CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS
April 26-28, 2018
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In today's world of mega-data and the information age, one is led to believe that from information alone, truth necessarily follows. The protocols, algorithms, and critical pathways of medicine are no longer simply guidelines to help clinicians provide quality care, but have themselves become an end; the end unfortunately against we are judged in terms of quality with little tolerance for clinical judgment. Medical societies are complacent and have shifted their paradigms from opportunities for colleagues to share experiences and wisdom, to corporations with a bottom line that “sell” their members educational “products” and “competencies”. President Dwight Eisenhower in his farewell address in 1961 warned against the emerging military-industrial complex; we as physicians have experienced the emergence of an equally onerous medical-educational-regulatory complex.

The United States Section of the International College of Surgeons prides itself on the value of direct communication between practitioners of the craft of surgery. Our 80th Annual Surgical Update is an opportunity to celebrate the passage of wisdom between the generations and share the benefit of that knowledge with our patients.

We thus cordially invite you, your colleagues, and trainees to attend our 80th Annual Surgical Update in Chicago from April 26-28, 2018. It is an opportunity to return home to the founding place and principles of the College. We solicit from our section members and our international colleagues, not a recitation of arcane facts and reams of manipulated data, but rather the wisdom they have gained from their clinical practice of the craft of surgery. There is a glimmer of hope in that organized educators have begun to recognize the value of transmission of wisdom to trainees by encouraging attending surgeons to review “teachable moments” after an operative case with a resident. So too, we can learn from the greatest successes and the dismal failures of ourselves and our colleagues. This meeting is a forum for attendees to bring their experiences to an open forum for discussion and critique. We have invited our international colleagues to join us so we can think outside of the box and learn from the surgical wisdom that exists across the globe. Please consider contributing your knowledge and wisdom to this gathering of dedicated surgeons.
INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION
Submission Deadline October 1, 2017

All presentation proposals must be submitted through the ICS US Section website www.ficsonline.org/cfp. This link also contains valuable information such as additional Speaker/Faculty Guidelines, Financial Disclosure information and a FAQ on conflict of interest.

Only content that has been properly submitted electronically through this website will be considered for inclusion in the program. Submission is open to ICS members as well as non-members. We encourage ICS Fellows to share this information with your non-member colleagues. Please note that all those submitting a proposal are expected to pay appropriate registration fees if your presentation proposal is accepted.

After October 1, 2017 the submission site will be closed and you will no longer be able to submit.

Submitted presentations should: be original, contain evidence that information is data-driven and address the latest in clinical surgical applications. Proprietary names of drugs and or instrumentation are not allowed, generic names must be used.

ALL content authors are required to disclose any financial relationship(s) with an ACCME-defined commercial interest ("industry") at the time of submission. According to the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), “A commercial interest is considered any entity producing, marketing, reselling, or distributing health care goods or services consumed by, or used on, patients.” Please refer to links on the ICS-US presentation submission page www.ficsonline.org/cfp for a full definition and a list of all exceptions. For example, for-profit hospitals, group-practices, government organizations, etc., are not considered ACCME-defined commercial interests. However, surgical device companies and pharmaceutical companies are commercial interests. Submissions will NOT be accepted from content authors who are employees or owners of a commercial interest.

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W CHICAGO LAKESHORE
644 North Lake Shore Drive

Meeting Rate: $229/night Single or Double

Located on the shores of Lake Michigan, just steps from the beach and Michigan Avenue; this luxury hotel has always been one of the hottest gathering spots in Chicago. Here urban energy collides with a glamorous escape; tall shadows of the looming skyline cascade onto the glittering waters of Lake Michigan, reflecting and revealing layers of the city's architectural ingenuity. The W motto is “Whatever-Whenever” service. Whether you are looking for private viewing of the Navy Pier fireworks, exclusive tickets to the Museum of Contemporary Art, a specially packed picnic for Grant Park packed by the Executive Chef or a personal shopper to take you down the grand streets of the Magnificent Mile, the W is ready to bring whatever you want, whenever you want it to life. With Whatever/Whenever as their service pillar, they are committed to making your experience at the W Chicago Lakeshore exclusively yours. Fees vary by service requested. Contact the hotel for details.

The overall goal of the 80th Annual Surgical Update is to enhance technique, to improve surgical knowledge, foster continued training and advance patient care. In particular, this conference aims to improve the attendee’s Performance, Competence, Knowledge and Patient Outcomes.

As a result of needs assessment surveys and extensive research by the planning committee; a number of topics have been identified that address the professional practice gaps of meeting attendees (visit www.ficsonline.org to see this list of topics). You are invited to submit a presentation proposal that fits into one or more of these topic areas. In addition, a number of proposed presentations that fall outside the identified topics may be accepted for inclusion in general plenary sessions.

This activity plans to present both multidisciplinary and specialty specific treatment options as well as other selected surgical and non-surgical topics that address professional practice gaps as determined by the Planning Committee and invited faculty.
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR: APRIL 26-28

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