



Best Practices in Endocrine Surgery Summit

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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?

Practicing surgeons, APPs, and trainees are encouraged to attend to learn more about updates in the field of endocrine surgery, connect with peers, and collaborate on the best practices in endocrine surgery.

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.



REGISTER TODAY!

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 network and learn!

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration includes:

- Embedded networking opportunities
- Lunch provided
- Opportunities for publication in *AJS*

Registration Fee:

- APPs, Trainees, and Practicing Endocrine Surgeons: \$25 / Attendee

Seats are limited - register today!



Register here:



INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN EXHIBITOR?

Levels of support:

- **\$2500** - Exhibit at a table during summit
- **\$5000 Gold Sponsorship** - Table display, plus dinner at one of two summit dinners with faculty
- **\$7500 Platinum Sponsor** - Table display, plus **sole participant** at a faculty summit dinner

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

*If a registrant is unable to attend, they may request a refund up to 30 days before the start of the course. Cancellation requests must be in writing and submitted to surgcomm@uabmc.edu. No refunds will be issued after **Saturday, Sep. 12, 2026**.*

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
- 9:15-10:15 a.m.** **Break**
- 10:15 a.m.-12 p.m.** **Session 2: Ablative Techniques for Thyroid Cancer**
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
- 12-1 p.m.** **Lunch with Exhibitors**
- 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
- 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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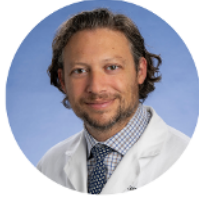
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