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Tuesday, December 1, 2026 – Didactic

11:00 – 4:00 p.m. — *Marriott – Salon C Foyer*
Registration

12:15 – 12:45 p.m. — *Marriott – Salon A-D*
CGSO Networking Lunch

12:45 – 1:00 p.m. — *Marriott – Salon A-D*
Welcome Remarks
Maria C. Russell, MD

1:00 – 1:15 p.m. — *Marriott – Salon A-D*
SSO Membership Benefits
Kenneth K. Tanabe, MD

1:15 – 3:00p.m. — *Marriott – Salon A-D*
Starting Your Practice

1:15 – 1:30 p.m. Starting Your Practice – Junior Attending
Anthony Villano, MD

1:30 – 1:45 p.m. Starting Your Practice – Senior Attending
T. Clark Gamblin, MD

1:45 – 2:45 p.m. Career Tracks – Getting Started

- Research – *Emily Z. Keung, MD, AM, FACS, FSSO*
- Under-Resourced Hospitals – *Meredith C. Mason, MD*
- Education – *Sean P. Dineen, MD, MHPE*
- Community Practice – *Magesh Sundaram, MD*

2:45 – 3:00 p.m. Panel Discussion and Q&A

3:00 – 3:15 p.m. — *Marriott –Salon C Foyer*
Networking Break

3:15 – 4:15 p.m. *Marriott – Salon A-D*

Metrics – How Are You Graded?

3:15 - 3:30 p.m.	Billing and Coding: What is an RVU? *Kiran Turaga, MD, MPH*
3:30 – 3:45 p.m.	Quality Metrics *Lily Lai, MD*
3:45 – 4:00 p.m.	Introducing New Technology *Laleh Melstrom, MD, MS*
4:00 – 4:15 p.m.	Panel Discussion and Q&A

4:15 – 4:30 p.m. *Marriott –Salon C Foyer*

Networking Break

4:30 – 6:00 p.m. *Marriott – Salon A-D*

Challenging Case Presentations

4:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Case Presentation #1 *Sebastian Chung, MD, Fox Chase Cancer Center* Faculty Panel: *Emily Z. Keung, MD, AM, FACS, FSSO; Sameer H. Patel, MD; and Magesh Sundaram, MD*
5:00 – 5:30 p.m.	Case Presentation #2 *Hallbera Gudmundsdottir, MD, Duke University Hospital* Faculty Panel: *Hop S. Tran Cao, MD; T. Clark Gamblin, MD, MS, MBA, FACS; Laleh Melstrom, MD, MS FACS; Timothy E. Newhook, MD; Anthony Villano, MD*
5:30 – 6:00 p.m.	Presentation #3 *Crisanta H. Ilagan, MD, MHS, Loma Linda University Health* Faculty Panel: *T. Clark Gamblin, MD, MS, MBA, FACS; Meredith C. Mason, MD; Laleh Melstrom, MD, MS FACS; Sameer H. Patel, MD*

6:00 – 6:45 p.m. *Marriott – Salon E*

Welcome Reception & Industry Product Showcase

Sponsored by Medtronic

6:45 – 7:15 p.m. *Marriott – Salon A-D*

Seated for Dinner & Group Picture

7:15 – 8:15 p.m. *Marriott – Salon A-D*

Keynote Presentation Assembly

7:15 – 8:00 p.m. Keynote Presentation
Kenneth K. Tanabe, MD

8:00 – 8:15 p.m. Closing Remarks
Maria C. Russell, MD

Wednesday, December 2, 2026 – Hands-On

6:30 – 7:00 a.m. *Marriott – Third Floor – Main and Green Restaurant*
Hotel Meet-Up/Walk to MITIE

7:00 – 7:30 a.m. *MITIE: Rio Grande – Dunn Tower, Level 1*
Breakfast/MITIE Check-In

7:30 – 10:50 a.m. *MITIE: Rio Grande – Dunn Tower, Level 1*
Morning Didactic and Cases

7:30–7:55 a.m. HIPEC
Oliver S. Eng, MD

7:55–8:20 a.m. Gastric
Dan G. Blazer, III, MD, MEM, FACS

8:20–8:45 a.m. Pancreas
Sameer H. Patel, MD

8:45–9:10 a.m. Sarcoma
Valerie Grignol, MD

9:10–9:35 a.m. Colorectal
Brian K. Bednarski, MD, MEHP, FACS

9:35–10:00 a.m. Liver
Timothy E. Newhook, MD

10:00–10:25 a.m. Robotic Tips and Tricks
Naruhiko Ikoma, MD, MS; Hop S. Tran Cao, MD

10:25–10:50 a.m. HAIP
Laleh Melstrom, MD, MS

10:50 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. *MITIE: Rio Grande – Dunn Tower, Level 1*
Lunch

EPA Update: *Oliver S. Eng, MD*

11:30 – 11: 50 a.m. *MITIE Procedural Skills Lab – Level 5*
Transition Break

11:50 – 3:35 p.m. *MITIE Procedural Skills Lab – Level 5*
Afternoon Lab Rotations

3:35 p.m. *MITIE Procedural Skills Lab – Level 5*
CGSO-HPB Program Adjourns

4:00 p.m. *MITIE – Level 1, 6670 Bertner Avenue*
Buses Depart to IAH & HOU
