



DAY ONE

Friday, May 15, 2026

Critical Non-Surgical Skills for the Surgeons

1:00pm

Registration & Exhibits Open

1:30pm–2:15pm

Tips for Successful Grant Writing – Key Principles, New Considerations

Tammy T. Chang, MD, PhD, FACS

Professor of Surgery, UCSF

2:15pm–3:00pm

Understanding How Clinical Work is Compensated (RVUs, MGMA, Benchmarks, Payors)

Edward Alfrey, MD, FACS

Medical Director for Trauma Services

Marin Health Medical Center

3:00pm–3:30pm

Break

3:30pm–4:30pm

American College of Surgeons Resources for Advocacy – Why Surgeons Should Let Our Voices Be Heard

Moderator John Maa, MD, FACS
General Surgeon, Chinese Hospital

Panelists Timothy D. Browder, MD, MACM, FACS
Professor of Surgery, UCSF

Cheyenne “Cassie” Sonntag, MD, MS, FACS
Clinical Assistant Professor, Stanford

4:30pm–5:30pm

Meet-the-NCCACS-Leadership Mixer

DAY TWO

Saturday, May 16, 2026

7:15am

Registration and Exhibits Open

7:30am-8:30am

Breakfast

8:30am-8:35am

Welcome

Tammy T. Chang, MD, PhD, FACS
NCCACS President

8:35am-9:25am

6th Annual Thomas R. Russell, MD, FACS, Surgical Trainee Research Competition

Moderator: Victoria Lyo, MD, FACS

High Rate of Transplantation Prior to Review of Status Exception Requests among Adult Heart Transplant Candidates

Daniel Ahn, MD - Stanford University

Machine Perfusion Mitigates Risk in Liver Transplantation Using Donors After Circulatory Death Aged ≥ 60 Years

Patrick Sur, MD - University of California, Davis

Machine Learning-Based Correlation of Venous Morphology with Hemorrhagic Shock Stages Using Volumetric M-Mode Ultrasound in a Swine Model

Ariyan Tabesh, MD - University of California, San Francisco

Optimizing Pediatric Cholecystectomy Pathways: A Quality Improvement Initiative to Reduce Delays and Imaging Utilization

Sabrina Sedano - University of California, San Francisco

A Single-Cell Atlas Reveals the Surgical Imperative in Chronic Inflammatory Skin Tunnels: Endotypes with a Molecular Rationale for Excision

Shaan Sekhon - University of California, San Francisco

9:25am-9:45am

Break with Exhibitors

9:45am-10:35am

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Rethinking the Staging System for Malignant Peritoneal Mesothelioma: A Data-Driven Survival Tree Algorithm

Laleh Foroutani, MD - University of California, San Francisco

The Role of a Novel Intraoperative Imaging Technique for Ground Glass Opacities (GGO) During Video Assisted Thoracic Surgery (VATS): Findings from an Integrated Health System

Elaine Liang - Kaiser Permanente Bernard J. Tyson School of Medicine

Impact of Guideline Concordant Care and Pathologic Complete Response on Disease-Free Survival in Inflammatory Breast Cancer: A Single-Institution Study

Anna Vertido, MD - University of California, San Francisco

The Impact of Race/Ethnicity on Survival in Secondary Triple Negative Breast Cancer

Ana Isabel Jacinto, MD - UC Davis Health

Patterns of Oncologic Management and Survival Outcomes in Rectal and Anal Adenocarcinoma: A National Cancer Database Study

Hannah Chay - University of California, San Francisco

10:35am-11:05am

Break with Exhibitors

11:05am-11:50am

6th Annual Thomas R. Russell, MD, FACS, Surgical Trainee Research Competition | Quick Shots

Enhancing Watch-and-Wait Rectal Cancer Surveillance: Evaluation of an Automated Informatics-Based "Health Maintenance Plan"

Jon Freise, MD - University of California, San Francisco

Prevalence of Lung Cancer in Never-Smoking Asian American Women by Ethnicity and Cancer History: Findings from an Integrated Healthcare System in Northern California

Bani Kaur - Stanford University School of Medicine

Exploring Geographic Differences in Minimally Invasive Whipple: A Joinpoint Regression Analysis

Architha Kannan, MBBS - University of California, San Francisco

From Prevention to Intervention: A Quality Improvement Program for Peripheral Artery Disease at a Safety Net Hospital

Tripti Mathur, MBBS - University of California San Francisco, East Bay

Upgrade Rates of Fibroepithelial Lesions within a Large, Integrated Healthcare Delivery System

Annie Wong-On-Wing, MD - University of California San Francisco, East Bay

When Is It Cost-Effective to Implement a Whole Blood Program? A Cost-Effectiveness Analysis for Civilian Trauma Centers

Meg Quint - Stanford University School of Medicine

Spheroid Size is an Important Factor in Supercooling Preservation of Hepatic Spheroids

Juan Reyna, MD - University of California, San Francisco

Perioperative Characteristics Associated with No Inpatient Opioid Use Prior to Discharge After Inpatient General Surgery

Shraddha Pandey - University of California, San Francisco

Understanding the Surgical Work Burden: Workload and Perceptions from a National Survey of Surgeons

Saffanat Sumra - University of California, San Francisco

Standardizing Night Shift Resident-Nurse Communication

Dong Hur, MD Stanford General Surgery

11:50am-1:15pm

Luncheon, Business Meeting, & Awards

1:15pm-1:45pm

ACS Update

Sharon M. Henry, MD, FACS

First Vice President-Elect

American College of Surgeons

1:45pm-2:45pm

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA RURAL AND COMMUNITY SURGERY PANEL

What Are the Needs and How Do We Meet Them

Moderator

Samuel C. Schecter, MBBS, FACS

General and Minimally Invasive Surgeon

Kaiser Permanente San Rafael Medical Center

Panelists

Irony Sade, MD, FACS - General Surgeon, Fairchild Medical Center

Estin Yang, MD, MPH, FACS - Clinical Associate Professor, Asante Health/OHSU

Jessica Santos-Parker, MD – General Surgery Resident, UCSF
Rachel Ann Hight, MD, FACS – General Surgery Program Director, UC Davis
Health

2:45pm-3:15pm

Break with Exhibitors

3:15pm–4:00pm

GENERAL SURGERY AND SUBSPECIALTY SURGERY COLLABORATION I

Salpingectomy for Preventing Ovarian Cancer, General Surgery/Gynecological Oncology

Moderator

Lee-may Chen, MD, FACS

John A. Kerner Distinguished Professor in Gynecologic Oncology, UCSF

Panelists

Jocelyn Chapman, MD - Berson Family Endowed Chair in Gynecologic Cancer, UCSF

Elizabeth Wick, MD, FACS – Professor of Surgery, UCSF

Sarah Palilla, PA-C – Physician Assistant, UCSF

Caroline Erickson, MD, MBA – Resident Research Fellow, UCSF

4:00pm–4:45pm

GENERAL SURGERY AND SUBSPECIALTY SURGERY COLLABORATION II

Treating Esophageal and Upper Gastrointestinal Injury, General Surgery/Thoracic Surgery

Moderators

Jeffrey Velotta, MD, FACS

Thoracic Surgeon

Kaiser Permanente Oakland Medical Center

Victoria Lyo, MD, FACS

Associate Professor of Surgery

UC Davis

INTERESTING CASES

Small Intestinal Obstruction from Recurrent Paraesophageal Hiatal Hernia

Jonathan Carter, MD, FACS - Professor of Clinical Surgery, UCSF

Management of Esophageal Leak

Yulia Zak, MD, FACS - Assistant Professor of Surgery, Stanford

Sleeve Double Twist

Mohamed Ali, MD, FACS - Professor of Surgery, UC Davis

Esophageal Injury from Trans-Mediastinal Gunshot Wound

Adam C Gutierrez, MD - Assistant Professor of Surgery, UCSF East Bay

The Chronically Dilated Stomach after Esophagectomy: What's Next?

Jeffrey Velotta, MD, FACS - Thoracic Surgeon, Kaiser Permanente Oakland Medical Center

4:45pm-5:15pm

Break with Exhibitors

5:15pm-6:00pm

From Insight to Impact: How Physicians Can Use Entrepreneurship and AI to Solve Healthcare's Biggest Problems

Moderator

Michael Esparza, MD, FACS
Trauma & Acute Care Surgeon
John Muir Medical Center

Panelists

Bo Gu, MD - Youlify
Leah Houston, MD - Evercred

6:00pm

Happy Hour Starts

6:15pm-7:15pm

Resident Surgical Jeopardy

7:15pm-10:30pm

NCCACS Bash

Join us for networking, great food, open bar, DJ, and dancing!