



9th Annual International Women in Surgery Career Symposium



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February 16-18, 2018

The Wyndham Grand Hotel, Clearwater Beach, FL



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Course Description

The Women in Surgery (WIS) Career Symposium is a professional and academic event dedicated to encouraging more women to pursue a career in Surgery. It promotes both personal and professional growth and is designed to foster mentorship as well as a peer network. It also provides a forum to discuss contemporary issues and opportunities for women who have chosen or may choose a career in Surgery.

Participants will be able to interact with women who are thought leaders in Surgery and pioneers in advancing women in Surgery.

The annual WIS career symposium serves as a forum to discuss the issues and challenges confronting women as they seek to advance in a changing but still male-dominated field and to share successes and advice for breaking the glass ceiling in Surgery.

Furthermore, the intention is to highlight the importance of advancing women toward careers in Surgery by providing meaningful avenues for surgical professionals and students to interact, exchange ideas, and formulate effective strategies in advancing this important endeavor.

Objectives

Upon completion of this symposium, participants will be able to:

- Actively seek out and improve upon existing mentor/mentee relationships
- Identify specific issues facing women in Surgery
- Cultivate techniques for handling discrimination in the workplace effectively and professionally
- Pursue leadership positions in Surgery
- Possess an understanding of the basic skills and requirements for pursuing leadership positions
- Identify where and why there is need for women in leadership roles
- Utilize professionalism in a discipline in which men are traditionally predominant
- Implement specific coping methods and networking skills to promote a career in a discipline in which men are traditionally predominant
- Better appreciate the need to negotiate "equal pay for equal work"
- Generate reasonable expectations regarding lifestyle in residency and early career
- Implement basic strategies for financial security
- Recognize issues with pregnancy during a surgical career
- Plan for pregnancy during residency and beyond
- Employ and optimize strategies for balancing children and marriage in the face of a demanding profession
- Acknowledge and help further the goals for the future of women in Surgery and be empowered to move toward those goals
- Apply stress-relieving techniques
- Determine which sub-specialty women surgeons most commonly pursue
- Summarize guidelines that will strengthen your professional image
- Interpret the discrepancies between perceived and actual earned salary of women surgeons

Target Audience

This symposium is designed for women who aspire for a career in Surgery or wish to enhance their career in Surgery. The target audience includes physicians, fellows, PA/ARNP, residents, medical students, graduate and undergraduate students, and other healthcare professionals.



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Location

Wyndham Grand Clearwater Beach
100 Coronado Dr. | Clearwater, FL 33767 | (727) 281-9500
<http://www.wyndhamgrandclearwater.com>

The brand-new, modern décor of the **Wyndham Clearwater Beach** is inspired by the pristine sugar-white sands, the azure waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the warm trade winds that welcome you each day. The resort's 15-story tower offers breathtaking views of the entire area, giving you a unique perspective to help plan your day's activities. In addition, you'll find these magnificent Clearwater Beach accommodations provide the amenities and conveniences to keep up with your busy lifestyle.

Accommodations

A limited number of rooms have been blocked for this meeting at the special group rate of \$239 for queen/double occupancy.

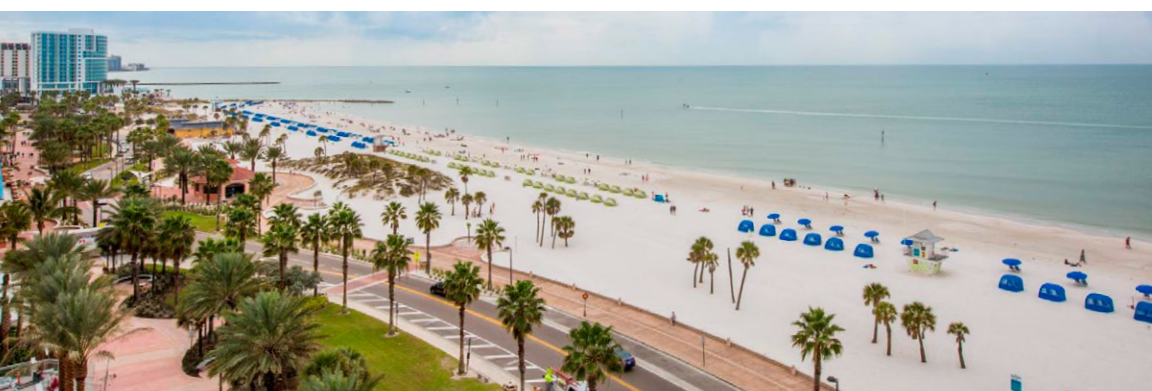
Reservations

You may book your room online. Please visit our website at women-in-surgery.com or for a direct link to the group rate website go to <https://tinyurl.com/WIS2018>. You may also call the hotel directly at 727-281-9536 and ask for the group rate for the Women in Surgery Career Symposium. The group rate cut-off date is Tuesday, January 16, 2018. Rooms will fill quickly, so book early!

Hotel room arrival/departure date changes or cancellations must be made at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled arrival date to avoid additional fees.

Parking

Valet Parking is required at \$25 plus tax per day.



Fees & Registration

Register online at Women-In-Surgery.com. You may register online even if paying by check.

Attendee Type	By February 2, 2018	After February 2, 2018
Physician	\$250	\$275
Fellow* or PA/ARNP	\$100	\$125
Resident* or Student*	\$50	\$75
Guest Fee for Welcome Reception (free to registrant)	\$35	\$35

*Fellows, Residents, and Students *must* e-mail proof of status to WomenInSurgery@WISCareerSymposium.com (subject line "WIS Status Proof") in order to be granted the discounted rate.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations must be requested in writing via e-mail to WomenInSurgery@WISCareerSymposium.com by **February 2, 2018** to receive a refund. A \$50 cancellation fee will be assessed to cover administrative costs. There are no refunds for no-shows or for cancellations received after February 2, 2018; however, substitutions are welcome without penalty.

Society of Women in Surgery (SWIS) and Florida Hospital reserve the right to cancel this activity due to unforeseen circumstances. In the event of such cancellation, only the registration fee will be returned to the registrant. Society of Women in Surgery and Florida Hospital will not be responsible for travel expenses incurred by the participant in case of cancellation.

Accommodations for Disabilities

Please notify the SWIS office at 1-877-904-4481 within a minimum of 10 working days in advance of the event if a reasonable accommodation for a disability is needed.

Faculty Disclosure

SWIS adheres to the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) Standards regarding commercial support of continuing medical education. It is the policy of the Society of Women in Surgery that the faculty and planning committee disclose real or apparent conflicts of interest relating to the topics of this educational activity; that relevant conflict(s) of interest is resolved; and that speakers disclose any unlabeled/unapproved use of drug(s) or device(s) during their presentation. Detailed disclosure will be made in the course materials.



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AGENDA

Friday, February 16, 2018

3:00-5:30 pm | Workshops (RSVP Required)

Session A: For Fellows/Attendings

MODERATOR: Chantal Reyna, MD

SPEAKERS: Ross Goldberg, MD; Cindy Matsen, MD; Robert Blizzard; Claire Saady, Esq.; Amanda Amin, MD; Carolyn McClanahan, MD, CFP

TOPICS: Preparing for Change in Healthcare - Obama/Trump; NSQIP; Billing/Coding for the Surgical Team; Negotiating Contracts; Disability Insurance; Building Resiliency for Change

Session B: For Undergraduates, Medical Students, Residents

MODERATOR: Patricia Sylla, MD

SPEAKERS: Trip Higginbotham; Jennifer S. Moyer, MEd; Kristina Giles, MD; Julie Ann Sosa, MD; Kandace Kichler, MD; Pamela Hodul, MD; Kellie McFarlin, MD; Linda Barry, MD; Lucy De La Cruz, MD

TOPICS: Be your own lifesaver: How to save yourself from drowning in debt; Application of Myers-Briggs Type indicator - Become a better me based on personality type; Importance of building research; Building my CV; How to succeed in residency - Pearls from surgical residents; My Elevator Speech; Mock Interviews

5:30-6:15 pm | Poster Presentations

Hillary Sanfey, MD

6:30-9:30 pm | Reception/Dance Party

Saturday, February 17, 2018

6:30-7:00 am | Yoga on the Beach

Melissa Red Hoffman, MD

7:00-8:00 am | Registration/Breakfast/Exhibits

7:00-8:00 am | Foreign Medical Student Breakfast

How to Successfully Apply to Surgical Residencies in the U.S. Lucy De La Cruz, MD
Practical Strategies to Excel in Surgery Lauren McTaggart, MD

8:00-4:00 pm | Skills Competition at the Robot Console

Plenary Session

8:00-8:10 am | Opening Remarks

Sharona Ross, MD

8:10-8:30 am The Unspoken Truth:
Are we unconsciously biased?

Dana Telem, MD

Parallel Sessions

8:30-10:30 am | Fellow/Attending Surgeons (AWS)

Moderator: Christine Laronga, MD

Role Models, Mentors and Sponsorship:
It's not just for medical students

Role Models and Trend Setters Susan Pories, MD

Mentorship: Building and maintaining the relationship Nancy Gantt, MD

Worthy Women: The importance of sponsors Patricia Numann, MD

Life Coaching Stephanie Bonne, MD

Using Societies to Build Relationships Celeste Hollands, MD

#HeForShe: Men's Role as Allies Towards Gender Parity Rajesh Aggarwal, MD

Q & A

8:30-10:30 am | Residents/Medical Students

Moderator: Patricia Turner, MD

How to Set Yourself Apart in Medical School and Residency Lattisha Bilbrew, MD

Mentor Me - Finding and building the right relationship for successful development Patricia Sylla, MD

Choosing a Specialty and How to Create Your BEST Fellowship Application Krista Haines, MD

Financial Freedom Vani Sabesan, MD

Self-wellness and Spirituality Sharmila Dissanaikie, MD

Mock Oral Boards Kellie McFarlin, MD

Navigating the ACS Paula Ferrada, MD

Q & A

10:30-10:45 am | Networking Break w/ Sponsors

Saturday, February 17, 2018 (continued)

10:45-12:00 pm | Plenary Sessions

10:45-11:00 am	ACS: Resources and Opportunities	Patricia Turner, MD
11:00-11:15 am	Emotional Intelligence	Steven Schwaitzberg, MD
11:15-12:00 am	Health and Wellness Panel: Exercise & eating right for a healthy lifestyle	Moderator: Lynn O'Connor, MD Nancy Gantt, MD Marina Kurian, MD Elizabeth Wick, MD Linda F. McClintock-Greco MD Melissa Red Hoffman, MD

12:00-1:15 pm | Networking Lunch

1:15-4:00 pm | Plenary Sessions

1:15-1:55 pm	Building Your Life Outside of the OR	Moderator: Nancy Gantt, MD Steven Schwaitzberg, MD Julie Ann Sosa, MD Stephanie Bonne, MD Susan Pitt, MD Pamela Hodul, MD
1:55-2:35 pm	Getting Your Voice Heard: <i>Bossy saves lives and my own bias</i>	Moderator: Leigh Neumayer, MD Sasha Shillcutt, MD Lisa Jane Jacobsen, MD Marina Kurian, MD Mecker Moller, MD Allen Chudzinski, MD
2:35-3:15 pm	Social Networking Do's and Don'ts: <i>How to leverage Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn for your professional success</i>	Moderator: Sharon Stein, MD Heather Logghe, MD Linda Barry, MD Joseph Sakran, MD Kandace Kichler, MD Madeline Torres, MD
3:15-4:00 pm	Professional Development: <i>Negotiating contracts</i> <i>Leadership</i> <i>Research</i> <i>Branding</i> <i>Q&A</i>	Moderator: Lisa Jane Jacobsen, MD Vani Sabesan, MD Alexander Rosemurgy, MD Sandra Wong, MD Heidi Bahna, MD

5:00-7:00 pm | Happy Hour: The Future of Robotics

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Darla Hutton

Sunday, February 18, 2018

6:30-7:00 am | Yoga on the Beach

Melissa Red Hoffman, MD

7:00-8:00 am | Registration/Breakfast/Exhibits

8:00-10:20 am | Plenary Sessions

8:00-8:20 am	Sexual Harrassment and Bullying	Carrie Sims, MD
8:20-9:10 am	Quality Outcomes Through Teamwork <i>Patient satisfaction: Is it important?</i> <i>Online evaluation of doctors, surveys etc.</i> <i>ARNP/PA - The surgical team</i> <i>ERAS</i> <i>NSQIP</i> <i>Q&A</i>	Moderator: Sandra Wong, MD Elizabeth Plocher, MD Abbey Fingeret, MD Scott Gallagher, MD Thomas Aloia, MD Claudia Byrd, RN Lillian Kao, MD
9:10-10:00 am	Value Based Medicine <i>MIPS Performance - Quality payment measures</i> <i>Emerging models that transition payment from volume to value</i> <i>How to improve quality & value while minimizing cost</i> <i>Q&A</i>	Moderator: Alexander Rosemurgy, MD Darla Hutton Linda Richetelli-Pepe, MBA Thomas Aloia, MD Ross Goldberg, MD
10:00-10:20 am	Demystifying Palliative Care <i>How to care for the surgical patient with a multi-disciplinary team</i>	Moderator: Mary Alfano-Torres, MD Anne C. Mosenthal, MD Melissa Red Hoffman, MD

10:20 am | Closing Remarks

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