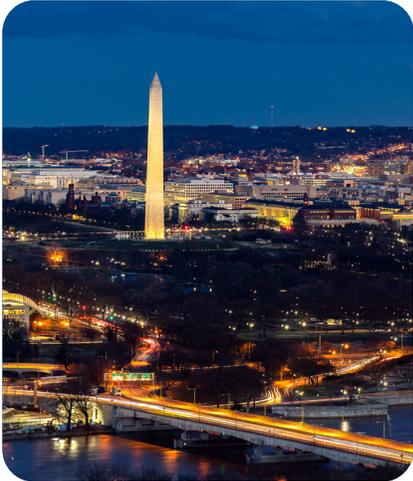


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International Colorectal Disease **Symposium 2026**

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Course description

This year's *MedStar Health International Colorectal Disease Symposium 2026* will take place in Washington, D.C., bringing one of the world's most respected colorectal educational meetings to our nation's capital.

Designed as a comprehensive exchange of the most current and impactful topics in colorectal surgery, this symposium brings together internationally recognized faculty and leading experts from around the globe. For more than three decades, this meeting has been regarded as a premier educational experience, known for its depth, rigor, and forward-thinking approach to advancing patient care. Recurring themes include multidisciplinary team care, cost-effective adoption of new technology, shared decision making, and education. Ample time has been allocated for discussion, questions, and answers. Ample time is built into the program for discussion, questions, and meaningful exchange with faculty.

Learning objectives

- Discuss new techniques and technology.
- Assess the value of multidisciplinary care.
- Evaluate complications of colorectal surgery.

Target audience

This conference is intended for colon and rectal surgeons, emergency medicine physicians, gastroenterologists, surgeon, physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, allied health professionals, and other members of the healthcare team interested in the management of colorectal disease.

Accreditation



In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by MedStar Health and the Alzheimer's Association. MedStar Health is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

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Agenda | Thursday, June 18

7:15 a.m. **Registration and Breakfast**

7:30 a.m. **Welcome Remarks**

Steven D. Wexner, MD, PhD (Hon), FACS, FRCS (Eng), FRCS(Ed), FRCSI (Hon), Hon FRCS (Glasg), Hon FRCS (Eng), MAMSE

7:40 a.m. **Introductory Remarks**

Thomas M. Fishbein, MD

SESSION I: Major Advances in Rectal Cancer Management

Moderator: Steven D. Wexner, MD, PhD (Hon), FACS, FRCS (Eng), FRCS(Ed), FRCSI (Hon), Hon FRCS (Glasg), Hon FRCS (Eng), MAMSE

7:45 a.m. **The Evolution and Revolution of Total Mesorectal Excision (TME)**

Bill Heald, CBE, MChir, FRCS, FACS

8:00 a.m. **What Happened to Transanal Total Mesorectal Excision (TaTME)?**

Patricia Sylla, MD, FACS, FASCERS

8:15 a.m. **Is Organ Preservation Replacing Surgery?**

Rodrigo O. Perez, MD, PhD

8:30 a.m. **Lateral Pelvic Node Dissection - In Whom and Why**

George Chang, MD, MS, MHCM, FACAS, FASCERS, FSSO

8:45 a.m. **The Importance of the National Accreditation Program for Rectal Cancer Multidisciplinary Team (NAPRC MDT) in Optimizing Outcomes**

Jim Fleshman, MD, FACS, FASCERS

9:00 a.m. **The Problem of Low Anterior Resection Syndrome**

Marylise Boutros, MD, FRCSC, FACS, FACRS

9:15 a.m. **Session I Panel Discussion**

Moderator: Steven D. Wexner, MD, PhD (Hon), FACS, FRCS (Eng), FRCS(Ed), FRCSI (Hon), Hon FRCS (Glasg), Hon FRCS (Eng), MAMSE

Panelists: M. Boutros, G. Chang, J. Fleshman, B. Heald, R. Perez, P. Sylla

9:45 a.m. **Break and Visit the Exhibits and View Abstract Poster Presentations**

SESSION II: Advancing Patient Outcomes Through Techniques and Technology

Moderator: Manish Chand, MBBS, BSc, FRCS, FASCERS, MBA PhD FHEA

10:30 a.m. **The Role of Laparoscopy in the World of Robotics**

William Chen, MD, FACG, AFAF

10:42 a.m. **Teaching Robotics**

Jim Khan, PhD, FCPS, FRCS

10:54 a.m. **Democratizing Colorectal Surgery Through Telesurgery**

Venky Munikrishnan, MD, MRCS, FRCS, CCT

11:06 a.m. **Regenerative Medicine in Colorectal Surgery**

Art Hiranyakas MD, PhD, FACS, FASCERS, FRCST, FSCRST (Hon.), FRCFPT, FICS

11:18 a.m. **Future Applications of Fluorescence Imaging**

Raul Rosenthal, MD

11:30 a.m. **Cost Effective Sacral Neuromodulation**

Lucia Oliveira, MD, PhD, FASCERS (Hon)

11:42 a.m. **Using Registries to Improve Outcomes**

Mark Slack, MD

11:54 a.m. **Session II Panel Discussion**

Moderator: Manish Chand, MBBS, BSc, FRCS, FASCERS, MBA PhD FHEA

Panelists: W. Chen, A. Hiranyakas, J. Khan, V. Munikrishnan, L. Oliveira, R. Rosenthal, M. Slack, MD

12:30 p.m. **Lunch and Visit the Exhibits**

SESSION III: The Future of Surgery

Moderator: Marylise Boutros, MD, FRCSC, FACS, FACRS

1:30 p.m. **The Globalization of Surgical Education**

Antonio M. de Lacy, MD, PhD, FACS, FASCERS

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1:42 p.m. **Artificial Intelligence (AI) for the Surgeon**
Julio Mayol, MD, PhD

1:54 p.m. **Understanding Surgical Literature in the Age of AI**
Abraham Fingerhut, MD, FACS, FRCPs, FRCS

2:06 p.m. **Future Tools for the Surgeon**
Manish Chand, MBBS, BSc, FRCS, FASCERS, MBA PhD FHEA

2:18 p.m. **Adopting and Implementing Enhanced Recovery After Surgery Protocols**
Mary Brindle, MD, FRCS, FACS, FACRS

2:30 p.m. **Introducing Quality Assurance Programs in Limited Resource Environments**
Nicolas Avellaneda, MD, PhD, MSc, FACS

2:42 p.m. **Sustainable High Impact Teaching in Low Resource Environments**
Constantinos Mavrantonis, MD, PhD, FACS

2:56 p.m. **Session III Panel Discussion**
Moderator: Marylise Boutros, MD, FRCS, FACS, FACRS
Panelists: N. Avellaneda, M. Brindle, M. Chand, A. de Lacy, C. Mavrantonis, J. Mayol

3:41 p.m. **Break and Visit the Exhibits and View Abstract Poster Presentations**

SESSION IV: Advanced Colorectal Cancer: Challenges and Solutions
George Chang, MD, MS, MHCM, FACS, FASCERS, FSSO (Moderator)

4:27 p.m. **The Status of Hyperthermic Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy (HIPEC)**
Paul H. Sugarbaker, MD, FACS, FRCS

4:41 p.m. **Pressurized Intraperitoneal Aerosolized Chemotherapy PIPAC**
Delia Cortés-Guiral, MD, PhD, FACS, ECPsO

4:56 p.m. **Managing Liver Metastases**
Timothy Kennedy, MD, MBA

5:11 p.m. **Synchronized Weight-Loss Management in Colorectal Cancer Care**
Elisabeth (Lisa) C. McLemore, MD, FACS, FASCERS

5:26 p.m. **Inherited Colorectal Cancer Syndromes**
Gabriela Moeslein-Wagner, MD

5:41 p.m. **Early-Onset Colorectal: Shifting Detection Guidelines and Microbiome Insights for the Colorectal Surgeon**
Carlos Vaccaro, MD, PhD, MAAC, MSCC (Hon), MSPC (Hon)

5:56 p.m. **Considerations for Safe Success Surgery for Recurrent Rectal Cancer**
Nicolas A. Rothholz, MD

6:11 p.m. **Session IV: Panel Discussion**
Moderator: G. Chang, MD, MS, MHCM, FACS, FASCERS, FSSO
Panelists: D. Cortés-Guiral, T. Kennedy, E. McLemore, G. Moeslein-Wagner, N. Rothholz, P. Sugarbaker, C. Vaccaro

6:41 p.m. **Closing Remarks**
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6:46 p.m. **Welcome Reception with Exhibitors**



After an engaging day of general session lectures, join us for a welcome reception with our exhibitors to mingle, network, and discover what's new.

Agenda | Friday, June 19

7:00 a.m. **Registration and Breakfast and Visit the Exhibits**

7:30 a.m. **Welcome Remarks**
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SESSION V: New Frontiers in the Management of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD)
Moderator: Andre D'Hoore, MD, PhD

7:35 a.m. **Medical Management of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD)**
Jasmine B. Barrow, MD

7:50 a.m. **The Challenges of Perianal Crohn's Disease**
Najjia Mahmoud, MD

8:05 a.m. **Does the Type of Strictureplasty Matter?**
Antonio Spinelli, FEBS (Colo), FASCRS (Hon), DSCRS (Hon), CBCD (Hon), CSS (Hon)

8:20 a.m. **Mastering Reoperative J-Pouch Surgery**
Feza H. Remzi, MD, FACS, FTSS (Hon)

8:35 a.m. **The Role of the Continent Ileostomy**
Sherief Shawki, MD, MB, B.CH

8:50 a.m. **Small Bowel Transplant in Crohn's Disease**
Cal S. Matsumoto, MD

9:05 a.m. **Session V Panel Discussion**
Moderator: Andre D'Hoore, MD, PhD
Panelists: J. Barrow, N. Mahmoud, C. Matsumoto, F. Remzi, S. Shawki, A. Spinelli

9:35 a.m. **Break and Visit the Exhibits and View Abstract Poster Presentations**

SESSION VI: Masterclass in Advanced Techniques
Moderator: Patricia Sylla, MD, FACS, FASCRS

10:20 a.m. **Advanced Interventional Colonoscopy**
Nadim G. Haddad, MD

10:35 a.m. **Gracilis Interposition**
Zoe Garoufalia, MD, PhD

10:50 a.m. **The Fusion of Endoscopic and Laparoscopic Surgery**
Michael Li Ka Wah, MBBS, FRCS, FRCSEd, FCSHK, FHKAM

11:05 a.m. **Video-Based Surgical Education**
Joep Knol, MD, PhD

11:20 a.m. **Treatment of Fecal Incontinence: What Else Can We Add Besides Sacral Neuromodulation?**
Guillermo Rosato, MD

11:35 a.m. **New Improved Anastomotic Techniques**
Eric Haas, MD, FACC, FASCRS

11:50 a.m. **Session VI: Panel Discussion**
Moderator: Patricia Sylla, MD, FACS, FASCRS
Panelists: Z. Garoufalia, E. Haas, N. Haddad, J. Knol, M. Li Ka Wah, G. Rosato

12:20 p.m. **Lunch and Visit the Exhibits**

SESSION VII: Surgery is an Art and a Science
Moderator: Najjia N. Mahmoud, MD

1:20 p.m. **The Essentials of Conflict Resolution**
Mariana E. Berho, MD

1:35 p.m. **Surgical Mental Conditioning**
Mark Soliman, MD, FACS, FASCRS

1:50 p.m. **Patient Measuring Outcomes to Monitor our Results**
Dana Hayden, MD, MPH

2:05 p.m. **Surgeon Well-Being**
Brooke Gurland MD, FASCRS, FACS

2:20 p.m. **Surgical Coaching**
Sharon L. Stein, MD, FACS, FASCRS

2:35 p.m. **Transitioning from Mentee to Mentor**
Paula Ferrada, MD, FACS, FCCM, MAMSE

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- 2:50 p.m.** **Session VII: Panel Discussion**
Moderator: Najjia Mahmoud, MD
Panelists: M. Berho, P. Ferrada, B. Gurland, D. Hayden, M. Soliman, S. Stein
- 3:20 p.m.** **Break and Visit the Exhibits and View Abstract Poster Presentations**
- SESSION VIII: The Experts Share Their Secrets for Success**
Moderator: Sharon L. Stein, MD, FACS, FASCRS
- 4:06 p.m.** **Advanced Trans-Anal Surgical Skills**
I. Emre Gorgun, MD, MBA
- 4:17 p.m.** **The Burden of Adhesions**
Oded Zmora, MD, FACS, FASCRS
- 4:29pm** **Optimizing Outcomes of Rectal Prolapse Surgery**
Andre D'Hoore, MD, PhD
- 4:41 p.m.** **Modern Management of Diverticulitis**
Deborah S. Keller, MD, MS
- 4:53 p.m.** **Special Considerations in the Geriatric Patient**
Isacco Montroni, MD, PhD
- 5:05 p.m.** **The Vexing Problem of Complex Anal Fistula: Balancing Continence with Cure**
Virginia O. Shaffer, MD
- 5:17 p.m.** **Management of Stapling Misadventures in Colorectal Surgery**
Sameh Hany Emile Rizkalla, MD, MBBCH, MSc, FACS
- 5:29 p.m.** **Session VIII: Panel Discussion**
Moderator: Sharon L. Stein, MD, FACS, FASCRS
Panelists: A. D'Hoore, I.E. Gorgun, D. Keller, I. Montroni, V. Shaffer, O. Zmora
- 6:06 p.m.** **Closing Remarks**
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- 6:10 p.m.** **Conference Adjourn**

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We are pleased to announce the call for abstracts for the *International Colorectal Disease Symposium 2026*. **Select abstracts may be chosen for Quick Shot (Rapid Fire) oral presentations during scheduled coffee breaks. Top three abstracts will be awarded complimentary registration to the conference.**

Abstracts will be reviewed and selected on the basis of their scientific merit and content quality. Submitted abstracts meeting eligibility requirements will be considered for presentation during the symposium, June 18 to 19, 2026, in Washington, D.C.

We invite you to participate by submitting a 250-word abstract of original research in the field of colorectal surgery on one of these topics:

- Benign Abdominal
- Benign Anorectal
- Malignant Diseases
- Pelvic Floor
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- Basic Science
- New Technology

Abstracts that have been submitted to other meetings are eligible for submission, provided they have not been published.

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Advance patient care: Your research could directly influence clinical approaches, patient outcomes, and multidisciplinary care models.

For more information and to submit your abstract, visit [MedStarHealth.org/ColorectalDiseaseSymposium2026](https://www.MedStarHealth.org/ColorectalDiseaseSymposium2026)

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