



FINAL PROGRAM

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER ACS
ANNUAL MEETING

MAY 15-17, 2026

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Meeting App
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Friday, May 15

12:30pm
Registration & Exhibits Open
Ballroom Foyer

1:00pm
NCCACS Annual Meeting
Ballroom West

Saturday, May 16

7:15am
Registration & Exhibits Open
Ballroom Foyer

7:45am
Breakfast Symposium
Ballroom West

8:30am-6:00pm
NCCACS Annual Meeting
Ballroom West

11:50am-12:15pm
Lunch Symposium & NCCACS
Business Meeting
Ballroom West

6:15pm-7:15pm
Resident Surgical Jeopardy
Ballroom West



7:15pm-10:30pm
NCCACS Bash
Ballroom East

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

DINNER AND DISCUSSION

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026

Innovation in Action:

The Future of Stapling & Robotics in the OR

7:00pm-9:00pm

Wayfare Tavern

201 Pine Street
San Francisco, CA



 Medtronic



Abstracts are Available Online
nccacs.org or Meeting App

Visit the Exhibitors All Day in the Ballroom Foyer
Breakfast, Breaks, and Coffee are served here

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CME

Successful completion of this CME activity, which includes participation in the evaluation component, enables the learner to earn credit toward the CME requirements of the American Board of Surgery's Continuous Certification program.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Northern California Chapter ACS Annual Meeting will provide up-to-date information for community surgeons, academic surgeons, and the surgeon-in-training. Topics reflect the evolving landscape of surgical practice, with sessions spanning professional development, advocacy, rural and community surgery, multidisciplinary collaboration, and emerging innovations such as artificial intelligence and entrepreneurship. The program also highlights cutting-edge research through trainee competitions and case-based discussions across a range of surgical specialties. The overall goal is to enhance surgeon knowledge, foster collaboration, and ultimately improve patient care and safety.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION CREDIT INFORMATION

Accreditation

The American College of Surgeons is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™

The American College of Surgeons designates this live activity for a maximum of **9.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™**. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Of the **AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™** listed above, a maximum of **.75 hours** meet the requirements for **Cancer***

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CME Evaluation



CME Breakdown
and Disclosure

DISCLOSURE INFORMATION

In accordance with the ACCME Accreditation Criteria, the American College of Surgeons must ensure that anyone in a position to control the content of the educational activity (planners and speakers/authors/discussants/moderators) has disclosed all relevant financial relationships with any ineligible company held in the last 24 months. All reported conflicts are managed by a designated official to ensure a bias-free presentation. Please note that first authors were required to collect and submit disclosure information on behalf of all other authors/contributors, if applicable.

CME EVALUATION AND CERTIFICATES

- Please complete the online evaluation form to **claim your total CME credits** for the Northern California Chapter ACS Annual Meeting. Please complete the evaluation form by **Monday, June 15, 2026**.
- Have your **ACS ID** ready.
- Certificates will be emailed on **Monday, June 17, 2026** if requested.
- Visit the **NCCACS** website to complete the evaluation or **scan QR code**.

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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
MarinHealth Medical Center



3:00pm–3:30pm

Break with Exhibitors

3:30pm–4:30pm

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



Moderator

John Maa, MD, FACS
Chinese Hospital – San Francisco



Panelists

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



Cheyenne "Cassie" Sonntag, MD, MS, FACS
Clinical Assistant Professor, Stanford

DAY TWO Saturday, May 16, 2026

7:15am

Registration and Exhibits Open

7:30am–8:30am

Breakfast Open

7:45am–8:15am

BREAKFAST SYMPOSIUM

Advances and Insights in Surgical Wound Closure Outcomes
Zig Gauthier
Sponsored by Sylke

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
6th Annual Thomas R. Russell, MD, FACS, Surgical
Trainee Research Competition
Moderator: Victoria Lyo, MD, FACS

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
Moderator: Victoria Lyo, MD, FACS

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

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11:50am-1:15pm

Luncheon, Business Meeting, & Awards

LUNCH SYMPOSIUM

Recent Updates in the Current State of Desmoid Tumor Management

Dipak B. Ramkumar, MD

Sponsored by SpringWorks

1:15pm-1:45pm

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: 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. Schechter, 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, PhD

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, FACOG

John A. Kerner Distinguished Professor & Division Director 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, General Surgery, 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

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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, FAC
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
CEO of Youlify



Leah Houston, MD
CEO of Evercred

6:00pm
Happy Hour Starts

6:15pm-7:15pm
Resident Surgical Jeopardy

7:15pm-10:30pm
NCCACS Bash



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BREAKFAST SYMPOSIUM



EXHIBITORS

Aroa Biosurgery

BD - Becton Dickinson and Company

Boston Scientific

GT Metabolic Solutions

Integra Lifesciences

J&J MedTech

Karl Storz Endoscopy - North America

Medtronic

Natera Inc.

Octapharma

Southmedic Inc

SpringWorks Therapeutics

SYLKE, Inc

Xodus Medical



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- Make sure your name is on the card.
- Winner does not need to present to win!
- Need a card? Pick one up at the Registration Desk.
- Drop off your completed card at the Registration Desk by the end of the 4:15pm break on Saturday afternoon.