



Best Practices in Endocrine Surgery Summit

Friday, September 18, 2026

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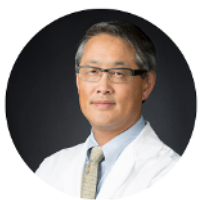
The American Journal of Surgery is pleased to invite you to the **Best Practices in Endocrine Surgery Summit**, to be held Friday, September 18, 2026 in Birmingham, Alabama. This is the premier event to connect with professionals and leaders across the globe in the field of endocrine surgery while receiving high level education on the latest advancements in science and research in the field.

The **Best Practices in Endocrine Surgery Summit** is a unique opportunity to connect with a focused audience made up of leading national and international endocrine surgeons - specialists who perform neck (thyroid and parathyroid) and abdominal (gastrointestinal tract, pancreas and adrenal) endocrine operations. Most endocrine surgeons are experts in open and laparoscopic/robotic surgery for benign and malignant disorders as well as adjunctive technologies (ultrasound, laryngoscopy, molecular diagnostics, nerve monitoring, ablative therapies) and broader topics in general surgery and endocrinology. Additionally, many endocrine surgeons have robust research programs and are on the forefront of surgical innovation.

The Summit will provide an exciting opportunity to connect with this audience. As a sponsor, you are integral members of our community, providing the vast array of exciting new technology and support necessary to keep endocrine surgeons innovating and continually learning!

Sponsorship packages have escalating benefits and value available at every level of support. We are happy to work with you to customize a package to fit your needs - all budgets are welcome! Please contact Gabby Rice at g47502@uab.edu with questions or to get started.

Plan now to join us in September to experience all that the Summit has to offer, showcasing current instruments and products, launching new products, connecting with new and existing clients, and demonstrating your organization's contribution to the field of endocrine surgery. It is through your support that we can offer rich content and invaluable learning opportunities to all Summit attendees.



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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The *American Journal of Surgery* (AJS) is hosting a summit called “Best Practices in Endocrine Surgery” on Friday, September 18, 2026, on the campus of the University of Alabama at Birmingham. The summit will convene experts from around the world to debate and publish reviews in *AJS* on three emerging topics in endocrine surgery.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This conference provides valuable exposure for organizations that support surgical practice, research, training, and innovation. With an audience of surgeons, trainees, and academic leaders, this event offers sponsors and exhibitors a unique opportunity to demonstrate innovations, build relationships with key decision makers, and increase visibility within the academic surgical community.

LOCATION

The one-day symposium will take place at the new, state-of-the-art UAB Marnix E. Heersink Conference Center of the Altec/Styslinger Genomic Medicine & Data (ALGEN) Building, which is located in the medical campus of the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Nestled in the heart of downtown Birmingham, AL, UAB is near 5-star dining, Civil Rights museums, urban parks and plenty of breweries. Partner hotels include the **UAB Hilton** and the **Valley Hotel**, in nearby Homewood, AL.

Summit Location Address: 701 19th Street South, Birmingham AL 35233

Staff will be at the front doors, across the street from the UAB School of Dentistry, to let you in and guide you to the meeting location.



FEATURED SESSION TOPICS

- Preventing and Treating Hypoparathyroidism After Surgery
- Ablative Techniques for Thyroid Cancer
- Surgery for Mild Autonomous Cortisol Secretion
- Interesting Case Session
- ... And many more opportunities to connect with leaders in the field!



EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

Join the event of the year, as renowned faculty shape the future of the field of endocrine surgery. There are several levels of investment for potential supporters of the Best Practices in Endocrine Surgery summit. Learn more below:

Benefits	Platinum \$7,500	Gold \$5,000	Summit \$2,500
Complimentary registration for sponsor reps	4	3	2
Table display at the Summit	x	x	x
Company profile on program	x	x	
Promotional social media post on UAB Surgery	x	x	
Dinner at one of two Summit dinners	x	x	
Sole participant at Summit faculty dinner	x		
Recognition during the event	x		

INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN EXHIBITOR?

To learn more and become an exhibitor, please contact UAB Surgery Events Specialist Gabby Rice at gr7502@uab.edu.

COURSE AGENDA

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2026
UAB Marnix E. Heersink Conference Center, ALGEN Building

7-7:50 a.m. Check In

7:50-8 a.m. Introductions by Summit Co-Leaders Drs. Herbert Chen and Tracy Wang

8-9:45 a.m. Session 1: Preventing and Treating Hypoparathyroidism After Surgery

Co-Leaders: Kepal Patel and Dave Schneider

Faculty: Paul Gauger, Sarah Oltmann, Elizabeth Cottrill,
Carmen Solorzano, Peter Abraham, Basma S. Abdulhadi,
Susie Pitt, Adwoa S. Opoku-Boateng, Alex Papachristos

Session 1a: Definition, Preoperative Preparation, Intraoperative Adjuncts

Preoperative Preparation (10 min) - Sarah Oltmann

Autotransplantation (10 min) - Alex Papachristos

Intraoperative Adjuncts (10 min) - Elizabeth Cottrill

Panel Discussion (20 min) - Paul Gauger

AJS Manuscript - Peter Abraham

Session 1b: Diagnosis, Immediate and Long-Term Management

Definition & Diagnosis (10 min) - Susan Pitt

Immediate Treatment (10 min) - Adwoa Opoku-Boateng

Long Term Management (10 min) - Basma Abdulhadi

Panel Discussion (25 min) - Carmen Solorzano

AJS Manuscript - Peter Abraham

9:45-10:15 a.m. Break

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10:15 a.m.-noon

Session 2: Ablative Techniques for the Thyroid

Co-Leaders: Sophie Dream and Jennifer Kuo

Faculty: Ralph Tufano, Claire Graves, Jesse Pasternak, Erivelto Volpi, Anne Weaver, Alexander S. Chiu, Jessica Fazendin, Salem Noureldine

Session 2a: Ablative Techniques for Thyroid Cancer

Thermal Ablation of Papillary Thyroid Microcancers (8 min.) - Erivelto Volpi

Thermal Ablation of Lymph Node Metastases (8 min.) - Claire Graves

Panel Discussion (14 min.) - Anne Weaver, Senior Author: Erivelto Volpi

AJS Manuscript - First Author(s): Claire Graves, Anne Weaver

Session 2b: Ablative Techniques for Indeterminate Nodules

Updates in Molecular Testing (8 min) - Jesse Pasternak

Thermal Ablation of Indeterminate Nodules (8 min) - Alexander S. Chiu

Panel Discussion (14 min) - Jennifer Kuo, Senior Author: Jennifer Kuo

AJS Manuscript - First Authors: Jesse Pasternak, Alexander Chiu

Session 2c: Best Practice Recommendations

Peri-procedural Considerations (8 min) - Ralph Tufano

Data Collection and Follow-up (8 min) - Salem Noureldine

Panel Discussion (25 min) - Jessica Fazendin, Senior Author: Ralph Tufano

AJS Manuscript - First Authors: Jessica Fazendin, Salem Noureldine

noon-1 p.m.

Lunch and Conversations with Sponsors

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1-2:45 p.m.

Session 3: Surgery for Mild Autonomous Cortisol Secretion

Co-Leaders: Brenessa Lindeman and Catherine McManus

Faculty: Heather Wachtel, James Lee, Corbin Frye, Jessica McMullin, Wen T. Shen, Danica M. Vodopivec, Lindsay Kuo, Kimberly M. Ramonell

Session 3a: Diagnosis & Surgical Indications

Definition & Diagnosis (10 min) - Jessica McMullin

Surgical Indications (10 min) - Lindsay Kuo

Preoperative Considerations (medical alternatives, vein sampling) (10 min) - Corbin Frye

Panel Discussion (20 min) - James Lee

AJS Manuscript - Jessica McMullin, Senior Author: Catherine McManus

Session 3b: Surgical Approach, Perioperative Steroids, Long Term Outcomes

Surgical approach to the adrenal (10 min) - Heather Wachtel

Management of perioperative steroids (10 min) - Kimberly Ramonell

Long Term Outcomes (10 min) - Danica M Vodopivec

Panel Discussion (25 min) - Wen T Shen

AJS Manuscript - Kimberly Ramonell, Senior Author: Brenessa Lindeman

2:45-3:15 p.m.

Break

3:15-4:30 p.m.

Session 4: Interesting Cases Highlighting Innovation

Co-Leaders: Insoo Suh and Andrea Gillis

Faculty Judges: Kristin Long, Sareh Parangi, Jacob Moalem, Daniel Rocke

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