

Hello AFS Members!

Welcome to the July edition of our newsletter. We've got a lot of exciting news to share with you this month. From the latest advancements in foregut disease management to details about upcoming events, including our Annual Meeting in September, there's plenty to look forward to. Stay tuned for deadlines and dates, upcoming events, and important announcements to keep you in the loop.

**LAST DAY FOR EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION!**  
Don't forget today is the last day to submit for FAFS, AFS Awards, and Research Grant.

Happy reading!

Important Dates

**TODAY!** - FAFS  
**TODAY!** - AFS Awards  
**TODAY!** - Research Grant  
**TODAY!** - Last day for Early Bird Registration  
**July 24** - Barrett's Esophagus Webinar

## INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT

**Johnson & Johnson  
MedTech**

**LINX™**  
Reflux Management System



Exciting News! The U.S. FDA has approved a [labeling update](#) regarding the use of the LINX™ Reflux Management System to treat the symptoms of gastroesophageal reflux disease in patients with Barrett's esophagus (BE). The decision was supported by a 2021 study demonstrating safety and efficacy of the LINX™ device in managing GERD symptoms in patients with BE.

For additional information about the LINX™ Reflux Management System, contact your local Ethicon sales representative and visit the link below.

1 Dunn CP, Henning JC, Sterris JA, et al. Regression of Barrett's esophagus after magnetic sphincter augmentation: intermediate-term results. *Surg Endosc.* 2021;35(10):5804-5809

[Learn more about LINX™](#)

## Barrett's Esophagus Webinar

Virtual Education Webinar Series

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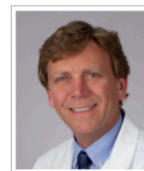
Barrett's Esophagus: The GERD to EAC Continuum

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Update in novel innovation for screening, surveillance, and treatment for BE and early EAC
- Understand the role of mechanical reflux in the development of BE and BE-related neoplasia, in BE refractory to EET and recurrence after EET
- Share LINX FDA approval for treating GERD in BE patients



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Wednesday  
July 24, 2024  
8 pm ET  
7 pm CT  
6 pm MT  
5 pm PT

Join us on July 24th for our Virtual Education Webinar Series!

This session will cover "Barrett's Esophagus: The GERD to EAC Continuum" and will take place at 8pm ET, 7pm CT, 6pm MT, and 5pm PT.

We want to give a special shoutout to Ethicon for sponsoring this informative event!

[Register on the EndoscopyNow App](#)

[Register on Zoom](#)

## Spotlight on Our Members!

Submit Your Speaking Engagement Photos!

We want to showcase our members on AFS social media. Share your photos for a chance to be featured! We're looking for:

- Photos from speaking engagements focused on foregut topics.
- Shots from networking events centered around foregut discussions.

Send in your pictures and let's celebrate your contributions together!

[Submit your photos HERE](#)

## AFS 2024 Sneak Peek

**COURSE**

### Where's the Opportunity for Improvement in foregut surgery?

John Lipham, M.D.  
Peter Kahrilas, M.D.  
and more!

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**  
12:45 - 3:00 PM

Featured Course: Where's the Opportunity for Improvement in Foregut Surgery?

Get an exclusive preview of this month's featured AFS 2024 course, packed with insights from leading experts John Lipham and Peter Kahrilas.

- Recurrent GERD Symptoms
- Endoscopy Slide Show
- Normal Post-ARS Slide Show | *Brant Oeschlager*
- Abnormal Post-ARS Slide Show | *Stephanie Worrell*
- Dysphagia
- Abnormal Post-ARS Physiology | *Dusty Carlson*
- Post-ARS Dysphagia: What are the options? | *Mike Ujiki*
- Unresolved/Unhappy with Results or Side Effects | *Peter Kahrilas, Christy Dunst*
- Gastroint: CBT, SIBO, IBS | *John Pandolfino*

The AFS 2024 Annual Meeting will take place September 26-29 at the Gaylord Rockies, CO.

**Today is the last day to take advantage of Early Bird Registration, don't miss out!**

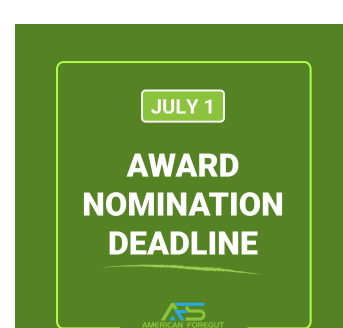
[REGISTER TODAY](#)

## LAST CALL FOR ALL SUBMISSIONS FAFS, Award Nominations, and Research Grant



Fellow of the American Foregut Society (FAFS)

Submit your nomination for the title of Fellow of the American Foregut Society (FAFS). This honor recognizes members' commitment to excellence and their achievements in foregut disorders. All nominations must be submitted by **Today - July 1**. For more details click [HERE!](#)



Nominate a Peer for the AFS Awards

Recognize excellence in our community by nominating a colleague for an AFS award. Categories range from early career achievements to lifetime contributions, acknowledging the outstanding members among us. Awardees will be honored at the awards ceremony during the Annual Meeting. Submit nominations [HERE](#) by **Today - July 1st!**



Research Grant

The AFS Research Committee is excited to announce the AFS Research Grant, offering \$10,000 to support pioneering research in foregut disease. This grant is open to any young principal investigator who are within five years of completing their training and are current AFS members, aiming to foster advancements in the diagnosis and treatment of foregut conditions. Apply by **Today - July 1** [HERE!](#)

## Robotics Mentorship Program

Registration open soon!

We are thrilled to introduce our Robotics Mentorship Program, designed for surgeons with moderate foregut experience and some familiarity with DaVinci robotics. This six-month curriculum, led by dedicated AFS mentors, aims to develop your expertise in robotic foregut surgery through in-person and remote case observations, proctoring, and advanced courses.

Throughout the program, participants will build professional relationships and share their learning. For details on the program, click the link below.

[DETAILS AND APPLICATION](#)

## Foregut Friday

Join the Conversation on DocMatter!

Each week, we pose a thought-provoking question on AFS social media and invite experts to weigh in and discuss on DocMatter. Here's a look at our most recent question:

**FOREGUT FRIDAY**

*To effectively communicate with colleagues, understanding nomenclature is essential.*

*How do you refer to the landmarks identified by the numbers in the attached photo of the GEJ when communicating with GI or Surgeons?*

**To view the entire question and collaborate, visit our community on DocMatter!**

We encourage all members to join us on DocMatter to share your insights, engage in discussions, and collaborate on the latest topics in foregut disease management. Your expertise can help shape the future of our field!

## Now Live!

The AFS Member Portal

We are excited to announce that the AFS Member Portal is now live!

This portal is your go-to resource hub, housing everything you need as an AFS member in one convenient location.

The portal features:

- Previous webinar recordings
- Meeting talk recordings and PDFs
- Important AFS documents
- Podcasts
- Publications

Click the link below to explore all the benefits the AFS Member Portal offers!

[Take me to the AFS Member Portal!](#)

Thanks for staying connected with us! We're excited to see you at our upcoming events and hear your thoughts on the latest in foregut disease management. We hope everyone has a fun and safe 4th, take care and keep making strides in our field.

Until Next Time!



Get a **FREE** Membership with the AFS Membership Grant!

The AFS Foundation will give a limited number of grants each year to cover AFS membership fee for trainees. Apply [HERE!](#)

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