE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC: LESSONS IN VULNERABILITY AND FUTURE PREPAREDNESS

Kiefer M Starks, DO; Katelyn Anderson, MD; Shalini Kanneganti, MD, FACS, FASCRS
Virginia Mason Franciscan Health

2. CUTTING CORNERS: A GEOMETRIC APPROACH TO TEACHING SURGICAL PLANES

Hayley Standage, MD, Austin Cannon, MD, Maria X. Kiely, MD, MPH, Mark H. Whiteford, MD
Providence Portland Medical Center

3. DETERMINING COLONOSCOPY COMPETENCY: AN AUTONOMOUS RESIDENT PROCEDURE?

Makayla Gologram, DO; Kayla Orr, DO; Quinn McIlvaine, MS-III; Daniel Biegacki, MS-III, Abigail Corle; Warsha Korani, MD; Karleigh R. Curfman, MD
Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center

4. A NEW ROBOT IN SURGERY: AI-BASED TOOL FOR COLORECTAL SURGERY PRACTICE SCENARIOS

Dominique Liddy MD, Erik Stiles MD, Vlad V. Simianu MD MPH, Shanley B. Deal MD FACS
Virginia Mason Franciscan Health

5. EVALUATING THE ACCURACY AND RELIABILITY OF A SURGICAL ONCOLOGY CHATBOT IN DELIVERING GUIDELINE-BASED RESPONSES

Brandon Nguyen DO, Rudy Sanchez MD, Graal Diaz PhD, Javier Romero MD, Jeremy Schweitzer, Adam Shellito MD
Ventura County Medical Center, Ventura CA

8:45 am Break/Visit Exhibits

9:00 am **ABSTRACT SESSION II: CASES/TECHNIQUES**

Moderators: Kenley Unruh, MD and Sarah Worden, MD

6. MULTIVISCERAL RESECTION IN COLON CANCER WITH INVOLVEMENT OF ADJACENT ORGANS: PROGNOSTIC FACTORS AND CASE REPORT

Gomez Bernal, Sanson Riofrio, Jiménez Robles
Instituto Mexicano del Seguro Social

7. ROBOT-ASSISTED LAPAROSCOPIC RESECTION FOR A RARE PRESENTATION OF METASTATIC MELANOMA IN THE SMALL BOWEL

Yasmin Ganjeh, Grace C. Chang, DO, Laila Rashidi, MD
MultiCare Health Network

8. SKIP THE LOW ANTERIOR RESECTION - SINGLE PORT TAMIS FOR ANATOMICALLY CHALLENGING RECTAL AND SIGMOID LESIONS

Upinder S. Sidhu, MD (1), Grace C. Chang, DO (2), Gabriel T. Alemayehu, MD (1), Emily Bundy, MSc (1), Laila Rashidi, MD (2)
Washington State University, Pullman WA (1); MultiCare Health System, Tacoma, WA (2)

9. BASCOM CLEFT LIFT OUTCOMES AT A COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Carrie Tackett DO, Brandon Nguyen DO, Kian Yazdan, Patrick Stahl, Bianca Urness, Tyler Wagner DO, Graal Diaz PhD, Jeremy Schweitzer MD, Adam Shellito MD
Ventura County Medical Center, Ventura CA. Community Memorial Health Systems, Ventura, CA

10. RECONSTRUCTION AFTER MINIMALLY INVASIVE PERINEAL RESECTIONS: OUTCOMES OF GRACILIS AND OTHER FLAPS AT A HIGH-VOLUME CENTER

Griffen I. Allen MD, Lauren McAllister, Vanessa Dlamini MD, Rachel Lentz MD, Mukta Krane MD
University of Washington

11. TOTALLY ROBOTIC KONO-S ANASTOMOSIS: TECHNIQUE TIPS AND FEASIBILITY COMPARED TO LAPAROSCOPIC AND OPEN APPROACHES

Hyung Kim MD, Jennifer Kaplan MD MAS, James Lord MD PhD, Ravi Moonka MD, Sam Rosenfeld MD PhD, Timothy Zisman MD, Vlad Simianu MD MPH
Virginia Mason Franciscan Health

9:45 am Break/Visit Exhibits

10:00 am **ANNUAL ETHICS LECTURESHIP AND TRAINEES SERIES**
Moderators: Matthew Bobel, MD and Jill Clark, MD

ANNUAL ETHICS LECTURESHIP

WHAT WE TALK ABOUT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT SURGERY & THREE THINGS WE CAN DO BETTER

Margaret (Gretchen) Schwarze MD, MPP, FACS
Professor of Surgery
Morgridge Professor of Vascular Surgery
University of Wisconsin, Division of Vascular Surgery, Madison, WI

TRAINEE LECTURES

AVOIDING THE COGNITIVE TRAP

Matthew Chen, MS
Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine

BETTER CONVERSATIONS

Brian Kim, MD
Virginia Mason Franciscan Health

SCENARIO PLANNING

R. Jake Bachofer, MD
St. Mark's Hospital

12:00 pm Break/Visit Exhibits

12:30 pm LUNCH/NON-CME SYMPOSIUM

MRD AND THE COLORECTAL SURGEON: PRECISION, CLARITY, AND CONFIDENCE WITH SIGNATERA

Autumn Dangl, MSN, NP-C
Senior Medical Science Liaison, Natera

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AFTERNOON & EVENING AT LEISURE

Friday, July 18, 2025

8:00 am **EUGENE SULLIVAN MEMORIAL LECTURE**

GUIDELINE-CONCORDANT PELVIC FLOOR CARE: STRENGTHS, GAPS, AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN

Wolfgang B. Gaertner, MD, MSc, MBA, FACS, FASCRS.
Professor and Chief, Division of Colon & Rectal Surgery
Stanley M. Goldberg, MD Endowed Chair, Colon & Rectal Surgery
Department of Surgery, University of Minnesota

9:00 am Break/Visit Exhibits

9:15 am

ABSTRACT SESSION III: PELVIC FLOOR

Moderators: Melinda Hawkins and Vlad Simianu, MD

12. COMPARISON OF ROBOTIC VS OPEN COMBINED SUTURE RECTOPEXY AND SACROCOLPOPEXY IN WOMEN WITH PELVIC ORGAN PROLAPSE

Sudheer Vemuru, Janet Lee, Heather Carmichael, Kathleen Connell, Lauren Rascoff, Janine Oliver, Elisa Birnbaum, Marsha Guess, Brandon Chapman, Shane McNevin
University of Colorado Anschutz

13. LET IT GO: A PROSPECTIVE COHORT STUDY OF BOTOX FOR DYSSYNERGIC DEFECTION

Hyung C Kim MD, Justin Brandler MD, Melissa Carlson DPT, Jennifer A Kaplan MD MAS, Diana McFarlane PA-C, Sydney Picard DPT, Vlad V Simianu MD MPH
Virginia Mason Franciscan Health

14. LONG-TERM RECURRENCE RATES AFTER MULTI COMPARTMENT PROLAPSE REPAIR

Danielle Alex Dooley, MD, Ryan Jake Bachofer, MD, Joseph Melvin, MD, Matthew Bobel, MD, Michelle Murday, MD, Abby Crume, MD
Utah Healthcare Institute/St. Mark's

15. PARASACROCOCCYGEAL APPROACH TO RESECTION OF A PIRIFORMIS MASS

Suzanne Arnott, Amir Bastawrous
Swedish Medical Center

16. REMOVAL OF SACRAL NERVE STIMULATORS: A SINGLE CENTER, RETROSPECTIVE REVIEW OF 8 YEARS. HOW DOES OUR EXPERIENCE COMPARE?

R. Jake Bachofer MD, D. Alex Dooley MD, Matthew Bobel MD, Joseph Melvin MD, Abby Crume DO, Michelle Murday MD
St. Mark's Hospital

10:00 am

Break/Visit Exhibits

10:15 am

ABSTRACT SESSION IV: BENIGN/ANORECTAL

Moderators: Ben Karsten, MD and John Griffin, MD

17. MANAGEMENT OF ISOLATED PARA-AORTIC LYMPH NODE METASTASIS

Paul Kaminsky, MD
PeaceHealth Medical Center

18. DON'T POKE THE BEAR: DIVERTING COLOSTOMIES FOR COMPLICATED DIVERTICULITIS ARE SAFE, EFFECTIVE BRIDGE TO DEFINITIVE TREATMENT

Dominique Liddy MD, Hyung Kim MD, Celine R. Soriano MD; Jennifer A. Kaplan MD MAS; Vlad V. Simianu MD MPH; Ravi Moonka, MD
Virginia Mason Franciscan Health

19. RECTAL ARTERY EMBOLIZATION FOR BLEEDING INTERNAL HEMORRHOIDS IS SAFE AND EFFECTIVE FOR HIGH OPERATIVE RISK PATIENTS

Samuel H. Lai, MD; Jonathan Lindquist, MD; Ioannis Ziogas, MD; James Hart, MD; M. Shane McNevin MD
University of Colorado School of Medicine

20. SAME DAY DISCHARGE AFTER COLORECTAL SURGERY: PATIENT PERSPECTIVES ON SAFETY AND FEASIBILITY

Nathan Aminpour, Niharika Karedy, Akasha Baretto Vega, Trevor Marshall, Elisabeth McLemore
Kaiser Permanente - Los Angeles Medical Center

21. WHEN A HEMORRHOID ISN'T JUST A HEMORRHOID – A CASE OF ANAL ANGIOSARCOMA

Brian Carr, MD; Lindsay Sceats, MD; Rodney Kratz, MD; Amir Bastawrous, MD
Swedish Medical Center

22. PERITONEAL CARCINOMATOSIS AND COLORECTAL ADENOCARCINOMA: THE ROLE OF HIPEC AND CYTOREDUCTIVE SURGERY

Deepa Chandrasekhar DO MPH, Avani Doddapuneni, Shalini Kanneganti MD
Virginia Mason Franciscan Health-St Joseph Medical Center

11:15 am Break/Visit Exhibits

11:30 am **CURRENT CHALLENGES AND FUTURE SOLUTIONS IN OUR HEALTH SYSTEMS, RESEARCH, AND EDUCATION**
Moderator: Vlad Simianu, MD

Arden Morris, MD
Amir Bastawrous, MD
Ashwani Rajput, MD

12:30 pm LUNCH | NON-CME SYMPOSIUM

DOES IRRIGATION IMPACT SURGICAL SITE INFECTION

Carolyn Twomey, RN, BSN
Global VP, Medical Affairs and Research
Irrimax Corporation

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AFTERNOON AT LEISURE

6:00 pm **KIDS PROGRAM**

6:00 pm **RECEPTION & ANNUAL BANQUET**

Saturday, July 19, 2025

7:30 am **BUSINESS MEETING** (Members Only)

8:15 am **DISTINGUISHED GUEST SPEAKER**

NONOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT IN RECTAL CANCER: THE END OF HISTORY?

Maria Widmar, MD, MPH
Assistant Attending Surgeon
Department of Surgical Oncology, Colorectal Service
Medical Director, Surgery, Regional Network & Affiliates
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

9:15 am Break/Visit Exhibits

9:30 am **ABSTRACT SESSION V: CANCER**

Moderators: Luay Ailabouni, MD and Piyush Aggarwal, MD

23. A REVIEW OF COLORECTAL CANCER UNDER AGE 45 AND ADVOCACY FOR YOUNGER SCREENING

Erik Domas, MD, Liya Savochka, MD, Shalini Kanneganti, MD, FACS, FASCRS St. Joseph Medical Center

24. DIRECT ORAL ANTICOAGULANTS (DOACS) FOR EXTENDED VENOUS THROMBOEMBOLISM (VTE) PROPHYLAXIS POST-ABDOMINOPELVIC CANCER SURGERY: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW AND META-ANALYSIS

Zarrukh Baig, Eniola Owonifaari, Dean Giustini, Ahmer Karimuddin, Manoj Raval, Carl Brown, Terry Phang, Amandeep Ghuman
University of British Columbia

25. AI-ENHANCED MRI SEGMENTATION TO PREDICT COMPLETE RESPONSE IN RECTAL CANCER PATIENTS AFTER TOTAL NEOADJUVANT THERAPY

Heather M. Selby; Yewon A. Son; Vipul R. Sheth; Todd H. Wagner; Erqi L. Pollom; Arden M. Morris
Department of Surgery, Stanford University

26. ASSESSING THE SAFETY OF ADAPTATION OF COMPLETE MESOCOLIC EXCISION WITH CENTRAL VASCULAR LIGATION

Paul Kaminsky, MD
PeaceHealth Medical Center

27. RARE BUT REAL: A THREE-PATIENT CASE SERIES OF PRIMARY SQUAMOUS CELL CARCINOMA OF THE COLON AND RECTUM

Grace C. Chang DO, Gabriela Vargas, MD
MultiCare Health Network

28. NON-OPERATIVE MANAGEMENT (NOM) OF RECTAL CANCER IN CANADA

Zarrukh Baig, Terry Phang, Anu Ghuman, Manoj Raval, Ahmer Karimuddin, Erin Kennedy, and Carl Brown

University of British Columbia

- 10:45 am Break/Visit Exhibits
- 11:00 am **STUMP THE CHUMPS: CANCER CASES**
Moderator: Vlad Simianu, MD
- Maria Widmar, MD
 M. Shane McNevin, MD
 Gabriela Vargas, MD
- 11:45 am **RESIDENT AWARDS PRESENTATION**
John Griffin, MD and Vlad Simianu, MD
- 12:00 pm Adjourn