



**82<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL  
SURGICAL  
UPDATE**

**GLOBAL AND RURAL SURGERY:  
TWO SIDES OF THE SAME COIN**



**JUNE 24-26, 2021  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA**

# CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

Join your colleagues from the United States Section as well as from all over the world as we gather for the 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Surgical Update at the InterContinental Airport Hotel, in Minneapolis. Our beautiful hotel, will provide an absolutely convenient meeting location that's connected to the airport via a walkway, or complimentary shuttle bus. Our meeting destination will provide the perfect setting for not only an engaging CME activity, but also an opportunity to visit Minnesota, "The Star of the North" where the Mall of America is only a short shuttle ride away.

Under the direction of our 2020 CME Chair, Dr. Thav Thambi-Pillai, this conference will be dedicated to the current needs of attendees and enhance your practice through improved Performance, Competence, Knowledge and Patient Outcomes. The particular topics presented will focus on providing unique and stimulating continuing medical education for the general surgeon and subspecialty surgeons.

This activity will present both multidisciplinary and specialty specific treatment options, many of which will be related to our theme **Global and Rural Surgery: Two Sides of the Same Coin**. Planned topics include updates on recent advances in surgical techniques, medical knowledge and training as well as other selected surgical and non-surgical topics that address professional practice gaps as determined by the Planning Committee.

The overall goal of this conference will be to enhance surgical knowledge, foster continued training and ultimately advance patient care. 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. In addition, ICS Fellows and other interested surgeons and surgical specialists are encouraged to submit a presentation proposal that may be of interest to meeting attendees. To see a list of topics that have been identified as being of interest, visit [FICS Online](#).

Sessions related to the following topics are being considered by the Planning Committee at this time:

Global Surgery and Surgical Mission Work	Providing Subspecialty Surgical Care to a Rural Population and in Developing Countries
Management of Trauma in Critical Access Hospitals	Influence of Technology in Surgery and Outcomes
Emergency General Surgery In Rural Hospitals	Mitigating Surgeon Burnout
Providing Critical Care in Community Hospitals	Improving Physician Wellness
Endoscopy for General Surgeons	Training of Rural General Surgeons
Robotic Surgery in Global and Rural settings	
Rural Surgery	

Proposed presentations that fall outside these identified topics will be considered by the Planning Committee.



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# INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION

All presentation proposals must be submitted through the ICS US Section website [www.ficsonline.org/cfp](http://www.ficsonline.org/cfp). This link also contains valuable information such as additional Speaker/Faculty Guidelines, Financial Disclosure information and a list of FAQs regarding conflicts of interest.

Only content that has been properly submitted electronically through our website; FICS Online 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.

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.

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## COVID-19 AND THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Covid-19 pandemic is currently the first thing on everyone's mind. While we do not know what the world will look like in June of 2021, our goal is the safety and health of all participants. With that in mind, please be assured of two things:

1. There **WILL** be an ICS-US Section 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Surgical Update in 2021!
2. We can't guarantee what form this meeting will take.

As much as we hope to resume our normal live meeting format with everyone coming together to share their experience and expertise in live sessions. This may not be the safest option; only time will tell. Therefore, we are also preparing for an event that may be partially or even entirely virtual. The key to a successful meeting this year will be flexibility. Please be sure to read our updates as they are published in the coming months and posted to our website; [www.ficsonline.org](http://www.ficsonline.org).

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