

# Bringing it Back to You



## Association of Women Surgeons Annual Conference

October 21-23, 2023  
Boston, MA



# Mission, Values, & Goals



## The **MISSION** of the Association of Women Surgeons:

AWS is a not-for-profit educational and professional organization whose mission is to inspire, encourage, and enable women surgeons to realize their professional and personal goals.

## The **BRAND STATEMENT** of the Association of Women Surgeons:

There are still so many challenges facing women in surgery today: pay equity, ergonomics, family leave, healthcare reform, changes in academic medicine, resident education, and work-life balance. Many of these issues affect both men and women, majority and minority groups, and they affect our ability to do our jobs and live our lives well.

- Together we will address the issues affecting surgeons today.
- Together we will build your future in surgery.
- Together we will improve the lives of working surgeons.
- Together we will prepare surgeons to be leaders.

The Association of Women Surgeons is a fellowship of surgeons who have dedicated their professional lives to surgery. We can provide you with mentorship, with opportunity, and with your help, a better future for all surgeons. ***Why AWS? Because Together We Are Better.***

## The **GOALS** of the Association of Women Surgeons:

**Equity:** AWS eliminates equity barriers for all surgeons.

**Professional Development:** AWS promotes thriving surgeons at all career stages, in all practice models, and in their personal and professional lives.

**Organizational Effectiveness:** AWS provides an innovative business model that ensures an inclusive, vibrant, and collaborative organization.

## The **CORE VALUES** of the Association of Women Surgeons:

**Integrity:** We uphold the highest level of ethical behavior as evidenced by honesty, transparency, and dignity.

**Community:** We foster mentorship, sponsorship, and mutual support.

**Inclusivity:** We aspire to include, promote and support all surgeons, and embrace diversity.

# Theme & Objectives



The Association of Women Surgeons 2023 Annual Research Conference convenes on October 21-23, 2023, in Boston, MA.

The theme for the 2023 conference is **“Bringing it Back to You”**. The learning objectives for the conference are:

- Recognize and practice self-agency to ensure the well-being and longevity of practice for surgeons
- Recognize and practice self-advocacy for all women surgeons
- Develop self-promotion skills and learn how and where to best apply

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# 2023 Annual Conference



## Friday, October 20, 2023

Time	Session
3:00 - 7:00 PM	Registration

## Saturday, October 21, 2023

Time	Session
6:00 AM - 7:00 PM	Registration
7:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Professional Headshots
6:00 AM - 7:00 PM	Surgeons' Lounge
6:45 - 7:45 AM	Continental Breakfast & Starr Poster Forum
8:15 - 8:45 AM	Welcome and Personal Mission/Vision/Brand
8:45 - 9:35 AM	Imposter Syndrome In the Modern Era
9:35 - 10:00 AM	Moving Meditation & Core Value Exercise
10:00 - 10:30 AM	Networking Break/Exhibit Hall
10:30 - 11:20 AM	Coaching Lecture
11:20 - 11:30 AM	Core Value Exercise
11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	AJS Top Papers
12:15 - 1:05 PM	Keynote Presentation
1:10 - 1:40 PM	Book Signing/Exhibit Hall/Networking Break
1:40 - 3:00 PM	Business Meeting/Lunch/Group Photo
3:00 - 4:00 PM	Social Media & Passion Problem
4:00 - 4:30 PM	Exhibit Hall/Networking Break
4:30 - 5:30 PM	Living your Best Path Outside the OR
5:30 - 6:00 PM	Core Value Exercise Summary
6:00 - 7:00 PM	Wine/Cheese/Hobbies

## Sunday, October 22, 2023

Time	Session
7:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Registration
8:00 - 9:30 AM	Workshop Session #1
9:30 - 10:00 AM	Break
10:00 - 11:30 AM	Workshop Session #2
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Lunch & Learn
1:00 - 4:00 PM	Coaching Program Training
7:00 - 8:00 PM	Student & Resident Mixer

# 2023 Annual Conference



## Monday, October 23, 2023

Time	Session
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Registration
6:00 - 7:30 PM	Women in Surgery Committee Reception
7:30 - 10:00 PM	Gala

## Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Time	Session
7:00 - 9:00 AM	Networking Breakfast

## Continuing Medical Education Credit Information

### Accreditation

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of American College of Surgeons and Association of Women Surgeons. The American College of Surgeons is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

### AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™

The American College of Surgeons designates this live activity for a maximum of **11.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™**. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.



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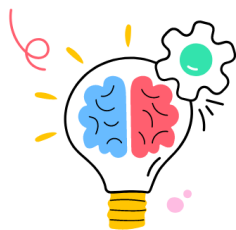
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## REGISTRATION HOURS

The registration desk is located in the Pacific Ballroom *Foyer*. The registration desk will be open during the following hours:

**Friday, October 20, 2023, 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM**  
**Saturday, October 21, 2023, 6:00 AM – 7:00 PM**  
**Sunday, October 22, 2023, 7:00 AM – 2:00 PM**  
**Monday, October 23, 2023, 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM**



## COACHING PROGRAM WORKSHOP

One workshop will be offered on Sunday, October 22, 2023. This workshop is for the AWS members who have generously volunteered to serve as a coach in 2023-2024. Please see the registration desk for more information and session availability.



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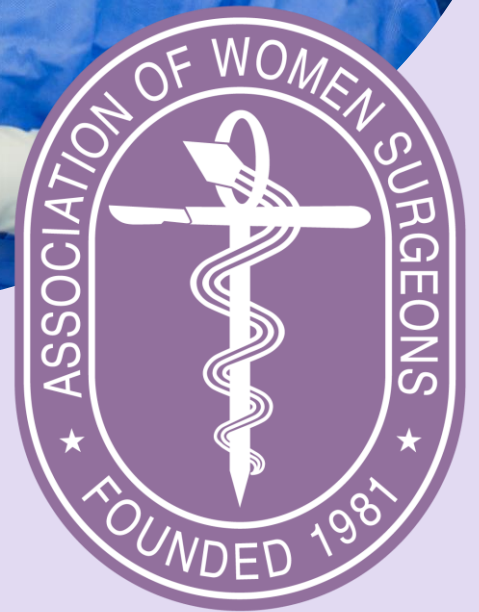


## NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Surgeons' Lounge:  
*featuring AWS Coaching Corner*  
Lunch & Learn: Sunday, October 22, 2023, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM  
*featuring Legally Mine*  
Breakfast: Tuesday, October 24, 2023, 7:00 – 9:00 AM  
*featuring local artisans shopping and a brief presentation by Stryker*

The Association of Women Surgeons wishes to recognize and thank the following companies for their monetary commercial support: Ethicon, Medtronic, Stryker, Scanlan, and Legally Mine.

# AWS Career Center



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in sponsoring activities that advance the educational and professional growth of women in surgery.



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# FUN

## RUN & WALK

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22**

**8:00 AM EASTERN**

**MEET IN THE RENAISSANCE  
WATERFRONT LOBBY**

Enjoy fresh air, exercise, Boston scenery, and the company of your fellow women surgeons while participating at your own pace.



Two routes to  
choose from





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A wide-angle photograph of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, California, taken during the golden hour of sunset. The bridge's iconic orange-red towers and suspension cables are silhouetted against a clear, vibrant blue sky that transitions to a warm orange glow near the horizon. The bridge spans across the deep blue waters of the San Francisco Bay. In the background, the city of San Francisco is visible on the hills, with a prominent radio tower standing out against the sky. The overall mood is serene and majestic.

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October 19, 2024

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