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Conference Description

The 50th Annual Postgraduate Course in Surgery is intended to update practicing surgeons on current topics, concepts, issues and problems relative to the broad field of general surgery.

Guest faculty and MUSC faculty will conduct this course, which is sponsored by the Department of Surgery, Medical University of South Carolina.

Participants will have the opportunity to interact with the course faculty through case presentations, panel discussions and during scheduled breaks.

Credit Designation

The Medical University of South Carolina designates this live activity for a maximum of *11.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*[™]. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Nursing Credit: Most states accept CMEs that apply to specific nursing specialties as nursing continuing education. Please check with your respective State Board of Nursing to ascertain the equivalent number of contact hours offered for 11.0 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*[™].

Target Audience

This activity is designed for practicing surgeons, surgical subspecialists, residents, fellows, and advanced practice providers seeking evidence-based updates on contemporary surgical practice.

Cancellation

Refunds will be issued upon written request if received by March 16, 2026, minus a \$100 administrative fee. No refunds after this date. Full refunds will be given if the conference is canceled. Should the conference be canceled, MUSC is not responsible for travel or accommodation costs.

Objectives

At the completion of this conference, participants should be able to:

- Formulate treatment and management plans for the broad area of general surgery and in GI, endocrine and breast cancer surgery.
- Implement strategies to prevent or minimize complications.

Specific learning objectives will be included in the online agenda beginning in February 2026

Accreditation

The Medical University of South Carolina is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Disclosure

In accordance with the ACCME Essentials & Standards, anyone involved in planning or presenting at this educational activity will be required to disclose any relevant financial relationships with commercial interests in the health care industry. This information will be made available to participants at the beginning of the activity. Speakers who incorporate information about off-label or investigational use of drugs or devices will be required to disclose that information at the beginning of their presentation.

Americans with Disabilities Act

It is the policy of the Medical University of South Carolina not to discriminate against any person on the basis of disabilities. If you feel you need services or the auxiliary aids mentioned in this act in order to fully participate in this continuing medical education activity, please call the Office of CME at 843-876-1925.

SAM Offered for MOC

Self-Assessment Measurement questions will be sent at the end of each day. Attendees will have approximately two weeks to complete the assessment following the course. Once all questionnaires have been closed, participants will receive a certificate for their credit.

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Course Agenda

Thursday, April 16, 2026

- 5:00 pm Registration
- 5:30 pm Reception
- 6:30 pm Adjourn

Friday, April 17, 2026

- 6:45 - 7:20 am Transportation from The Emeline Hotel to the Medical University of South Carolina
- 7:15 am Registrations/Breakfast/Visit with Exhibitors
- 7:45 am Welcome Announcements, Prabhakar Baliga, M.D. and Kevin Roggin, M.D.
- 8:00 am Chronic Pancreatitis: Which Operation for Which Patient, and When? *Jeffrey Matthews, M.D.*
- 8:30 am Evaluation of HPB Masses, *William Hawkins, M.D.*
- 9:00 am Management of Gastric Ulcers, Masses, and Cancer, *Kevin Roggin, M.D.*
- 9:30 am Panel: Patient Case Discussion, *Kevin Roggin, M.D., Jeffrey Matthews, M.D., William Hawkins, M.D.*
- 10:00 am Break with Exhibitors
- 10:30 am Ensuring Quality in Breast Cancer, *Andrea Abbott, M.D.*
- 11:00 am Updates on the Current Management of Breast Cancer, *Alisa Blumenthaler, M.D.*
- 11:30 am Integrating Genetics into your Surgical Practice, *Kevin Hughes, M.D.*
- 12:00 pm Panel: Patient Case Discussion, *Andrea Abbot, M.D., Alisa Blumenthaler, M.D., Kevin Hughes, M.D.*
- 12:30 pm Lunch
- 1:15 pm Transportation from the Medical University of South Carolina to The Emeline Hotel
- 2:00 pm Social Events

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Course Agenda Continued.

Saturday, April 18, 2026

- 6:45 - 7:20 am Transportation from The Emeline Hotel to the Medical University of South Carolina
- 7:15 am Registrations/Breakfast/Visit with Exhibitors
- 7:45 am Welcome Announcements, Prabhakar Baliga, M.D. and Kevin Roggin, M.D.
- 8:00 am Treatment Algorithm for Abdominal Wall Reconstruction, *Mike Rosen, M.D.*
- 8:30 am Robotic Surgery in Complex Foregut & Bariatric Surgery, *Rana Pullatt, M.D.*
- 9:00 am Role of Robotic Surgery in Abdominal Wall Reconstruction, *Douglas Cassidy, M.D.*
- 9:30 am Bile Duct Injuries & Bile Duct Injuries/Simulation, *William Hawkins, M.D.*
- 10:00 am Break with Exhibitors
- 10:30 am Transitioning to Ambulatory Surgery Centers- Challenges and Solutions, *John Sonfield, M.D.*
- 11:00 am Speaker Topic TBD, *Sunil Sharma, M.D.*
- 11:30 am Pearls of Managing IBD Patients, *Thomas Curran, M.D.*
- 12:00 pm Diverticular Disease, *Maggie Westfal, M.D.*
- 12:30 pm Lunch
- 1:15 pm Transportation from the Medical University of South Carolina to The Emeline Hotel
- 2:00 pm Free Time

Sunday, April 19, 2026

- 7:15 am Registrations/Breakfast/Visit with Exhibitors
- 7:45 am Welcome Announcements, Prabhakar Baliga, M.D. and Kevin Roggin, M.D.
- 8:00 am Creating a Modern ACS Service, *Daniel Holena, M.D.*
- 8:30 am Hepatocellular Cancer/Transplant Updates, *Steven Hanish, M.D.*
- 9:00 am Pediatric Surgery, *Aaron Leshner, M.D.*
- 9:30 am Updates on Burn Management, *Steven Kahn, M.D.*
- 10:00 am Break with Exhibitors
- 10:30 am Building a ACS Robotic Service, *Bruce Crookes, M.D.*
- 11:00 am Does the Robot Have a Role in Inguinal and Umbilical Hernia Repair. *Heather Evans, M.D.*
- 11:30 am Closing Remarks

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Registration Information

The registration fees for In-person attendance only.

	Early Bird Fee (On/Before 3/2/2026)	Regular Fee (On/After 3/3/2026)
Practicing Physician	\$399	\$450
Practicing Physician Spouse	\$ 75	\$ 75
MUSC Alumni (Non-Physician)	\$300	\$350
MUSC Alumni (Non-Physician) Spouse	\$ 40	\$ 40
APP	\$200	\$250

Registration fee includes electronic course syllabus and credit processing. *Spouse registration includes reception and social events*

No pre-registrations will be accepted after Monday, April 13, 2026. After this date, you must contact the MUSC Office of CME at cmeoffice@musc.edu for availability.

REGISTRATION METHODS:

Please use ONE of these methods to register.

1. Mail registration form with check* or credit card information to:
MUSC Office of CME
96 Jonathan Lucas Street
HE601, MSC 754
Charleston, SC 29425

**Checks should be made out to "Medical University of South Carolina"*

2. Email/Scan completed registration form to cmeoffice@musc.edu
3. Complete registration through the [Online Registration Portal](#)

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The Emeline Hotel
181 Church Street
Charleston, SC 29401

Emeline is new luxury, lifestyle hotel located right in the heart of downtown Charleston, South Carolina. Nestled in the historic district among the City Market, galleries and boutiques and a convenient 20 minutes from Charleston International Airport– Emeline is an ideal locale for gatherings amidst exploration of one of America's most romantic cities and celebrated cities. Experiences at Emeline have been thoughtfully curated with the curious traveler in mind of ering contemporary touches, custom amenities, and authentic artistic elements. Special group rates start at \$385.00, plus tax, per night. A limited number of guest rooms have been reserved and are being of ered on a f rst come, f rst serve basis. The room block will be held until Monday, March 16, 2026; however the room block may be f lled prior to this date. In such a case, neither the group rate nor guest room availability can be guaranteed. Therefore, we recommend you make your reservation as soon as possible. Reser- vations can be made by calling the hotel directly at 843-459-1965 and identifying yourself as a participant in this meeting, or by following the online directions below:

Online Booking Link: [MUSC 2026 Department of Surgery Postgraduate Course](#) Online Booking Code: 261504MUSC

Parking: Valet parking at the hotel is available at \$53.00 plus tax, per day and can be added to your guest folio. In addition, self-parking is not available on property nor associated with the Hotel. Rates are subject to change with notice.