Conversations in Surgery:
Integrating New Technologies and Approaches to Care

A Multidisciplinary Forum of the Mayo Clinic Women’s Surgical Society

March 13-15, 2009
The Westin La Paloma Resort and Spa
Tucson, AZ

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COURSE DESCRIPTION
Join us for spring in the high desert at this groundbreaking conference, designed to create conversations that improve patient outcomes in surgical care. This unique, three-day interactive program will unite surgical care topics across subspecialties and disciplines. Experts will present new techniques and technological advances, allowing for a cross-fertilization of ideas that universally apply across surgical subspecialties. The program will also feature current controversies, common best practices, new innovations, and measures of quality and effectiveness.

The faculty consists of experts in the following fields:
- Anesthesia – Emergency & Critical Care
- Emergency Medicine
- Gastrointestinal Surgery
- General Surgery
- Gynecologic Surgery
- Colon & Rectal Surgery
- Interventional Radiology
- Oncology
- Otorhinolaryngology
- Orthopedic Surgery
- Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery
- Transplant Surgery
- Urologic Surgery
- Vascular Surgery

COURSE TOPICS
New Technologies, Techniques and Materials:
- Minimally Invasive Surgery
- Natural Orifice Surgery
- Robotic Surgical Technologies
- Simulators

Special Surgical Populations
- Octogenarians
- Pediatrics / Adolescents

Gender Differences in Surgical Outcomes

Surgical Education

National Quality Mandates

Women’s Health Issues

COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES
Upon conclusion of this program, participants should be able to:
1. Articulate the similarities as well as differences in approaches to patient care between the surgical specialties.
2. Identify the practice gaps between medical and graduate medical education and current surgical practice.
3. Recognize challenges of the national quality mandate.
4. Integrate new technology - including laparoscopic, robotic, minimally invasive, and new materials into the broader surgical subspecialties.
6. Define new approaches to surgical education.

Attendance at this Mayo course does not indicate nor guarantee competence or proficiency in the performance of any procedures which may be discussed or taught in this course.

INTENDED AUDIENCE
This course is designed for surgeons from all subspecialties, as well as practitioners who refer patients for surgical procedures.

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College of Medicine, Mayo Clinic, is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

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LOCATION

Conversations in Surgery: Integrating New Technologies and Approaches to Care will be held March 13 – 15, 2009 at the beautiful Westin LaPaloma Resort & Spa in Tucson, Arizona. Voted one of Conde Nast Traveler’s Top North American Resorts, you will experience the finest in southwestern hospitality during your stay. A unique blend of rich history, distinct culture and Old World tradition combine to give Tucson, Arizona a dynamic spirit. For more information on the Westin LaPaloma and surrounding Sonoran Desert, visit their website at http://westin.com/lapaloma

A special conference room rate of $269 single/double has been established for this course. To make your reservation, phone 1-520-742-6000 and indicate that you are with the Mayo Clinic Conversations in Surgery course. The discounted conference rate will be offered from Tuesday, March 10 – Wednesday, March 18, 2009.

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TRAVEL

The Tucson International Airport is located just 30 - 40 minutes and about 18 miles from the Resort. Tucson International Airport provides nonstop service to 18 cities and connections to more than 121 destinations. Local transportation arrangements can be made through Foothills Sedan Transportation. Visit AirTucson.com for important flight and service information.

Mayo Clinic’s appointed travel company, Carlson Wagonlit Travel, is available to assist with your travel arrangements. To make your reservation, phone Carlson Wagonlit Travel toll-free at 1-866-629-6885, then choose prompt #3 for Group/Meeting Reservations, then choose prompt #1 as a “traveler attending a meeting.” Please reference the Mayo Clinic Conversations in Surgery course when making your reservation. Service fees may apply.

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REGISTRATION

To register online, http://www.mayo.edu/cme/surgical-specialties.html or complete the attached registration form and return by mail or fax. The registration fee includes tuition, electronic course syllabus, breakfasts, break refreshments, lunches, and the conference welcome reception. Although it is not Mayo School of CME policy to limit the number of registrants for a course, conference room facilities may necessitate closing of enrollment; therefore, early registration is advised. A letter of confirmation will be sent upon receipt of payment and completed registration form. Please present the confirmation letter when checking in at the meeting registration desk.

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