

Happy New Year from the American Foregut Society! 🎉

As we step into 2025, we're excited to continue supporting you with learning opportunities, member benefits, and ways to engage with the AFS community. Whether you've renewed your membership or are joining us for the first time we are excited to bring you hands-on training, exclusive resources, and the latest news and insights in all things foregut.

Important Dates:

- **Hands on Endobariatric Course 2025:** February 28 - March 1, 2025
- **Save the Date AFS 2025:** Gaylord Texan September 10 - 14, 2025

A Warm Welcome to Ewald

We are excited to welcome Ewald as our association management company. Ewald brings a wealth of experience in supporting professional organizations, and we're looking forward to working together to grow our community and create even more meaningful opportunities for our members. Kate Freeman will transition her role to Chief Professional Officer- more to come on that. Join us in giving Ewald a warm welcome!

Hands-on Endobariatric Course!

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

FEBRUARY 28 – MARCH 1, 2025



Over 12 hours of hands on
experience with the leading
experts in the country

PROGRAM DIRECTORS

Dr Mike Ujiki *and*
Dr Barham Abu Dayeeh

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A Message from AFS President Dan Lister

Did you hear that Endoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy has been granted a Cat 1 code?

Join us for an unforgettable Endobariatric hands-on course and get ready for over 12 hours of practical experience with top experts in the field.

Course Directors: Dr. Mike Ujiki & Dr. Barham Abu Dayeeh

Dates: February 28 – March 1, 2025

Location: Chicago, Illinois

Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your skills and learn from the best!

[Registration](#)



As 2024 concludes, I am deeply grateful for the exceptional success we've achieved together in the American Foregut Society (AFS). Your unwavering passion and enthusiasm for foregut health continue to inspire me.

Reflecting on this year, we celebrated a highly successful annual meeting in Denver, complemented by various associated courses. The global momentum in foregut medicine is truly remarkable. AFS actively participated in the European Foregut Society's meeting, engaged in several conferences across South America, and witnessed the inaugural meeting of the Asian Pacific Foregut Society in Hong Kong.

Looking ahead to 2025, I encourage each of you to deepen your involvement with AFS:

- **Join Our Committees:** Contribute your expertise and collaborate with peers to advance our mission.
- **Enhance Your Skills:** Attend our upcoming Hands-on Endobariatric Course in Evanston, Illinois, from February 28 to March 1, 2025. This intensive course offers over 12 hours of hands-on experience under the mentorship of esteemed faculty, including Dr. Barham Abu Dayyeh and Dr. Mike Ujiki.
- **Share Your Research:** Submit your work to our journal, *Foregut*, and present your findings at the Annual Meeting in Dallas, scheduled for September 10-14, 2025, at the Gaylord Texan.
- **Engage in Discussions:** Participate in thought-provoking conversations on DocMatter, our collaborative platform for members.

We remain committed to initiatives launched by our past president, Felice Schnoll-Sussman, such as Women of the Past and Future mentoring program, fostering inclusivity and professional growth within our community.

Show your AFS pride with professional apparel and gear from our Merch Store. Whether you're in the office, attending a conference, or keeping it casual, you'll find options that let you represent AFS in style. Explore the collection today!

Thank you for being an integral part of this amazing community. I wish each of you a prosperous and

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Membership Renewal - Don't Miss Out! TIF Survey




Do you perform Transoral Incisionless Fundoplication (TIF) and practice in the United States? We are doing a survey study researching TIF practice patterns and invite **you** to participate. If interested, please email me directly at wasseem.skaf@bcm.edu

[Participate in Survey](#)

Industry Spotlight

CASTLE BIOSCIENCES

New year, new opportunities to help Barrett's patients



TissueCypher
• Barrett's Esophagus

It's time
to think
BEyond
dysplasia

Meet the first precision
risk stratification
test enabling better
management of
Barrett's esophagus.

With each new year, Castle Biosciences strives to equip more clinicians with the prognostic information they need to personalize care for patients with Barrett's esophagus. Those with a high personal risk can have their care escalated to avoid progression to cancer, and those with a low-risk could reduce the number of surveillance endoscopies they have to undergo. This year, are you ready to take the first step to "Think BEyond dysplasia?"

Here's to a fantastic start to 2025! Thank you for being part of the AFS community and for your dedication to advancing foregut health. We look forward to another year of growth, connection, and learning with you.

Take Care!



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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