Mayo Clinic
Interactive Surgery Symposium 2027
Hilton Waikoloa Village
Waikoloa, HI
January 31 – February 5, 2027
All Presentations Hawaii Standard Time

Sunday, January 31, 2027	
11:00 am	**Registration / Lunch**
12:00 pm	**Welcome Announcements** *Amit Merchea, M.D., James A. Madura, II, M.D., and Mark J. Truty, M.D., M.S.*
SESSION: Colorectal *Moderator: Amit Merchea, M.D.*	
12:10 pm	**The Malignant Polyp: Cured by the Scope, or Heal with Steel?** *Amit Merchea, M.D.*
12:30 pm	**Colon Cancer in 2027: Younger Patients, Immunotherapy, and the Operation You May Not Have to Do** *Michelle F. DeLeon, M.D.*
12:50 pm	**Obstructing Colon Cancer: Resect, Stent, or Divert** *Eric J. Dozois, M.D.*
1:10 pm	**Anastomotic Leak: Recognition and Rescue** *Nimesh D. Naik, M.D.*
1:30 pm	**How I Do It: The Anastomosis that Won't Reach** *Eric J. Dozois, M.D.*
1:45 pm	**Interactive Session: Q&A** *Session Faculty*
2:25 pm	Refreshment Break and Exhibits
2:40 pm	**Clostridium Difficile Colitis: Recognizing Medical Failure and When to Operate** *Nimesh D. Naik, M.D.*
3:00 pm	**Anorectal Abscess/Fistula: Draining It Right and Definitive Management** *Michelle F. DeLeon, M.D.*
3:20 pm	**Management of Hemorrhoidal Disease: From Office to OR** *Kristy K. Rumer, M.D., Ph.D.*
3:40 pm	**Colonoscopy Complications: Perforation and Post-Polypectomy Bleeding** *Nimesh D. Naik, M.D.*
4:00 pm	**The Difficult Ostomy - Creation and Managing Complications** *Kristy K. Rumer, M.D., Ph.D.*
4:20 pm	**Interactive Session: Q&A** *Session Faculty*
4:50 pm	ADJOURN – End of Day 1
6:15 pm	**Sunset Welcome Reception (wristbands required)**
Monday, February 1, 2027	
6:30 am	**Continental Breakfast**
7:20 am	**Welcome Announcements** *Amit Merchea, M.D.; James A. Madura II, M.D., and Mark J. Truty, M.D., M.S.*
SESSION: Endocrine / Bariatric *Moderators: Travis McKenzie, M.D., James A. Madura II, M.D.*	

7:30 am	**Evaluation of A Thyroid Nodule In 2027** *Paxton Dickson, M.D.*
7:50 am	**Extent of Surgery for Thyroid Cancer - What's New in the ATA Guidelines** *Paxton Dickson, M.D.*
8:10 am	**Hyperparathyroidism Evaluation and Imaging - What's New and What Works** *Patricia A. Cronin, M.D.*
8:30 am	**Primary Hyperparathyroidism - Troubleshooting Difficult Cases** *Patricia A. Cronin, M.D.*
8:50 am	**Adrenal Incidentaloma - What Every Surgeon Should Know** *Travis J. McKenzie, M.D.*
9:10 am	**Laparoscopic Adrenalectomy: Tips and Tricks** *Travis J. McKenzie, M.D.*
9:30 am	**Illustrative Cases: Thyroid, Parathyroid, Adrenal** *Session Faculty*
9:50 am	**Interactive Session: Q&A** *Session Faculty*
10:15 am	Refreshment Break and Exhibits
10:45 am	**Bariatric Emergencies for the General Surgeon** *MIchael Edwards, M.D.*
11:05 am	**MBS in the Era of GLP-a RAs** *Michael Edwards*
11:25 am	**Other Bariatric Interventions** *James A. Madura II, M.D.*
11:45 am	**Which Procedure for Which Patient: Case-Based Decision-Making** Michael Edwards, M.D.
12:05 pm	**HIDI: Laparoscopic Jejunojejunostomy** *James A. Madura II, M.D.*
12:25 pm	**Interactive Session: Cases and Q&A** *Session Faculty*
12:50 pm	ADJOURN – End of Day 2
Tuesday, February 2, 2027	
6:30 am	**Continental Breakfast**
7:20 am	**Welcome Announcements** *Amit Merchea, M.D.; James A. Madura II, M.D., and Mark J. Truty, M.D., M.S.*
SESSION: HPB / Oncology *Moderator: Mark J. Truty, M.D., M.S.*	
7:30 am	**Chronic Liver Disease: General Surgical Concerns** *Amit K. Mathur, M.D.*
7:50 am	**Pancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumors: From Incidentaloma to Operation** *Susanne G. Warner, M.D.*
8:10 am	**Sarcoma Surgery: Principles of Surgical Management** *Cornelius A. Thiels, D.O., M.B.A.*
8:30 am	**Gallbladder Polyps** *Mark J. Truty, M.D., M.S.*
8:50 am	**Urological Malignancies for the General Surgeon: What You Need to Know** *Vidit Sharma, M.D.*
9:10 am	**Interactive Session: Cases and Q&A** *Session Faculty*
9:40 am	Refreshment Break and Exhibits
10:10 am	**Hepatic Adenomas: Size, Symptoms, Sex, Subtype, and Surgical Decision-Making** *Susanne G. Warner, M.D.*
10:30 am	**Modern Melanoma Surgery: Evidence That Changed Practice** *Jeffrey E. Johnson, M.D.*

10:50 am	**Desmoid Tumors: What Every General Surgeon Should Know** *Cornelius A. Thiels, D.O., M.B.A.*
11:10 am	**Non-Melanoma Cutaenous Malignancies: What I Need to Know Surgically** *Jeffrey E. Johnson, M.D.*
11:30 am	**Splenomegaly** *Mark J. Truty, M.D., M.S.*
11:50 am	**How I Do It: Spleen Preservation during Distal Pancreatectomy** *Susanne G. Warner, M.D.*
12:05 pm	**Interactive Session: Cases and Q&A** *Session Faculty*
12:35 pm	ADJOURN – End of Day 3
Wednesday, February 3, 2026	
1:15 pm	**Beverages and Exhibits**
1:35 pm	**Welcome Announcements** *Amit Merchea, M.D., James A. Madura, II, M.D., and Mark J. Truty, M.D., M.S.*
SESSION: Trauma / Critical Care / Acute Care Surgery *Moderator: Erica Loomis, M.D.*	
1:45 pm	**Pneumatosis or Free Air Without Peritonitis: Who Needs an Operation?** *Erica A. Loomis, M.D.*
2:05 pm	**Reduce or Operate? The Incarcerated Hernia** *Diem N. Vu, M.D.*
2:25 pm	**Perforated Peptic Ulcer: To Close or Patch and Any Postop Imaging?** *David Turay, M.D., PHD*
2:45 pm	**Chest Tubes in 2026: Smaller, Smarter, or None at All?** *Stephen D. Cassivi, M.D., M.S.*
3:05 pm	**How I Do It: Ureteral Injury, Now What?** *Vidit Sharma, M.D.*
3:20 pm	**Interactive Session: Cases and Q&A** *Session Faculty*
3:50 pm	Refreshment Break and Exhibits
4:20 pm	**Ogilvie's Syndrome: Best Management** *Diem N. Vu, M.D.*
4:40 pm	**Topics in Appendicitis: Non-Operative Management, Robotics, Drains, Pathology** *David Turay, M.D., PHD*
5:00 pm	**Robotics in Acute Care Surgery: Ready for Prime Time?** *John M. Zietlow, M.D.*
5:20 pm	**Which Bowel Obstruction Should You Not Observe?** *Erica A. Loomis, M.D.*
5:40 pm	**How I Do It: VATS Operations for the General Surgeon** *Stephen D. Cassivi, M.D., M.S.*
5:55 pm	**How I Do It: Best Management of the Open Abdomen** *John M. Zietlow, M.D.*
6:10 pm	**Interactive Session: Cases and Q&A** *Session Faculty*
6:40 pm	ADJOURN – End of Day 4
Thursday, February 4, 2026	
6:15 am	**Continental Breakfast and Exhibits**
6:50 am	**Welcome Announcements** *Amit Merchea, M.D., James A. Madura, II, M.D., and Mark J. Truty, M.D., M.S.*
SESSION: Hernia and Potpourri	

Moderators: James A. Madura, II, M.D., David G. Pearson, M.D.	
7:00 am	**Acute Hernia Management** *Gina Kim, M.D.*
7:20 am	**Management of Atypical Hernias** *David G. Pearson, M.D.*
7:40 am	**When to Further Optimize the Hernia Patient and When to Operate** *Sarah Mohamedaly, M.D., M.P.H.*
8:00 am	**The Difficult Hiatal Hernia** *TBD*
8:20 am	**Clinical Decision-Making Approach for Abdominal Wall Reconstruction** *Sarah Mohamedaly, M.D., M.P.H.*
8:40 am	**Making Groin Pain Manageable** *Gina Kim, M.D.*
9:00 am	**How I Do It: Robotic Retrorectus Ventral Hernia Repairs** *Sarah Mohamedaly, M.D., M.P.H.*
9:10 am	**How I Do It: Robotic Transversus Abdominis Release and Tips for Dealing with a Large Sac** *David G. Pearson, M.D.*
9:20 am	**How I Do It: Robotic TAPP Ventral Hernia Repair – Tips to Avoid Frustration** *Gina Kim, M.D.*
9:30 am	**Interactive Session: Cases and Q&A** *Session Faculty*
9:40 am	Refreshment Break and Exhibits
10:10 am	**Gastric Polyps** *Jennifer L. Horsly-Silva, M.D.*
10:30 am	**Hydradenitis Suppurativa Treatment** *Thea Price, M.D.*
10:50 am	**Solid Organ Transplant Update: What Surgeons Need to Know** *Amit K. Mathur, M.D.*
11:10 am	**GERD Evaluation** *Jennifer L. Horsly-Silva, M.D.*
11:30 am	**Advanced Wound Healing** *Thea Price, M.D.*
11:50 am	**Gastroparesis** *TBD.*
12:10 pm	**Interactive Session: Cases and Q&A** *Session Faculty*
12:20 pm	ADJOURN – End of Day 5
Friday, February 5, 2026	
6:30 am	**Continental Breakfast and Exhibits**
7:00 am	**Announcements** *Amit Merchea, M.D., James A. Madura, II, M.D., and Mark J. Truty, M.D., M.S.*
SESSION: Breast *Moderator: Emmanual Gariel, M.D., Ph.D.*	
7:10 am	**Non-Operative Management for DCIS** *Emmanuel M. Gabriel, M.D., Ph.D.*
7:30 am	**Omission of Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy** *Shon M. Black, M.D.*
7:50 am	**Challenges in Sentinel Node Mapping – What To Do** *Patricia A. Cronin, M.D.*
8:10 am	**Multidisciplinary Management of Favorable and Aggressive Breast Cancer Subtypes** *Shon M. Black, M.D.*
8:30 am	**Cryoablation in Breast Cancer**

	Emmanuel M. Gabriel, M.D., Ph.D.
8:50 am	**Interactive Session: Q&A** *Session Faculty*
9:10 am	Refreshment Break and Exhibits
9:40 am	**Robotic Nipple Sparing Mastectomy – The Future?** *Patricia A. Cronin, M.D.*
10:00 am	**Management of Breast Implant Complications** *TBD*
10:20 am	**Oncoplastic Techniques – When You Do or Don't Need A Plastic Surgeon** *TBD*
10:40 am	**How I Do It: Duct Excision for Nipple Discharge** *Emmanuel M. Gabriel, M.D., Ph.D.*
11:05 am	**How I Do It: Neurotization and Nerve Preservation** *Patricia A. Cronin, M.D.*
11:20 am	**How I Do It: Incisions for Skin Sparing Mastectomy with Reconstruction** *TBD*
11:35 am	**How I Do It: When There's a Missing Clip** *Shon M. Black, M.D.*
11:50 am	**Interactive Session: Q & A** *Session Faculty*
12:10 pm	ADJOURN – End of Day 6