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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Technology for general surgery is constantly evolving. This course will provide an interactive and comprehensive experience focusing on management and treatment options from a general surgical perspective.

The goal of the Cleveland Clinic presents Updates in General Surgery is to provide an atmosphere to foster collaboration, innovation and sharing a cost-effective diagnostic approach for patients with complex general surgery cases involving hernia, colorectal and acute care surgery. Breast, cholecystectomy, biliary, oncological, endoscopy, and GI-related topics will also be discussed, along with a variety of topics affecting the rural/community surgeon.

We will cover what is new in enhanced recovery protocols and offer interactive sessions consisting of cases and questions and answers. American Board of Surgery (ABS) and American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) self-assessment credits will be offered. Great refresher course for ABSITE training exam.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

After completing this educational activity, the participant will be able to do the following:

- Describe the indications and contraindications for managing various cases of ventral and inguinal hernia repairs
- Discuss management strategies for biliary disease, including surgical and endoscopic therapies
- Identify management and prevention strategies for common bile duct stones, biliary injuries, and difficult cholecystectomies
- Review management of incidentalomas
- Describe management of surgical treatment of common breast pathologies
- Outline the steps involved in establishing and maintaining a rural surgery practice
- Discuss management strategies for surgical emergencies in obstetrics and pediatrics in a rural surgery setting
- Describe pros and cons of managing appendicitis with surgery versus conservatively
- Identify the algorithm for emergency surgery on a patient with intraperitoneal free air
- Outline how to manage traumatic injuries with limited resources
- Describe the principles of stabilization after traumatic injuries and transfer to higher level of care
- Identify resuscitative strategies in acute trauma patients
- Discuss evidence-based and cost-effective diagnostic approach for patients with common benign and malignant colorectal cases
- Identify emergency airway control in under resourced areas

TARGET AUDIENCE

This interactive, comprehensive event is designed for general surgeons, colorectal and specialty surgeons, fellows, residents and other medical professionals.

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Anthony DeRoss, MD

Emre Gorgun, MD, MBA

Daniel Joyce, MD

Arielle Kanters, MD

Cathleen Khandelwal, MD

Emanuele Lo Menzo, MD

David Maron, MD

Kimberly Miles, APRN

Clayton Petro, MD

Hassan Siddiki, MD

Robert Simon, MD

Anna Spivak, DO

Samuel Szomstein, MD

Luciano Tastaldi, MD

Stephanie Valente, DO

GUEST FACULTY

Kenji Inaba, MD

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“Love this conference. Walk away with usable information. Also like that it shows some stuff that I will never do (robotic lateral lymph node dissection and advanced endorectal resections) but nice to know it’s out there.”

– Comment from 2025 course attendee

AGENDA Friday, January 30, 2026

Co-Activity Director: *Scott R. Steele, MD, MBA*

SESSION 1: COLORECTAL

Morning Session

- 5:30 a.m. Breakfast / Exhibits
- 6:30 a.m. Welcome
Scott Steele
- 6:35 a.m. VIDEO SESSION

Difficult Diverticulitis–
Sigmoidectomy
David Rosen

Altemeier/ Rectopexy
Anna Spivak

Hostile Pelvis
Justin Maykel

Kono-S Anastomosis
Arielle Kanters

Attacking the Transverse Colon
David Maron

Endoluminal Surgery
Emre Gorgun

Top 10 Tips to Faciliate a Lap
Colectomy
Bradley Champagne
- 7:25 a.m. PANEL 1: When Things Go
Wrong in the OR

Stapler Stuck; Stapler Misfire
David Maron

Getting Into the Reoperative
Abdomen
Bradley Champagne

Bleeding in the Pelvis
Emre Gorgun

Difficult Rectal Stump
Arielle Kanters

Stoma Won't Reach
Anna Spivak

Left Colon Won't Reach
David Rosen

Take-Back for Left-Sided Leak
Justin Maykel

- 8:25 a.m. Break / Exhibits
- 8:40 a.m. PANEL 2: Intraop Consult

Assessing the Situation
Bradley Champagne

Carcinomatosis and SBO
Emre Gorgun

Mucinosiis in the RLQ
David Rosen

LBO
Justin Maykel

GYN: Anterior Rectal Wall Injury
Arielle Kanters

Is This Bowel Viable?
David Maron

Fourniers with Rectal Involvement
Anna Spivak
- 10 a.m. ADJOURN

Afternoon Session

- 3:15 p.m. Apres Ski Snacks / Exhibits
- 4:00 p.m. Morning Recap
Scott Steele
- 4:05 p.m. Diverticulitis Point Counterpoint–
Abx or No; Drain or No; Resect
or No
Justin Maykel vs. Anna Spivak
- 4:25 p.m. Anastomosis Point Counterpoint–
Stapled vs Handsewn
David Rosen vs. Arielle Kanters
- 4:55 p.m. Malignant Polyp: Colon
Resection vs ESD
*Bradley Champagne vs
Emre Gorgun*
- 5:15 p.m. PANEL 3: Cases / Q & A / Discussion
All Faculty
- 6:45 p.m. Closing Thoughts & Recap
Scott Steele
- 7:00 p.m. ADJOURN

AGENDA Saturday, January 31, 2026

Co-Activity Director: *Ajita Prabhu, MD*

SESSION 2: HERNIA

Morning Session

- 5:30 a.m. Breakfast / Exhibits
- 6:30 a.m. Introduction To Course
David Krpata
- 6:40 a.m. MIS Inguinal Hernia Repair –
How I Do It (video)
Clayton Petro
- 6:55 a.m. Sports Hernia – Who, What,
When, Where, Why?
David Krpata
- 7:10 a.m. Chronic Groin Pain After Inguinal
Hernia Repair – Now What?
David Krpata
- 7:25 a.m. Break / Exhibits
- 7:35 a.m. Abdominal Wall Anatomy 101:
Maximizing Planes While
Avoiding Injury
Michael Rosen
- 7:50 a.m. Umbilical Hernias – Current
Guidelines and Practical
Management
Samuel Szomstein

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Saturday, January 31, 2026 (continued)

SESSION 2: HERNIA

Co-Activity Director: Ajita Prabhu, MD

8:05 a.m.	Robotic IPOM and eTEP <i>Clayton Petro</i>	Afternoon Session
8:20 a.m.	Stoppa and Onlay – Which Patient and How? <i>Michael Rosen</i>	3:15 p.m. Apres Ski Snacks / Exhibits
8:35 a.m.	Panel Discussion <i>ALL Faculty</i>	4:00 p.m. Are We Over-Optimizing for Hernia Repair? <i>Luciano Tastaldi</i>
8:45 a.m.	Break / Exhibits	4:15 p.m. I Left The Abdomen Open – Now What? <i>Benjamin Miller</i>
8:55 a.m.	Emergency Parastomal – MIS and Open Techniques <i>Emanuele Lo Menzo</i>	4:30 p.m. Nonoperative Weight Management Strategies <i>Kimberly Miles</i>
9:10 a.m.	Emergency Paraesophageal Hernia Management <i>Ajita Prabhu</i>	4:45 p.m. Show Me the Money – How Do I Bill For Hernia Repair? <i>Emanuele Lo Menzo</i>
9:25 a.m.	MIS Paraesophageal Hernia Repair – How I Do It <i>Lucas Beffa</i>	5:00 p.m. Panel Discussion <i>All Faculty</i>
9:40 a.m.	Panel Discussion <i>All Faculty</i>	5:30 p.m. Break / Exhibits
10:00 a.m.	ADJOURN	5:45 p.m. Hernia Consult Clinic <i>Lucas Beffa</i>
		7:00 p.m. ADJOURN

“Would highly recommend. My favorite conference I’ve been to. Very relevant topics to a practicing General Surgeon.”

AGENDA Sunday, February 1, 2026

Co-Activity Director: David Rosen, MD

SESSION 3: ACUTE CARE SURGERY

Morning Session

5:30 a.m.	Breakfast / Exhibits	7:20 a.m.	Free Air But I Can’t Find The Hole! Help!!! <i>Cathy Khandelwal</i>
6:30 a.m.	Welcome <i>David Rosen</i>	7:35 a.m.	Break / Exhibits
6:35 a.m.	Necrotizing Soft Tissue Infections: Don’t Wait, Operate! <i>Cathy Khandelwal</i>	7:50 a.m.	Major Vascular Hemorrhage: A Practical Approach <i>Kenji Inaba</i>
6:50 a.m.	Perforated Duodenal Ulcer: Close or Patch? How? <i>Rob Simon</i>	8:10 a.m.	Liver Trauma: Why Does It Bleed So Much? <i>Jeff Claridge</i>
7:05 a.m.	Post-Bariatric Surgery Complications: Who is Petersen Again? <i>Jeff Claridge</i>	8:30 a.m.	Airway Emergencies <i>Kenji Inaba</i>
		8:50 a.m.	Panel Discussion / Q & A <i>All Faculty</i>
		9:15 a.m.	The Great Debate: Nonoperative vs, Operative Management of Acute Appendicitis <i>Cathy Khandelwal vs. Rob Simon</i>
		9:35 a.m.	The Great Debate: REBOA in Trauma: A Useful Adjunct or A Dangerous Weapon? <i>Kenji Inaba vs. Jeff Claridge</i>
		10:00 a.m.	ADJOURN

“I liked this conference because it’s practical and the presenters are “boots on the ground” people who all do a lot of these surgeries. Their insights and tips were helpful.”

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Sunday, February 1, 2026 (continued)

SESSION 4: RURAL SURGERY

Co-Activity Director: Benjamin Miller, MD

Afternoon Session		5:35 p.m.	Retention and Recruitment of Rural and Community Surgeons: Do I Stay or Do I Go? <i>Gary Timmerman</i>
3:15 p.m.	Apres Ski Snacks / Exhibits		
4:00 p.m.	Introduction <i>Benjamin Miller</i>	5:50 p.m.	Obstetrical Nightmares in Rural Surgery <i>Lindsey Beffa</i>
4:05 p.m.	Establishing and Building a Rural General Surgery Practice <i>Gary Timmerman</i>	6:05 p.m.	Endoscopic Management of GI Foreign Bodies: How Do I Get This Out? <i>Hassan Siddiki</i>
4:20 p.m.	Endoscopic Treatment of Upper GI Bleeds: Tips and Tricks <i>Hassan Siddiki</i>	6:20 p.m.	Pediatric Surgical Emergencies for Rural Surgeons <i>Anthony DeRoss</i>
4:35 p.m.	Rural Gynecologic Emergencies: What General Surgeons Should Know <i>Lindsey Beffa</i>	6:35 p.m.	Panel Session <i>All Faculty</i>
4:50 p.m.	Pediatric Trauma in Rural Settings: Are They Just Small Adults? <i>Anthony DeRoss</i>	6:55 p.m.	Wrap Up <i>Benjamin Miller</i>
5:05 p.m.	Panel Discussion <i>All Faculty</i>	7:00 p.m.	ADJOURN
5:20 p.m.	Break / Exhibits		

"This has always been an energizing conference, thank you so much!"

AGENDA Monday, February 2, 2026

Activity Director: David Krpata, MD

SESSION 5: GENERAL SURGERY POTPOURRI		8:05 a.m.	An Algorithmic Approach to Acute Cholecystitis: Go with the Flow? <i>Luciano Tastaldi</i>
5:30 a.m.	Breakfast / Exhibits		
6:30 a.m.	Welcome <i>David Krpata</i>	8:20 a.m.	Acute Cholecystitis in Pregnancy: What Are the Current Recommendations? <i>Lucas Beffa</i>
6:35 a.m.	Updates in Breast Cancer: Treatment Recommendations in 2026 <i>Stephanie Valente</i>	8:35 a.m.	ICG in Cholecystectomy: How, When and Why <i>Emanuele Lo Menzo</i>
6:50 a.m.	Management of the Incidentalomas Including Liver Lesions, Gallbladder Polyps, Pancreatic Cysts. What Every Practicing General Surgeon Should be Aware Of <i>Dan Joyce</i>	8:50 a.m.	Laparoscopic CBDE. Making it Feasible for the Practicing Surgeon, Tips and Tricks <i>Benjamin Miller</i>
7:05 a.m.	Optimizing Outcomes for Breast Cancer Surgery: Tips & Tricks <i>Stephanie Valente</i>	9:05 a.m.	Endoscopic Management of CBD Stones in Complex Cases <i>Hassan Siddiki</i>
7:20 a.m.	Appendiceal Carcinoma: Decision-Making for the General Surgeon <i>Dan Joyce</i>	9:20 a.m.	I Just Cut the Common Bile Duct and I'm On My Own. What Should I Do? <i>Rob Simon</i>
7:40 a.m.	Panel Discussion / Q & A <i>All Faculty</i>	9:40 a.m.	Panel Discussion / Wrap Up <i>All Faculty</i>
7:55 a.m.	Break / Exhibits	10:00 a.m.	ADJOURN

"Love family friendly nature of the conference. Love the apres ski snacks as well. Great speakers!! Thank you!"

"Best overall conference, taking everything into consideration, such as venue, content, family, friendly nature, and relaxed atmosphere."

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location

Viewline Resort Snowmass

100 Elbert Lane

Snowmass Village, CO 81615

Reservations: 970.742.0005

(Mention group name: Cleveland Clinic)

\$525 per night (Standard Room)

Room block at the above group rate is limited and will expire by December 15, 2025, or **until block is full**. Early reservations are strongly encouraged.

Register online at
ccfcme.org/UpdateGENSUR

Fee includes:

Breakfast, Afternoon snacks each conference day

Category	On or before Nov. 30, 2025	After Nov. 30, 2025
Physician	\$995	\$1,095
Non-Physician	\$595	\$695
Resident/Fellow	\$595	\$695
Corporate	\$1,695	\$1,895

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If you have any questions about the conference, contact Rita Rys at rysr@ccf.org.

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