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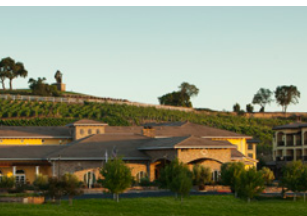
Western Surgical Association
2015 ANNUAL MEETING

November 7–10, 2015

Napa Valley, CA
Meritage Resort



ACCOMMODATIONS & TRAVEL



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The Meritage Resort & Spa

875 Bordeaux Way

Napa, CA 94558

Reservations: 866-370-NAPA

Web: www.themeritageresort.com

WSA Group Rate: \$239 Single/Double + \$20 per night resort fee

Housing Cutoff: Monday, October 5, 2015

The Meritage Resort and Spa opened in July 2006 to become one of Napa Valley's top luxury hotels and resorts. Situated in front of nine acres of hillside vineyards, The Meritage Resort continues to develop its perfect blend of facilities, amenities, and services to make your Napa Valley visit relaxing and productive. The resort features a world class spa, wine tasting room and cave, a variety of restaurants, lounges, swimming pool and more, all within easy proximity to Napa Valley, Sonoma County and all major airports.

Hotel reservations should be made before **Monday, October 5** and are available to WSA attendees and exhibitors at a reduced rate of \$239 per night, plus tax per guest room based on single or double occupancy, plus a \$20 per night resort fee.

Please note, there is a 7 day cancellation policy for guest rooms at The Meritage Resort. Rooms cancelled after 7 days prior to arrival will forfeit the one night's deposit.

Reserve your room now online at www.westernsurg.org, or call the hotel directly at 866-370-NAPA.

Resort Fee Includes:

- Welcome Bottle of Wine
- Daily Bottled Water
- Newspaper
- In Room Internet Access
- Valet and Self-Parking
- Use of Fitness Center
- Evening Downtown Napa Shuttle
- Shuttle to Eagle Vines and Chardonnay Golf Courses

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Travel may be booked to a variety of airports including the following:

- San Francisco International Airport (1 ¼ hours)
- Oakland International Airport (1 hour)
- Sacramento International Airport (1 hour)

Shuttle Information

Evans Transportation (from San Francisco & Oakland Airports)

Telephone: 707-255-1559

Web: www.evanstransportation.com

Cost: \$45 per person (cash only)

Napa Airporter (from Sacramento Airport)

Telephone: 707-252-1900

Web: www.napaairporter.com/serv.htm

Private Car

Reservations may be made from San Francisco, Oakland, Sacramento, and Santa Rosa/Sonoma.

Cost: \$215 each way (sedan)

Telephone: 707-251-1916

Email: concierge@themeritageresort.com

Car Rentals

All major car rental companies are available from the San Francisco, Oakland and Sacramento Airports.

Parking

All parking fees are included in the resort fee for hotel guests.

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AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ Continuing medical education credits will be provided for this activity

MEETING/EVENT DETAILS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8:00am – 12Noon	Executive Committee Meeting
3:00pm – 6:00pm	WSA Registration Open
3:00pm – 5:00pm	Exhibitor Setup
5:30pm – 6:30pm	New Member Reception
6:30pm – 8:30pm	Welcome Reception



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

7:00am – 8:00am	Continental Breakfast for Physicians
7:00am – 12Noon	WSA Registration Open
7:00am – 12Noon	Exhibits Open
8:00am – 10:00am	Spouse/Guest Hospitality and Breakfast
7:30am – 10:00am	Scientific Session
10:00am – 10:15am	Beverage Break
10:15am – 11:45am	Scientific Session
11:45am – 12:15pm	Presidential Address: “New Directions in Surgical Training in the United States” William C. Chapman, MD Washington University

Afternoon Open: Golf and Tours

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Video Presentations

- Laparoscopic Surgery
- Open Liver
- Robotic LAR
- Trans-Gastric Endoscopy

New ePoster Session

Special Presentation: Sustaining Fulfillment in Work & Life
Bruce L. Gewertz, MD

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

7:00am – 8:00am	Continental Breakfast for Physicians
7:00am – 5:00pm	WSA Registration Open
7:00am – 12Noon	Exhibits Open
7:30am – 12Noon	Scientific Session
8:00am – 10:00am	Spouse/Guest Hospitality and Breakfast
10:00am – 10:15am	Beverage Break
12Noon – 1:30pm	Video Presentations
12:15pm–1:15pm	Women in Surgery Luncheon
1:30pm – 4:00pm	Scientific Session
2:00pm – 2:15pm	Beverage Break
2:00pm – 3:00pm	Spouse/Guest Activity: Chocolate and Wine Tasting
4:00pm – 5:00pm	Annual Business Meeting
5:00pm – 6:00pm	ePoster Session
7:00pm – 8:00pm	President’s Reception
8:00pm – 11:00pm	President’s Dinner Dance

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

7:30am – 9:00am	Continental Breakfast for Physicians and Spouses
7:30am – 11:30am	WSA Registration Open
8:00am–11:30am	Scientific Session
11:30am	Meeting Concludes



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SPECIAL EVENTS

WELCOME RECEPTION

Saturday, November 7th

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Cost: Included in Physician and Spouse Registration Fee

The 2015 Western Surgical Association Annual Meeting will kick-off with a fabulous welcome reception at the Meritage Resort. Visit with old friends and new members. Cost for this event is included in the Physician and Spouse registration fees. The evening will be filled with music, lively conversation, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. This event will be a great start for the 2015 Annual Meeting!

RECEPTION & DINNER DANCE

Monday, November 9th

7:00pm – 11:00pm

Cost: Included in Physician and Spouse Registration Fee

The Western Surgical Association meeting will conclude with a closing evening reception and dinner dance at the Meritage Resort and Spa. Relax and plan to attend this elegant “black tie optional” event, in the Meritage Wine Cave! The evening will feature a cocktail reception, dinner and live entertainment for an enjoyable conclusion to the week’s events.

WOMEN IN SURGERY LUNCHEON

Monday, November 9th

12:15pm – 1:15pm

Cost: Lunch cost is on your own

As we gather together the ever-growing population of women in surgery who attend our meetings, take some time to network at a lunch planned for Monday afternoon. You may register for this event on the enclosed registration form, and lunch fees will be billed to your guest room.



LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

There are endless things to do and see in the Napa Valley area. To make the most of your trip, view these websites for ideas and pre-planning.

Legendary Napa Valley

www.visitnapavalley.com

Meritage Resort & Spa

www.meritageresort.com

Local Area Event Calendar

Check out the EVENT CALENDAR on the Meritage website at www.meritageresort.com under Attractions / Napa Valley Events Calendar for a list of events going on during your stay.



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Because there is so much to see and do in the Napa Valley area, there will be **no formal, organized group tour on Sunday afternoon**. Instead, the hotel concierge would be happy to assist you with reservations before you arrive at the WSA Annual Meeting. It is best to make **advance reservations** in order to secure availability of these options.

To confirm your Sunday afternoon event, please contact the hotel concierge:

- Email: concierge@themeritageresort.com
- Telephone: 707-251-1916

Wine Tour

Join this daily tour bus, which provides daily tours traveling to Napa or Sonoma wineries and includes a picnic lunch. Transportation to wineries and lunch is \$110 per person, tasting fees, averaging \$10–\$15 per winery are additional.
www.platypustours.com

Napa Valley Wine Train

There are 7 different lunch trains and 5 different dinner trains. Please feel free to check online or call their toll free number for details www.WineTrain.com or 800-427-4124.

Sip N Cycle Bike Tour

Tour Wineries on a leisurely pace on comfortable upright bikes.
Price: 2-3 \$149 per person; 4-6 \$138 per person

Carneros Sip N Cycle: 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. visits 4 wineries (Ceja, Acacia, Etude, and Bouchaine). Easy and flat, this is a guided tour with van support. Includes wine country picnic lunch.

Calistoga Sip N Cycle: 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. visits 4 wineries (Mt. Helena, Envy, Lava Vines, and Bennet Lane). Easy and flat, this is a guided tour with van support. Includes wine country picnic.

Arranged through Getaway Adventures:
<http://getawayadventures.com/> or 800. 499. 2453

Napa Valley Epicurean Excursions

Gourmet guided food tour of Napa Valley by a food-obsessed local. Tours are limited to 7 people to ensure an intimate experience and includes a wine country style lunch. You will learn about the history of the Napa Valley, unique AVA's (American Viticultural Areas) weather, and soil profiles. The tour travels from Napa to Yountville, Oakville and St. Helena to meet artisanal food producers while receiving behind-the-scenes access at each location. A farm-to-table lunch at Farmstead is included. Potential stops include: Model Bakery, Lucero Olive Oil, Rancho Gordo, St. Clair Brown Winery, Oakville Grocery, Farmstead, Woodhouse Chocolate, Culinary Institute of America at Greystone, and Napa Style. 10am – 4pm. The tour starts at Model Bakery in Napa, fee is \$190 per person + 9.50 booking fee. \$199.50 total.

Napa Valley Balloons

Allow us to reserve your flight and Napa Valley Balloons will pick you up from the lobby 30 minutes before the meeting time (pick up time varies monthly because of sunrise). The meeting place is Domaine Chandon Winery in Yountville and the excursion begins with continental breakfast while watching the balloon fill with air, a 45 minute to 1 hour flight and return drive, including Etoile Restaurant for a beautiful brunch. \$215 per person, includes continental breakfast, balloon flight, brunch and transportation, duration is 3 to 5 hours. There is a 72 hour cancellation policy.





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GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sunday, November 8th

Cost: \$100 per person

Shotgun Start: 12:30pm

Eagle Vines Golf Club

Web: www.eaglevinesgolfclub.com

The annual golf tournament will be held at Eagle Vines Golf Club. Cost per player will be \$100 per person and includes greens and cart fees, tournament coordination and prizes and a light snack and beverages. We will have a shotgun start, in order to finish prior to sunset.

Eagle Vines Vineyards & Golf Club is tucked away in the foothills of Napa Valley, offering one of the most scenic courses in the area. It is also considered by many locals to be one of the most challenging. Every hole on the golf course provides stunning views of the surrounding vineyards. The layout sprawls across gently rolling hills that weave through stands of mature cherry and oak trees, shimmering waterfalls, and meandering creeks. The golf course offers challenging multi-tiered greens and postage-stamp landing areas that demand well placed iron shots. The memorable seventh hole features an even more difficult island green. There are also some tricky fairways that seem much more open than they are. Eagle Vines numerous risk-reward opportunities that will have golfers using every club in their bag.

TENNIS

Because there are no tennis courts on property, an organized tennis event will not be offered this year.





LOCAL ATTRACTIONS



Spa

Spa Terra offers a variety of massages, facials and body treatments. You can see a full list of treatment options online at www.themeritage.com. To book your treatments in advance call 707-251-3000 directly or email spaconcierge@themeritageresort.com

Complimentary Shuttle To Downtown Napa

Resort guests can travel to Downtown Napa in a 27-passenger shuttle that offers convenient guest transportation to restaurants, shopping and tasting rooms. The AM Shuttle runs daily at 8:40am, 10:40am, 12:40pm and 2:40pm, PM Shuttle departs at 4:00pm, 4:45pm, 5:30pm, 6:15pm, 7:00pm, 7:45pm, 8:30pm, call for pick up to 10:30pm. The shuttle leaves from the front lobby of The Meritage Resort. The drive time to Downtown Napa is approximately 10 minutes.

The three drop off points in Downtown Napa are:

- Oxbow Market on 1st Street
- 1st and Main
- 3rd and Main

The driver will provide guests with their business card to call when a return pickup is needed.

Trinitas Tasting Room

Guests to Trinitas Cellars can indulge in custom flights of Trinitas wine and Artisan chocolate pairings, or simply pick up a bottle to enjoy with dinner at Siena Restaurant. Guests can also shop for wine country gifts. Located at The Meritage Resort and open daily from 11:00am to 7:00pm and no appointments are necessary. Learn more about the tastings offered in the Trinitas Cellars Tasting Room by visiting this website www.trinitascellars.com/Visit-Us/Trinitas-Estate-Cave.

Biking

The Meritage Resort typically has at least 4 bikes on property for guests to rent at their leisure. Please inquire with the Front Desk.

Pool

The Meritage Resort features two swimming pools (one exclusively for adults) and three whirlpools. The outdoor pool area is open daily from sunrise to sunset. Poolside cabanas are available for rent and can be reserved through Crush Lounge (707) 251-3066.

Hiking And Parks

Skyline Wilderness Park, www.skylinepark.org, 2201 Imola Ave. Phone: 707-252-0481. Hours of Operation 8:00am to 5pm. Open 7 days a week.

Spouse/Guest Activity: Chocolate & Wine Pairing Monday, November 9th

2:00pm – 3:00pm

Fee: \$40 per person

Guests will indulge in the best of both worlds by pairing Trinitas wines with handcrafted chocolates selected from one of Napa Valley's finest local chocolatiers, Kollar Chocolates. This delicious pairing will take you through four chocolates selected to complement and enhance four wines selected from the current release Trinitas wine portfolio.

*Advance registration is required, as space is limited.
Please register online or on the enclosed registration form.*



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SPOUSE & GUEST HOSPITALITY

A Breakfast & Hospitality Suite will be offered for all registered spouses and guests on Sunday and Monday mornings, along with a concierge presentation on Sunday morning. Please register as a spouse/guest on the enclosed registration form or online. The fee covers the cost of the Welcome Reception, Monday night Dinner Dance and access to the Breakfast & Hospitality suite Sunday and Monday mornings, as well as the physician breakfast on Tuesday morning. A name badge will be provided and will be required to attend these events.

SCHEDULED SPOUSE & GUEST ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7th

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Welcome Reception

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8th

8:00am – 10:00am

Spouse Hospitality & Breakfast and Concierge Presentation

11:45am

Presidential Address: “New Directions in Surgical Training in the United States”

William C. Chapman, MD

Afternoon

Tours on own and Golf Tournament

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9th

8:00am – 10:00am

Spouse Hospitality & Breakfast

2:00pm – 3:00pm

Spouse/Guest Activity: Chocolate & Wine Pairing

Cost: \$40 per person

7:00pm – 11:00pm

President’s Reception & Dinner Dance

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10th

7:30am – 9:00am

Continental Breakfast for Physicians & Spouses

FOR THE FAMILY

The Concierge can assist with finding a babysitter to fit your needs. For further information and applicable rates, or to schedule, please contact the Concierge:

Email: concierge@themeritageresort.com

Telephone: 707-251-1916

PETS

The Meritage will add a one-time \$50 cleaning fee to your resort bill for your pet’s stay. The cost is \$50 per pet, per stay, and includes a plush Meritage Resort and Spa dog bed (for use during stay only), a dog bowl to take home, and a pet amenity bag. The Napa Valley area offers a variety of locations for pet-friendly walking.

WEATHER/ATTIRE INFORMATION

Fall is a beautiful season to experience the Napa Valley area. Early November temperatures are highs of 70 degrees and lows of 45 degrees.

WHAT TO PACK

Attire for Sunday night’s Welcome Reception is comfortable, business casual. The President’s Dinner Dance on Monday evening is black tie optional. Business attire is appropriate for the Scientific Sessions and educational programs.

TIME ZONE

The Meritage Resort & Spa is in Napa, California and is on Pacific Standard Time.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have any questions or need additional information about WSA’s Annual Meeting, please call 913-402-7102 or email: events@lp-etc.com. Direct all mailed correspondence, registration form and payment to:

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REGISTER EARLY AND SAVE!



You may register by completing the attached registration form and mailing or faxing in the completed form with payment. You may also register online via the email invitation or by going to www.westernsurg.org.

Register prior to **Monday, October 5th** and SAVE \$50. Member and Physician Guest registration is \$450, if postmarked or faxed by **Monday, October 5th**. Registrations postmarked or faxed after this date will be charged an additional registration fee of \$50. Please be sure to register by **MONDAY, OCTOBER 5th** to receive the DISCOUNTED EARLY REGISTRATION FEE!

Meeting confirmations will be emailed to the email address provided on the registration form.

REGISTRATION CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellation Policy:

Registration cancellations received in writing by Monday, October 5th will be refunded, less a \$100 administrative fee. Please note that all refunds will be processed following the conference. Cancellations must be sent to: Western Surgical Association, Email: events@lp-etc.com or FAX: 913-273-1140

No Refunds will be given for cancellations received after October 5th

REGISTRATION HOURS

Attendees may pick-up their registration materials during the following hours:

Saturday, November 7	3:00pm – 6:00pm
Sunday, November 8	7:00am – 12Noon
Monday, November 9	7:00am – 5:00pm
Tuesday, November 10	7:30am – 11:30am

Please contact the WSA Headquarters with registration questions:

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