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Zoom Webinar

How to Prepare for the Next Crisis – Lessons Learned from the Past and Present

Moderators:

Robert S. D. Higgins, MD, MSHA, FACS, SSC President 2020, The William Stewart Halsted Professor, Director and Surgeon-in-Chief, Department of Surgery, Johns Hopkins Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland

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Panelists:

Mary T. Hawn, MD, FACS, Professor and Chair, Department of Surgery, Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, California

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Fabrizio Michelassi, MD, FACS, Lewis Atterbury Stimson Professor and Chair, Department of Surgery, Weill Cornell Medicine, Surgeon-in-Chief, New York Presbyterian Hospital at WCM, New York, New York

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Mary T. Hawn, MD, FACS, Professor and Chair, Department of Surgery, Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, California

Dr. Mary T. Hawn is the Emile Holman Professor of Surgery and Chair of the Department of Surgery at Stanford University. Dr. Hawn, a native of Michigan, received her education and general surgical training at the University of Michigan. She completed her minimally invasive surgical fellowship at Oregon Health and Sciences University. In addition, she earned her Masters in Public Health from the University of Michigan and a Certificate in Healthcare Quality and Safety from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Her clinical area of specialty is minimally invasive foregut surgery and the treatment of gastroesophageal reflux disease and achalasia. Dr. Hawn has extensive research in surgical quality measurement and national policy affecting surgical populations. Her work has changed guidelines for noncardiac surgery in patients with coronary stents and also informed policy about national surgical quality measurement. Dr. Hawn serves as a Director of the American Board of Surgery and on the Board of Stanford Healthcare. She serves on the editorial board of the *Annals of Surgery* and the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons* and is the co-Editor of the surgical textbook *Operative Techniques in Surgery*. Dr. Hawn has several additional national leadership roles including Secretary of the American Surgical Association, District Representative for the Western Surgical Association, Treasurer for James IV Society and Chair of the Membership Committee for the Halsted Society.



Susan M. Marx, MBA, PMP, CPC, AASA Vice President 2020, Director, Finance and Administration, Department of Surgery, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington

Susan M. Marx, MBA, PMP, CPC is the Director of Finance and Administration for the Department of Surgery at the University of Washington School of Medicine. She has held the role of Director since August 2012 and on staff with the Department since 2008. She also notably led both the Department of Surgery and the Department of Anesthesiology & Pain Medicine at the University of Washington for a period of five years, from 2014 – 2019.

Susan received a BA from the University of Notre Dame, and an MBA from the Foster School of Business at the University of Washington. An active member of the AASA since 2010, Susan has held previous board positions as Western Regional Representative, Education Committee Chair, Secretary and now Vice President.



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Fabrizio Michelassi, M.D, F.A.C.S., E.S.A. (Hon.), S.I.C. (Hon.), S.A.C.P.N.E. (Hon.) is the Lewis Atterbury Stimson Professor of Surgery and Chairman of Surgery at Weill Cornell Medicine and Surgeon-in-Chief at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center. A world-renowned gastrointestinal surgeon with a strong expertise in the surgical treatment of gastrointestinal and pancreatic cancers as well as inflammatory bowel disease, Dr. Michelassi has contributed new insight in the surgical treatment of pancreatic and colorectal cancers, ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease through research and participation to multiple clinical trials. His experience and expertise in treating Crohn's disease led him to develop a novel bowel-sparing procedure, now known as the *Michelassi strictureplasty*, designed to avoid sacrificing large amounts of bowel at the time of surgery and facilitating quiescence of the acute disease affecting the diseased intestinal loops.

A prolific author of more than 330 papers, book chapters and abstracts, he has edited a book on "*Operative strategies in inflammatory bowel disease*" and has been invited to be a visiting professor, deliver keynote lectures and named lectures at more than 400 national and international institutions. A recognized leader in the gastrointestinal surgical field, Dr. Michelassi has been appointed to many international and national task forces and panels. A member of more than 50 professional societies, Dr. Michelassi was elected to leadership positions in many of them and has served as President in seven of them: the Society for the Surgery of the Alimentary Tract, the Society of Surgical Oncology, the Society of Surgical Chairs, the Western Surgical Society, the Central Surgical Association, the Illinois Surgical Society and the New York Surgical Society. Dr. Michelassi is a Regent of the American College of Surgeons and an Honorary Member of the European Surgical Association.



Redonda G. Miller, MD, MBA, President, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland

Dr. Redonda Miller is president of The Johns Hopkins Hospital, a 1,100-bed academic medical center with a dual mission of innovation and community care. A physician by training, Dr. Miller continues to advance the hospital's focus on innovation in care; enhancing quality, safety, and the patient experience; and improving the overall health of all populations. During her tenure as president, The Johns Hopkins Hospital has been consistently recognized for extraordinary care, maintaining its rank among the top three hospitals in the nation on the U.S. News & World Report Honor Roll and earning both its fourth consecutive Magnet designation for nursing excellence and gold certification in person-centered care from Planetree International.

Dr. Miller is active in several community and professional organizations, and currently serves on the boards of Calvert School, Gilchrist, and Turnaround Tuesday. Her many honors include being named one of the top 25 women leaders in health care in 2019 by Modern Healthcare magazine and among 100 great leaders in health care by Becker's Hospital Review.



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As the Department of Surgery Administrative Director at the University of Minnesota, Sherri Novitsky, MMA, MA is the administrative dyad partner to the Department Chair, Sayeed Ikramuddin, MD, MHA. The Department of Surgery is comprised of eleven surgical specialties and seven research institutes where 81 residents and fellows receive training to become the next generation of surgeon-scientists.

Sherri started her career with the Health One Corporation during the mid-1980's providing guidance to automate the manual collection of records and data in support of the forensic psychology practice at the Metropolitan Medical Center. From there she worked in a variety administrative and finance positions with a number of regional healthcare groups including the position of Chief Administrative Officer for the Metropolitan Rehabilitation Services. She joined the University of Minnesota in 2013 upon completion of a Master's Degree in Higher Education Administration.