



# Women's Leadership in Surgery Society's 2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

American College of Surgeons  
20 F Street NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20001  
September 8-9th, 2023



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Registration: [www.wliss.org/conference-registration.html](http://www.wliss.org/conference-registration.html)

## Friday 9/8/23

6:00 PM Pre-meeting Networking Event Offsite (Drinks & Apps)  
**Present Company Public House** 438 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington DC 20001

## Saturday 9/9/23

7:00 AM BREAKFAST (PROVIDED) & EXHIBITS

8:00 AM Saturday Morning Welcome

Caitlin Halbert, DO, MS, FACS

### SESSION 1

#### LEADERSHIP

Moderator: Cynthia Emory, MD, MBA, FAOS

8:05 AM Climbing the Ladder: Leadership Within the Walls of My Institution

Aurora Pryor, MD, MBA, FACS

8:25 AM Partnering with Industry: Leadership Outside the Clinical Setting

Nazaneen Homaifar, MD

8:45 AM Building Your Brand as a Leader and Defining Your Why

Alia Qureshi, MSc, MD, FACS, FRCSC

9:05 AM Advanced Degree: To Pursue or Not Pursue

Caitlin Halbert, DO, MS, FACS

9:25 AM Working Together to Advance Women in Healthcare

Stephanie McNally, MD

9:45 AM Panel Q&A

All Session Faculty

10:00 AM BREAK & EXHIBITS

### SESSION 2

#### ADVOCACY

Moderator: Thana Theofanis, MD

10:15 AM Keynote Speaker: How to Create Change through Advocacy

Patricia Turner, MD, MBA, FACS

10:45 AM Leadership Through Your State Medical Board

Ross Goldberg, MD, FACS

11:05 AM Public Advocacy: Roe v Wade

Jen Villavicencio, MD, MPP

11:25 AM Institutional Advocacy: Lactation wRVU model

Julie Sosa, MD, MA, FACS

11:45 AM Panel Q&A

All Session Faculty

12:10 PM LUNCH (PROVIDED) & EXHIBITS

### SESSION 3

#### BUSINESS OF MEDICINE (Panel Discussion)

Moderator: Talar Tatarian, MD, FACS

1:20 PM TOPICS

PANELISTS

Social Media Presence and Promoting Yourself

Maryam Nazemzadeh, MD

Practice Building Strategies for Female Surgeons: How to Overcome Bias from Patients and Colleagues

Lucy De La Cruz, MD

Negotiating for What You Need: How to Get What You Need to Succeed

Amy Vertrees, MD, FACS

Knowing Your Value: Understanding Contracts, Productivity Data, and Compensation Models

Matt Rubino, MD, MBA, FACS

Panel Q&A

All Session Faculty

2:20 PM BREAK & EXHIBITS

### PARALLEL SESSIONS

#### SESSION 4A EARLY/MID CAREER

Moderator: Tatyana Clarke, MD

2:30 PM What to do When You're Ready to Change Jobs

Maria Altieri, MD

2:50 PM If and When to Transition Away from Clinical Practice

Robin Blackstone, MD, FACS

3:10 PM Maximizing Your Time as a Leader

Julie Sosa, MD, MA, FACS

3:30 PM Maximizing Your Impact as a Leader

Linda Liau, MD, PhD, MBA

4:00 PM Panel Q&A

All Session Faculty

#### SESSION 4B TRAINEE

Moderator: Elizabeth McCarthy, MD

2:30 PM Negotiating Your First Contract

Vicky Schunemann, MD

2:50 PM Preparing for Success in Your First Job

Joyce Wong, MD, FACS, FSSO

3:10 PM How to Blend a Successful Surgical Career with Your Personal Life

Christine Teal, MD, FACS

3:30 PM How to Effectively Network as a Trainee

Amy Vertrees, MD, FACS

4:00 PM Panel Q&A

All Session Faculty

4:30 PM BREAK & EXHIBITS

4:45 PM VIP FIRESIDE CHAT

Moderator: Caitlin Halbert, DO

Robin Blackstone, MD, FACS

5:30 PM Conference Closing Comments

Talar Tatarian, MD, FACS

