

Acute Care Surgery Symposium 2026

All times listed as Mountain Time Zone

Tuesday, April 7, 2026	
7:00 a.m.	Registration, Continental Breakfast and Exhibitors
7:45 a.m.	Welcome and Course Overview
8:00 a.m.	Keynote: Scalpels Without Borders: Acute Care Surgery in Tough Terrains <i>Brett Dempsey, M.D., FACS</i>
9:00 a.m.	Strategy & Sirens: Optimizing Pre-Hospital Care <i>John Zietlow, M.D.</i>
9:45 a.m.	The Breath Beneath the Break: Management of Chest Wall Trauma <i>Stephanie Heller, M.D.</i>
10:15 a.m.	Break/Exhibitors <i>Baron's Ballroom</i>
10:30 a.m.	The Truth of the Matter: Updates in ATLS <i>John Zietlow, M.D.</i>
10:55 a.m.	Organ Trail: Mapping the Path Through Abdominal Trauma <i>Kyle Rader, P.A.-C.</i>
11:25 a.m.	Evidence Driven Triage for Head Injury: The Brain Injury Guidelines <i>Mimie Chilinda-Salter, MPAS, P.A.-C., M.P.H.</i>
11:50 a.m.	Damage Control: When Less is More <i>Stephanie Heller, M.D.</i>
12:20-1:30 p.m.	Welcome Reception

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Wednesday, April 8, 2026	
7:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast and Exhibitors
7:50 a.m.	Welcome and Day 2 Overview
8:00 a.m.	Keynote: Sweat the Small Stuff <i>Andy Herber, P.A.-C.</i>
9:00 a.m.	Tension, Tactics, and Tissue: Solving Closure in a Complex Surgical Patient <i>Elizabeth M.N. Ferguson, M.D., FACS</i>
9:40 a.m.	Break/Exhibitors <i>Baron's Ballroom</i>
10:00 a.m.	Vines, Veins, and Vital Signs: Navigating the Acute Care Jungle <i>Brett Dempsey, M.D., FACS</i>
11:00 a.m.	A Hole New World: Strategic Use of Trachs and PEGs in Acute Care Surgery <i>Thea Price, M.D.</i>
11:30 a.m.	Predict, Prevent, Prevail: Surviving Sepsis Campaign for the Acute Care Surgical Patient <i>Thea Price, M.D.</i>
12:00 p.m.	Lab Medicine Emergencies <i>Andy Herber, P.A.-C.</i>
12:45 p.m.	Adjourn
Optional Breakout Session Pre-Registration Required	
1:00–2:00 p.m.	Lunch for Workshop Attendees
2:00–5:00 p.m.	Don't Be Afraid of the Dark: An Introduction to Radiology Interpretation <i>Alec Williams, APRN, C.N.P., D.N.P.</i>

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Thursday, April 9, 2026	
7:00 a.m.	Registration, Continental Breakfast and Exhibitors
7:50 a.m.	Welcome and Day 3 Overview
8:00 a.m.	Mesh, Mess & Mastery: Navigating Hernias <i>Megan Nelson, M.D.</i>
9:00 a.m.	Rxcellence: Pharmacist Panel Potpourri Phase I <i>Aeryana Bektas Pharm D, BCCCP, Kellie N. Hannan, Pharm.D., R.Ph., BCIDP, Kirstin Kooda Pharm.D., R.PH., BCCCP, Bradley Peters Pharm.D, R.Ph, BCCP.</i>
10:00 a.m.	Break/Exhibitors <i>Baron's Ballroom</i>
10:30 a.m.	Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Documentation * * But Were Afraid to Ask <i>Jamie Newman, M.D., M.H.A.</i>
11:00 a.m.	911 at 39,000 Feet: In-Flight Medical Emergencies <i>Douglas Hill, DO, FACOEP, FACEP</i>
11:30 a.m.	Geriatric Consults- It never gets old... <i>Jamie Newman, M.D., M.H.A.</i>
12:00 p.m.	Guess that Wound A-Z <i>Brianna Skrukud, APRN, C.N.P.</i>
12:45 p.m.	Adjourn
Optional Breakout Session Pre-Registration Required	
1:00–2:00 p.m.	Lunch for Workshop Attendees
2:00-5:00 p.m.	Advanced Wound Care Workshop: Sharp Debridement <i>LCDR Chao Moua, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC, CWON, CFCN, Gabriel (Gabe) T. Langseth, PT, DPT, GSC, and John T. Sheski, APRN, C.N.P., M.S.N.</i>

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Friday, April 10, 2026	
7:00 a.m.	Registration, Continental Breakfast and Exhibitors
7:50 a.m.	Welcome and Day 4 Overview
8:00 a.m.	The Abdominal Escape Room: Diagnosis Under Pressure <i>Erica Loomis, M.D.</i>
8:45 a.m.	Mathis' Manual: CRS Consults Without the Confusion <i>Kellie Mathis, M.D.</i>
9:30 a.m.	Break/Exhibitors <i>Baron's Ballroom</i>
10:00 a.m.	Rxcellence: Pharmacist Panel Potpourri Phase II <i>Aeryana Bektas Pharm D, BCCCP, Kellie N. Hannan, Pharm.D., R.Ph., BCIDP, Kirstin Kooda Pharm.D., R.PH., BCCCP, Bradley Peters Pharm.D, R.Ph, BCCP.</i>
11:00 a.m.	Bubble, Bubble, Toil & Trouble: Chest Tube Management Tips, Tricks & Troubleshooting <i>Rob Hill, APRN, C.N.P., M.S.N.</i>
11:30 a.m.	Rapid-Fire Wisdom from the Frontliners: The Advanced Practice Providers <i>Kyle Satterblom, P.A.-C., Kari Lucas, P.A.-C., M.S., Erika Chirpich, P.A.-C., M.S.</i>
12:30 p.m.	Adjourn