

Registration

- 1) Is the pre-conference workshop (Thursday 4/20/2023) a separate registration from the SOAP conference? Can I only attend the workshops and not the SOAP conference?

Yes, the 4th SOAP pre-conference workshops (Thursday 4/20/2023) involve a separate registration fee from the 2-day hybrid 4th SOAP conference. The fee to attend each workshop is \$75, excluding the laparoscopic/ robotics assist workshop which is \$150. There is a “bundle” discount for Diagnostic Imaging (\$50 for one, or \$75 for two) and Suture workshop (\$75 for one, or \$100 for two sessions- space is limited). Attendees may register for one or multiple in-person workshops. All workshops are “in-person” only without a virtual or hybrid option.

- 2) What is included in the registration fee for SOAP conference and for Thursday workshops? Are meals included in the workshop fees?

All meals (breakfast, lunch, and snacks during the AM/PM breaks) are included with the registration for that day’s activities. Example: Workshop participants will have meals provided for Thursday 4/20/2023. SOAP conference registrants will have meals provided for Friday – Saturday conference (4/21 – 4/22/2023). SOAP conference participants will also have access to the Exhibit Hall, Poster Hall, as well as all virtual conference options. The “in-person” Welcome Reception on Friday 4/21/2023 is also included in the 2-day SOAP conference registration fee.

- 3) What is included in the “virtual” conference registration fee?

Virtual conference attendees will have access to all CE lectures during the 2-day conference, which will include the recordings of lectures to viewed at a later date. Attendees will also have access to an online, virtual poster hall, exhibit hall, and network lounge.

- 4) Is the Welcome Reception included in the SOAP registration? How about a guest registration (non-CE)? What is the fee for guest Welcome Reception if any?

Yes, the Welcome Reception will be held on Friday, 4/21/2023 (TBD) and all SOAP conference registrants will be invited to participate in this networking event.

- 5) I am only interested in a few sessions. Can I pay for a partial conference registration? What is the daily registration fee?

Registration options (both in-person and virtual) include the full 2-day conference, and daily registration rate. The pre-conference workshops will take place before the 2-day SOAP conference and will require a separate registration fee.

- 6) Would I be able to attend one day “in-person” and the other day remotely?

Yes, the purchase of 2-day SOAP conference (in-person) will allow for access to either in-person lectures or online/ virtual lectures during the conference. Recordings of each lecture will be made available to registrants at a later date.

- 7) I can only attend Friday and I have a colleague that is only available on Saturday. Can I share a full conference registration with another colleague? Are the registrations transferable?

No, SOAP conference registrants will not be allowed to “share” or transfer their registration to another individual. Each attendee must register for the conference separately (either full conference or daily rate).

In-person vs. virtual conference offerings

- 1) Will all the concurrent sessions be recorded and when will they be available for viewing online?

The Friday and Saturday CE lectures will be recorded and made available to registrants 10-12 days after the conference adjourns in the PEP@MDAnderson portal. Some lecture recordings may not be viewable until after the SOAP conference.

- 2) If I register for “in-person” SOAP conference, will I also have access to the online virtual conference? Will I still be able to watch session recordings later?

Yes, see answer the question above.

- 3) If I register for virtual conference, will I be able to interact and ask questions of speakers?

Yes, for each lecture we will have virtual SOAP conference moderators who will relay questions in the “chat box” to the SOAP conference speaker. We will also have an online Discussion Board that will allow registrants to post questions and answers during the meeting.

- 4) If I register for virtual conference, will I be able to view posters online? Will I be able to interact remotely with poster presenters during the moderated sessions?

Yes, we will have an online Poster Hall with slides of each poster. Authors will have the option of including a brief audio recording to help explain his or her poster. We will also have an online Discussion Board that will allow registrants to post questions and answers during the meeting.

- 5) If I register for virtual conference, will I be able to participate in the exhibit hall and ask questions of the exhibitors?

We also plan to have a virtual Exhibit Hall which will include links to vendor websites and any selected material provided by exhibitors. We will also have an online Discussion Board that will allow registrants to post questions and answers during the meeting.

- 6) Are meals included in the virtual conference registration?

No, meals and snacks will not be provided to our virtual conference attendees.

Workshops

- 1) Will any of the Thursday classroom workshops be available online, or will they be recorded and viewable later?

No, the Thursday 4/20/2023 pre-conference workshops will be live, in-person only and no recording. There is no virtual option for the workshops.

- 2) I notice that each workshop has a fee (ala carte). Are the Diagnostic Imaging and Suture workshops the only “bundle” workshop offerings available?
Each pre-conference workshop has an “al a carte” fee. Participants may choose to register for a “bundle” discount rate for either Diagnostic Imaging (A/B) and Suture workshop (E/F).
- 3) Do you offer a full Thursday workshop fee to have option to attend all the workshops?
No, we do not offer an “all-day” workshop registration fee since several skill workshops have limited space available.
- 4) Can I register for both the Essential and Advanced suture skills workshop?
Yes, participants may choose to register for both suture workshop sessions (E/F) for a bundle discount rate to work on suture skills. However, space is limited to attend all skill workshops.
- 5) Will the Essential suture skills workshop be offered during both Thurs AM sessions?
Yes, participants may register for “back-to-back” Thurs AM suture skill workshops (suture “bundle” registration rate) and work on either “essential skills” or “advanced skills” provided that space is available during that session.
- 6) Will the Wound Care workshop be offered at another time, such as the during the morning session?
At this time, the Wound Care workshop will only be offered on Thurs 4/20 from 3:45 – 5:15 PM). Space is limited for this skills workshop.
- 7) Will the Professionalism/ Communication workshop be offered at another time, such as during the morning session?
At this time, the Professionalism and Communication workshop will only be offered on Thurs 4/20 from 1:45 – 3:00 pm. Space is limited for this interactive professional development workshop.
- 8) Will the suture workshop be offered at another time, such as during the afternoon session?
No, the suture workshops will only be offered during the Thurs AM sessions.
- 9) Will meals be provided if I register for any of the Thursday workshops?
Yes, breakfast, lunch and AM/PM snacks will be provided to all Thursday workshop participants

CE Credit

- 1) Can I claim CE credit for sessions that I watch later (or after the SOAP conference)?
Credits can be claimed during the actual conference scheduled time.
- 2) Will presenter slides or handouts be available for viewing prior and/or during the SOAP conference? Will I be able to download the slides or handouts before the session?
Yes, the speaker’s slides will be available and downloadable on the conference landing page under your “MyCE” tab, “Syllabus” option.

- 3) How long after the conference will the recordings be available for viewing? Is the deadline for claiming CE credit?

The recordings will be available 12 months for viewing. May 20, 2023 is the deadline to claim CE credits.

- 4) What is required in order to claim CE credit?

Instructions/requirements for claiming CE credits will be emailed to you 2-3 days prior to the start of the conference and will be available on the landing page under "View Content".

Hotel/Parking/Transportation

- 5) Where do I park to attend the SOAP conference? Is there a discounted parking?

There's no discount for parking. View the "Hotel" tab on the conference landing page or click the link below.

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- 6) Is there a deadline for hotel room block? If the hotel room block is full, do you have another hotel option?

Early hotel reservation is suggested; the group rate is offered through **Monday, March 27, 2023**. You can go to the Marriot page under the "Hotel" tab for options of nearby hotels.

- 7) Is there an airport shuttle to the Marriott medical center? What is the recommended for airport transfer? Is there any reliable public transportation for out of town guests in the area?

Super Shuttle Express provides airport transportation as well as Uber and Lyft. For other transportation option click the link below.

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- 8) I am from out-of-town. Do you have any dining recommendations in the area? What about other "Things to do"?

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Abstracts and Posters

- 9) When and how will I be notified if my abstract is selected?

The corresponding author for each of the poster/ abstract submissions will receive notification via email no later than 2/17/2023. The SOAP abstract reviewers may ask questions or request revisions shortly after the 2/3/2023 deadline. All questions or revisions must be addressed before 2/10/2023 with the final decision on acceptance made no later than 2/17/2023.

10) How do you select the abstracts for mini-oral session?

Each abstract submission will have the option for either poster presentation and/or mini-oral presentation. The SOAP Abstract/Poster Committee will carefully review each submission and select the qualifying abstracts for the short-oral sessions. If abstracts are not selected for short-oral session, they will be eligible to present abstract as a poster.

11) What is to be expected of the authors if selected for the mini-oral session?

We expect the author to submit a presentation of 8 slides (not including title or references) by 3/24/2023 at 11:59 PM Central Time to SOAPabstracts@mdanderson.org . Please include a slide to discuss implications for surgical oncology APPs. You will be provided 10 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for Q&A. The short oral presentation session will take place on 4/22/2023 from 10:45-12:15 PM. You will be provided your time slot via email in advance. The Best Short Oral Presentation award announcement will take place the same day on 4/22/2023 (time TBD).

12) Are there separate categories for abstract submissions?

Yes, the categories include clinical posters, QI/ Original research, and previously submitted within last 2 years that not been published

13) For previously presented posters or abstracts, what are your acceptance guidelines?

All previously presented posters must have been presented in 2022 or 2023 to be eligible for “encore” presentation. The author(s) must disclose the location/ venue and date of past presentation. Additionally, the previously presented poster must not be already published by the time of the 4th SOAP conference.

14) How do I become eligible for the “Best of Abstracts” or Best Poster awards?

All original posters (not previously presented) will be eligible for the “Best Poster” award. We may also have a separate “Best of Encore Posters” and “Best SOAP Mini-Oral” award (TBD).

15) When is the poster set-up time? What is provided for poster set-up?

All posters should be set-up on Thursday 4/20/23 between 8-3 PM. We will also accept poster set-up on Friday 4/21 between 7 – 8 AM only. Late poster set-up will disqualify the poster from being eligible for “Best Poster” award.

16) When do posters need to be taken down?

Posters may be taken down on Saturday 4/22/23 following the “Best of Abstract” award presentation (anytime between 2 – 5:30 PM). All posters that are not taken down by the end of conference on Saturday 4/22, 5:30 PM will be discarded.

17) Do you have any shipping instructions for my poster?

Shipping instructions will be provided via email once your poster is accepted and approved.

18) When are the moderated poster sessions? Do I need to be present at the session?

The moderated poster sessions will take place during the lunch break on Friday 4/21, 1:30 – 2:00 PM, and Saturday 4/22/23, 12:15 – 12:45 PM. At least one author must be present to help answer questions related to his/her poster submission during each moderated session.

19) What is expected of the author(s) during the moderated poster session?

We ask that each poster have at least one author present to help answer questions related to your submission. Please be prepared to present a brief 3-5 min overview of your poster. If you are not able to attend both moderated sessions, we ask that you pre-record a short 3-5 minute audio recording to attach to your online presentation.

Other

1) How do I get more involved the SOAP conference or future SOAP events?

We would love to receive any feedback, comments or suggestions for future SOAP conference planning. Please help us complete a 4th SOAP conference evaluation and post comments in the online Discussion Board.