COME EXPERIENCE A BIGGER AND BETTER SSO ANNUAL CANCER SYMPOSIUM

On behalf of SSO President Kelly M. McMasters, MD, PhD and the SSO Executive Council, I invite you to join us for SSO 2018: the 71st SSO Annual Cancer Symposium—the next generation of surgical oncology research, treatment and education symposia.

What’s different about SSO 2018? We’ve taken the most important aspects of past meetings and expanded them to create a dynamically new experience designed to further your professional knowledge.

Designed for the first time by disease-site track for more streamlined learning and driven by an **88% increase in oral abstracts**, the expanded SSO 2018 program includes **36% more sessions** than SSO 2017 with six additional symposia and parallel sessions, and new quick shot abstract sessions.

In addition, four pre-meeting workshops and 12 Meet the Professor breakfast sessions provide additional opportunities to take a deep dive into an array of specific topics, providing valuable, in-depth insight and education.

**Network and collaborate with your colleagues**—1,800+ cancer surgeons and practitioners from the academic and community setting.

**Engage with industry professionals** showcasing products, services and solutions to translate innovation into application.

I look forward to seeing you this coming March in Chicago. I’m sure you will agree that SSO 2018 will be a rewarding, essential and renewed experience for you as you learn new insights and approaches to patient care.

Respectfully,

Charles R. Scoggins, MD, MBA
2017-18 SSO Scientific Program Committee Chair
SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS THAT Await YOU IN CHICAGO

18 SYMPOSIA SESSIONS
We’ve increased the number of symposia sessions for SSO 2018 to cover a wider range of cancer surgery innovations and practical applications.

12 MEET THE PROFESSOR BREAKFASTS
Presenters of international prominence will lead small-group discussions that explore current challenges and compelling topics in surgical oncology.

575+ ABSTRACTS
We’ve increased our oral abstracts by 88% and our overall sessions by 36% over SSO 2017. In addition, new this year, quick shot abstracts highlight top disease-site abstracts in a faster format. Each abstract will be allotted five minutes for presentation and interactive moderator-led discussion.

GREAT DEBATES
Dynamic panels of leading surgeons will engage in thoughtful debate on four impactful topics:

- Genetic Mutation Analysis Should be Included in Decision-Making of Liver Directed Therapy for Colorectal Liver Metastases
- Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy for Resectable Extremity Soft Tissue Sarcomas is Ready for Primetime
- Non-Operative Management of Rectal Cancer is Ready for Primetime
- Surgeons Should Be Credentialed Based on Video Review

See the Complete SSO 2018 Schedule at SSO2018.ORG.

NEW LEVELS OF GIVING FOR SSO FOUNDATION DONORS
BE 100% COMMITTED AND ADD YOUR SUPPORT
The SSO Foundation (SSOF) Donor Board will feature levels of annual giving for the first time at SSO 2018. Introducing donation-level categories will grow giving to the Foundation and encourage SSO members to thank our most generous donors for their valued support.

NEW LEVELS:
Under $250: Contributor
$250 – $499: Major Contributor
$500 – $999: President’s Circle
$1,000 and above OR Cumulative Giving of $10,000 or greater (since 2013): James Ewing Circle

Join your colleagues and demonstrate your commitment to supporting The SSO Foundation. Text SSOFDONATE to 41444 or visit surgonc.org/foundation to make a gift. Participate by December 31, 2017 to be featured on the SSOF Donor Board in 2018.
The 2017-18 SSO Scientific Program Committee is pleased to feature the following esteemed lecturers at SSO 2018:

**SSO PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**
The Fundamental Difference Between Cancer Treatment and Patient Care
Kelly M. McMasters, MD, PhD

**JAMES EWING LECTURE**
Hormonal Control of Cancers: Something Old and Something New
B. Mark Evers, MD

**JOHN WAYNE CLINICAL RESEARCH LECTURE**
Melanoma, a Kaleidoscopic View
Alexander M.M. Eggermont, MD, PhD

**AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY/SSO BASIC SCIENCE LECTURE**
Mixing It Up: Rewiring the Transcriptome of Pancreatic Cancer Cells and Surgeon Scientists
Steven D. Leach, MD

Read more about our featured lecturers and their topics at SSO2018.ORG.

Visit SSO2018.ORG and the SSO 2018 Schedule to learn more about the program taking shape and the many topics at the forefront of cancer surgery, and then begin to plan your days in Chicago.

- View and filter the schedule by date, track and time
- Learn about speakers
- Build your schedule and export to your favorite calendar app
PRE-MEETING WORKSHOPS
WEDNESDAY | MARCH 21

PRACTICE-CHANGING PAPERS IN SURGICAL ONCOLOGY IN 2017
This engaging session highlights breakthroughs in surgical oncology over the past year, practice-changing trials, and what is on the horizon across multiple disease sites and fields.

COMPLEX GENERAL SURGICAL ONCOLOGY (CGSO)
BOARD EXAM REVIEW
This interactive review session provides updated information pertinent to surgical oncology in preparation for the CGSO QE and CE examinations, including core knowledge presentations, oral board examination advice, and practical advice with feedback. Participants review updated NCCN algorithms and new/sentinel trials in surgical oncology.

FELLOWS INSTITUTE II: PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF STARTING A SURGICAL ONCOLOGY CAREER
Organized by the SSO Training Committee, this workshop complements the topics covered at Fellows Institute in November: finding and negotiating a job offer, communication skills, and how to maintain a work-life balance after training.

RESIDENTS ONCOLOGY FORUM
Geared toward General Surgery trainees, this didactic course is in the format of a case-based presentation for various cancers. Presentations include the principles of surgical management and controversial or emerging therapies.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS
DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 5

The Hyatt Regency McCormick Place hotel, with easy access to the convention center via an enclosed pedestrian sky bridge, is the official SSO 2018 hotel. Reserve your room at SSO2018.ORG to ensure availability. The discounted hotel rate is available until February 5 or rooms sell out.

VISIT SSO2018.ORG FOR DETAILS AND TO REGISTER.
GENERAL EDUCATION AND OTHER
- Value-based Surgical Oncology Care
- Lifting the Veil: The Surgeons Role in Quality Initiatives in Surgical Oncology
- Clinical Trials for Surgeons: Hurdles and Opportunities
- Contemporary Management of Thyroid Cancer
- The Future of Surgical Oncology Reimbursement in the Era of Bundled Payments
- Surgeons Should Be Credentialed Based on Video Review (Great Debates)

BREAST
- Controversial Topics in Breast Surgical Management to Improve Outcomes
- Immunotherapy and Breast Cancer
- Novel Clinical Trials in Breast Cancer

MELANOMA
- Current Management of Nodal Metastases in Patients with Melanoma

GI/HPB
- Surgical Cytoreduction and Regional Chemotherapy: State of the Science
- Robotic Assisted Minimally Invasive Surgical Oncology
- Managing the Future Liver Remnant
- Local and Regional Therapy Options for Primary and Metastatic Tumors in Hepatobiliary Surgery
- Genetic Mutation Analysis Should be Included in Decision-Making of Liver Directed Therapy for Colorectal Liver Metastases (Great Debates)

SARCOMA
- Subtype-specific Biology and Treatment of Soft Tissue Sarcomas
- Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy for Resectable Extremity Soft Tissue Sarcomasis Ready for Primetime (Great Debates)

COLORECTAL
- My Patient Read the Internet: Molecular Markers and Novel Treatments for Colorectal Cancer
- Adaptation of New Technology for Rectal Cancer: Do I Need New Tools in My Toolbox?
- International Colorectal Cancer Consortia; Where Do We Stand?
- Non-Operative Management of Rectal Cancer is Ready for Primetime (Great Debates)

VIEW THE COMPLETE SCHEDULE INCLUDING ABSTRACT SESSIONS AT SSO2018.ORG.
INNOVATION RANGES FAR AND WIDE
See the latest products, services and solutions that medical device, equipment and technology exhibitors as well as pharmaceutical companies offer—all with the goal of enhancing the ability of cancer surgeons to treat and care for patients with solid tumor cancers.

EXHIBIT HALL HOURS
THURSDAY | MARCH 22 | 9:30 AM-7:30 PM
FRIDAY | MARCH 23 | 9:45 AM-4 PM

EXHIBIT HALL THEATER
Building upon past success, the Exhibit Hall Theater is used to feature top video presentations and exhibitor presentations/demonstrations.

INDUSTRY FORUMS
Featuring select exhibitors addressing current issues in health care, Industry Forums are one-hour non-CME informative educational presentations.

NETWORK WITH COLLEAGUES ONLINE AND OFF
WELCOME RECEPTION
THURSDAY | MARCH 22 | 6-7:30 PM
Mingle with colleagues and friends, old and new, while exploring the Exhibit Hall and enjoying refreshments.

PRESIDENT’S RECEPTION
SATURDAY | MARCH 24 | 6-7:30 PM
Join SSO President Kelly M. McMasters, MD, PhD, for cocktails and hors d’oeuvres. The President’s Reception provides an opportunity for you to recap highlights of the meeting with colleagues and friends.

SSO FELLOWS AND RESIDENTS LOUNGE
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The SSO Fellows and Residents Lounge, a private area within the Exhibit Hall, facilitates sharing, discussion and interaction between fellows, residents and surgical oncology thought leaders.
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March 21-24 | Chicago, IL

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BECOME A MEMBER AT SURGONC.ORG TO GET DISCOUNTED RATES ON SSO 2018 REGISTRATION FEES.

EARLY-BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE | JANUARY 8
HOUSING RESERVATIONS DEADLINE | FEBRUARY 5

REGISTER AT SSO2018.ORG BY JANUARY 8 AND SAVE.

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