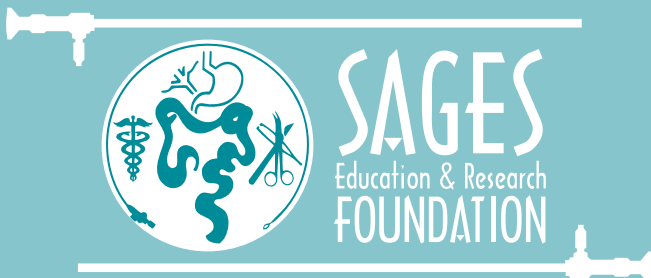




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A MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDATION PRESIDENT



Frederick L. Greene, MD, FACS

Dear Colleagues,

It has been a great pleasure and honor for me to serve as your foundation president during 2007, and I look with anticipation as we begin our important work for 2008. We are definitely beginning to mature as a Foundation and the blending of our corporate and individual support for our SAGES Education and Research Foundation has been heartwarming. Despite all of our successes and the continuation of our support for the scientific well-being of surgical endoscopy, we cannot rest on our laurels.

For those of us who are members of multiple organizations, it is apparent that most of these have developed foundations which tend to communicate with the same pool of givers! This is certainly a reality of life and many of us support a variety of important scientific and educational organizations. For those of us who practice surgical endoscopy and especially gastrointestinal surgery, it is clear, however, that the goals and objectives of the SAGES Foundation are meant to support the future direction of those areas that are so important to all of us.

During 2007, we have recognized the importance of career development for our young and dynamic members of SAGES, and therefore, the Foundation has, for the first time, supported a Career Development Award which will hopefully be replicated many fold in years to come. We have recognized the importance of continuing to support basic and clinical research through our scientific grants program administered by our SAGES research committee, and this activity will continue to be so important in our future foundation goals. We have also recognized the importance of globalization and the important work of many of our members in transmitting technical and scientific information around the world. The SAGES Foundation has supported this global effort and will continue to recognize this as a major area as we welcome new and exciting ideas for the international goal-setting of SAGES. We have recognized that individuals and corporate entities appreciate the opportunity of giving for restricted and specific Foundation activities. Under the leadership of our director, Teresa Chien, therefore, we have established a specific classification for goal-directed giving.

As you can see, we have had a very busy 2007, but with your help and support we will have an even brighter 2008. I urge all of you to consider either giving for the first time or increasing your support for our SAGES Foundation during this year. There is no question that the support of our Foundation will be the major impetus for continued scientific and technical growth in the specialty area that contributes so much to all of us.

I wish you all the best.

Frederick L. Greene, MD
President, SAGES Foundation



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SPECIAL DONOR RECOGNITION: DR. DAVID DUPPLER



When Dr. Jeffrey Ponsky prophetically wrote in his August 1986 letter of support for Dr. David Duppler's application for membership in SAGES, "I feel that he will represent the Society in exemplary fashion," little did he know that his first surgical endoscopy Fellow would pay tribute to him 21 years later by playing a major role in the establishment of a fund in his mentor's name. Moreover, Dr.

Duppler demonstrated his heartfelt commitment toward furthering Dr. Ponsky's legacy when he and his wife, Tia, made a donation of \$25,000 to the Ponsky Flexible Endoscopy Research Fund, the second largest individual monetary gift in the history of the SAGES Foundation.

"I saw this as the perfect opportunity, in a small way, to pay him back for all he has done for me," Dr. Duppler said, explaining the inspiration behind his generosity. "And I wanted to repay SAGES for all they have done for so many people and for the profession."

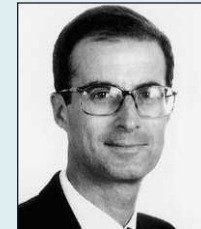
Adding that he would be forever grateful for the guidance he received during that period and beyond, Dr. Duppler was extravagant in his praise of Dr. Ponsky and characteristically modest in accepting our thanks for his gift.

After completing his post-general surgical fellowship under Dr. Ponsky in gastrointestinal endoscopy at Mt. Sinai Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio, Dr. Duppler ran his own surgical practice in Maine for six years. In 1992, he returned to his native Wisconsin and joined the Fox Valley Surgical Associates where he earned a reputation as a superlative medical professional, an in-demand lecturer, and an all-around good guy.

Since becoming a SAGES member in 1987, Dr. David Duppler has proven his steadfast support of the Foundation, most notably with a \$5,000 pledge in 2000 and, of course, this recent gesture honoring Dr. Ponsky. He exemplifies the heart of this organization. We are unfathomably grateful for his generosity and proud to count him as one of our own.

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NAMIR KATKHOUDA RECEIVES HIGHEST AWARD FROM FRANCE



On December 17, 2007, Dr. Namir Katkhouda was awarded the insignia of Chevalier de la Legion

d'Honneur (Knight of the French Legion of Honor). The award was presented by His Excellency Pierre Vimont, the Honorable Philippe Larrieu, and C.L. Max Nikias at the USC Town & Gown. Established by Napoleon Bonaparte, the Legion of Honor is the highest order that France bestows and is a mark of great distinction to those who have contributed to their professional field and to France.

To congratulate or pay tribute to Dr. Katkhouda for this award, you may send donations to the SAGES Education and Research Foundation in his honor. Dr. Katkhouda will be notified of all gifts. Please contact the Foundation office for more information. foundation@sages.org

NEW CORPORATE SUPPORTERS

The SAGES Education and Research Foundation has had an outstanding year connecting with industry in 2007. We are thrilled to welcome five new corporate sponsors to our growing circle of friends! A *very* big thank you to **Allergan, NDO Surgical, Richard Wolf Medical Instruments, Symbionix, and Tissue Science Laboratories** for understanding the vital role the Foundation plays in minimally invasive surgery and supporting our mission!



PROJECT GRANTS

Global Initiative – Laparoscopy and endoscopy have been a surgical option in the U.S. and developed countries since 1992. However, minimally invasive surgery is rarely performed in developing nations because of the need for specialized training and equipment. SAGES and the SAGES Foundation created the Global Initiative to provide patients all over the world, especially those in developing countries, access to minimally invasive surgery and enhanced medical care.

The Global Initiative differs from other medical organizations' programs in that no direct medical care is provided. The program educates and trains local providers to perform minimally invasive surgery themselves, following the old adage "Give a man fish and feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and feed him for a lifetime."

The goal of the program is to train at least two local surgeons per region in one week to independently and safely perform laparoscopic surgery. Two volunteer surgeons from SAGES will travel to the selected site and hospital, bringing necessary surgical equipment and supplies if it has not been shipped already. For a duration of seven days, the SAGES surgeons will supervise an intensive training course that includes lectures, videotapes, simulated surgery practice, and one-on-one proctoring. Trainees will complete five laparoscopic surgeries as first assistant and another five as primary surgeon, for a total of ten practice surgeries.

It is expected that each trainee will perform 15 to 30 minimally invasive operations during their first year and up to 50 per year thereafter. A local database will be instituted in the hospital to

track performance and complication rates at each site for two years. SAGES will provide follow-up training if needed.

The SAGES Foundation's support of the Global Initiative will help purchase medical equipment and supplies, airfare and other travel costs for volunteer surgeons, shipping, phone/fax, database installation, and storage of surgical equipment in the U.S.

Fundamentals of Endoscopic Surgery (FES) – Continuing in the successful footsteps of the Fundamentals of Laparoscopic Surgery (FLS) program, SAGES is developing the Fundamentals of Endoscopic Surgery (FES) – a medical education tool that trains surgical residents and surgeons how to perform basic gastrointestinal endoscopy.

FES is designed to address the current need for a standardized, comprehensive curriculum in basic endoscopic surgery. It also serves as an assessment tool that documents both cognitive and technical endoscopic skills. Overall, the program will cover the physiology, fundamental knowledge and technical skills required in basic endoscopic surgery. The following three components make up FES:

- An interactive web-based didactic curriculum including videos, illustrations and narration
- A hands-on skills training component featuring a simulator box and deconstruction of technical skills required in basic endoscopy
- An assessment component that will document one's cognitive knowledge and technical and psychomotor skills

Currently, seven chapters of the textbook for the didactic curriculum have been written and are undergoing review. Symbionix was selected as the collaborating company to work with SAGES on developing a simulator box.

The SAGES Foundation's support of FES will be applied toward research and development costs, education consultant fees, simulator box production costs, and staff/administrative time and expenses.

RESEARCH GRANTS

Project: "The Impact of Laparoscopic Hepatic Resection on Tumors Angiogenesis in Hepatocellular Carcinoma"

Researcher: Swee H. The

Institution: Oregon Health and Science University

Project: "Quantitative Modeling of Surgical Motor Actions"

Researcher: Adam Meneghetti

Institution: University of British Columbia

VISION

The SAGES Foundation was created with the vision of a healthcare world in which all operative procedures are accomplished with the least possible physical trauma and discomfort, and with the greatest quality of care and safety for the patient.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the SAGES Foundation is to advance endoscopic, laparoscopic, and emerging minimal access surgical methods and to maintain the highest possible quality of care by supporting reproducible scientific research, graduate and postgraduate education, and public information.

ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON

April 19, 2007 marked the inaugural presentation of the SAGES Foundation Awards Luncheon. As the Foundation's first annual event, a lot of trial and error was expected. But thanks to some faithful sponsors and hundreds of dedicated SAGES members, this first-time event was a resounding success! In addition to recognizing top leaders and rising young surgeons in the minimally invasive field, the Awards Luncheon helped to raise more than \$35,000 in research and education funds.

After such a wonderfully successful first year, requests were made to extend the event, allowing guests to mingle and truly enjoy the event. As such, the 2008 Awards Luncheon will be held on Thursday, April 10, from 12:00 - 1:30 pm – a half hour longer than the previous year. With an expected attendance of more than 200 guests and sponsorship support from **Adolor, Allergan, Karl Storz Endoscopy, Genzyme Biosurgery, W. L. Gore & Associates, Salix Pharmaceuticals, Symbionix,** and **Stryker Endoscopy** already, the event will present the following awards:

The SAGES Pioneer in Endoscopy Award – Gerald Marks, MD

The Distinguished Service Award – Barry Salky, MD

The Young Researcher Award – John Morton, MD

The Karl Storz / IRCAD Fellowship Award – Patricia Sylla, MD

The SAGES Education and Research Foundation Grant Awards

Industry Research Awards

To attend the event and show your support of the honorees and the SAGES Foundation, tickets can be purchased online through the SAGES Annual Meeting online registration. Each ticket is \$125 each and tables of ten are available for \$1,100. On-site registration is limited by available seating, so please register in advance. To purchase tables or tribute messages in honor of any of the honorees, please contact the Foundation office at (310) 437-0544 x114 or foundation@sages.org. A portion of your purchases is tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

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GENERAL SURGERY NEWS



PHANTOM EVENT: SUMMER FLING

Many of our donors receive more than a dozen invitations each year (and for some, each month) to attend the charitable event du jour. After so many rubber chicken dinners, expensive golf tournaments, and auctions for items you do not need, attending a "feel-good" fundraiser begins to not feel so good anymore! Some would rather pay not to attend, and thus, the idea of a phantom event was born.

In July 2007, the first phantom event, now known as the Summer Fling, was "held" for those wanting to support the SAGES Foundation without having to take time out of their busy days to attend yet another event. Invitations to the phantom event included cocktail umbrellas to encourage potential "guests" to send in their ticket purchases, then sit back and relax at home with a summer cocktail. None of the event participants had to worry about what to wear, getting a baby sitter, or watching their donation apply toward table decorations!

The SAGES Foundation found many new supporters through the phantom event and wishes to thank all who "attended" last year. Planning for the 2nd Annual Summer Fling is already under way, and this year, the theme will be "casino night." Guests will be invited to plan a relaxed game of poker with family and friends... or not! The SAGES Foundation will even provide the first poker chip to get you started. Tickets are \$75 each (poker chip included) and \$125 for each additional chip. To register early and "reserve your spot," contact the Foundation office at (310) 437-0544 x114 or foundation@sages.org.

DUMP THAT STOCK!

The majority of donors who give to the SAGES Foundation make their contributions in cash. But did you know that gifts of stocks and bonds are also accepted? Within the last two years, more and more donors have been contributing shares of stock rather than cash – a handful even donating only in securities, such as long-time donor, **Dr. Gerald Marks!** Is this an appropriate option for you?

When making gifts of securities, in addition to advancing research and education, donors may also benefit by:

- Receiving a charitable deduction for the market value of the stock;
- Reducing their estate tax, and/or;
- Avoiding a capital gains tax as there is no sale of the stock.

So the next time you are thinking of selling your stocks or bonds, consider donating them instead. You might find that the future of minimally invasive surgery is a better investment! For questions on how to make stock donations, contact the office at (310) 437-0544 or foundation@sages.org.

2007 DONORS

The number of people who give to the SAGES Foundation grows a little every year. In 2007, we were fortunate to not only have more supporters, but also have long-time dedicated contributors give even more. The Foundation board thanks old friends for giving or pledging again and welcomes new friends to some exciting years ahead of us!

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