

APDS & ARAS 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

May 6-8, 2025



ARAS
ASSOCIATION OF RESIDENCY ADMINISTRATORS IN SURGERY

Surgical Education Week
May 6-10, 2025 | Sheraton Grand Seattle, WA

Tuesday, May 6

12:00pm - 12:05pm

Welcome & Introductions

Kylene Smartis C-TAGME | Northeast Georgia Medical Center Program

12:05pm - 12:35pm

Beyond Supervision: Cultivating Meaningful Partnerships with Surgery Residents for Improved Outcomes

TBD

12:35pm - 1:15pm

Navigating the Transition: Pearls, Pitfalls, and the Balance of Management and Leadership for New Team Leaders

Christa Donald BS | Washington University/B-JH/SLCH Consortium Program

1:15pm - 1:45pm

How to Compose Successful Major Changes for the Annual WebADS Update

Laurie Woldman MBA | NYU Langone Health

1:45pm - 2:30pm

A Culture of Communication

Gary Hodge | St. Mary's Hospital (Waterbury) Program

2:30pm - 2:45pm

Welcome from APDS President

Jennifer Choi MD | Indiana University School of Medicine

2:45pm - 3:00pm

Coffee Break

3:00pm - 4:15pm

APDS Alphabet Soup

4:30pm - 5:15pm

Facilitating Change: Implementation Science for Residency Program Administrators in Surgery

Rebecca Williams MD, PhD, MEdPsych | Northwestern University

6:00pm - 7:00pm

APDS & ARAS Reception

(Appetizers & Drinks)

Wednesday, May 7

7:00am - 8:00am

ARAS Informal Mentor/Mentee Session

Breakfast provided

7:00am - 8:00am

ARAS Attendee Breakfast

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Welcome Day 2 | PC Superpower - What Can You Do With 5 Minutes?

Eileen Kleffner | University of Texas HSC San Antonio

Teresa Enger | Gundersen Lutheran Medical Foundation Program

8:45am - 9:30am

Thalamus

Jason Reminick MD, MBA, MS

Administrator Usage

Janice Hutchison | University of Connecticut

9:30am - 10:00am

A Case Study of One Program Administrator's Time Allocation

Amanda Royan MEd | MetroHealth

10:00am - 10:30am

Professional Development | Leading from the Middle: Leadership Development and Strategies for GME Administrators and Coordinators

Lauren Burr MS | Thomas Jefferson University

10:30am - 10:45am

Morning Coffee Break

10:45am - 11:45am

APDS Presidential Address

Jennifer Choi MD | Indiana University School of Medicine

11:45am - 12:00pm

APDS/ARAS Box Lunch Pick-Up

12:30pm - 1:15pm

From Strategy to Success: Essential Project Management Practices for Program Administrators

Michaela Gombar C-TAGME | University of Wisconsin-Madison

1:15pm - 2:00pm

Navigating Change in Residency and Clerkship Administration: Strategies for Adaptation and Success

Christa Donald BS | Washington University/B-JH/SLCH Consortium Program

Carla Koberna, General Surgery Clerkship Coordinator Washington University

2:00pm - 4:00pm

ABS/ACGME Session

TBD

4:00pm - 4:15pm

Qualtrics: A Key Resource for Education Administrators

TBD

4:15pm - 4:30pm

Afternoon Coffee Break

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EPAs

Karen Brasel MD, MPH | American Board of Surgery

5:30pm - 6:00pm

APDS Presentation of Awards

6:00pm - 6:30pm

APDS Membership Meeting

6:30pm - 7:30pm

APDS/ARAS/ASE Joint Reception

Thursday, May 8

6:30am - 7:00am

ARAS Attendee Breakfast

7:00am - 8:00am

Tools of the Trade

8:00am - 8:30am

How We Do It: Holistic Review of Residency Applications

TBD

8:30am - 9:00am

Operation Interview: Meet the Residency Administrators

TBD

9:00am - 9:10am

TAGME

Kahoot Quiz

Mary Ann Garcia-Bowerman MBA, C-TAGME | Emory University School of Medicine Program

9:10am - 9:30am

Morning Coffee Break

9:30am - 10:45am

APDS Keynote Address

10:45am - 11:30am

ISO (In Search of) Board

Amanda Royan MEd | MetroHealth

11:30am - 11:45am

Introduction of 2025/2026 Executive Committee