Celebrating our past,
TRANSFORMING OUR FUTURE

ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN SURGEONS
2021 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

VIRTUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 16-17
The Association of Women Surgeons (AWS), founded in 1981, is an international not-for-profit professional organization whose mission is to inspire, encourage and enable women surgeons to realize their professional and personal goals.

Does your organization strive to be women friendly in this day and age?

Show it through your support of AWS.

Half of all US medical students and nearly 40% OF SURGICAL RESIDENTS ARE WOMEN and AWS has this audience captured. Join us at the 2021 Virtual Conference to reach them! With over 3,000 MEMBERS representing 21 countries, 51 organizational members and 52 Medical Student Chapters, AWS is the largest organization dedicated to women surgeons across all surgical subspecialties. AWS provides mentoring opportunities and leadership development by fostering the interaction among and exchange of information between women surgeons.

The 2021 Annual Conference will celebrate the association’s 40th anniversary. Our theme for the conference is Celebrating our Past, Transforming our Future, and features a variety of scientific and inspirational leaders in surgery.

AWS ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

ADVOCACY
• Significant Social Media Presence in Surgery
• Statements on Pay Parity, Sexual Harassment, Parental Leave
• Gender Equity Toolkit Available on AWS Website
• Best Practice for OR Attire

REPRESENTATION
• Governor for the American College of Surgeons
• Representative on the ACS General Surgery Advisory Council
• Representatives in most ACS State Chapters

OPPORTUNITY
• Dedicated annual AWS issue of the American Journal of Surgery
• Research Scholarships
• Visiting Professor Programs
• Coaching Project to Support Women Trainees and Reduce Burnout
• Networking, Mentorship and Leadership

Ready to exhibit or advertise? Complete our new online application at womensurgeons.org.

For more information, contact Bree Angelo at bree.angelo@mci-group.com, or 312.265.2996.
AWS 2021 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Preliminary Program: View our website for latest details
All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2021

10:00 - 10:10am Opening Remarks
10:10am - 12:30pm Scientific Sessions
12:30 - 1:00pm Networking Break (Virtual Exhibit Hall, Chat Rooms)
1:00 - 2:00pm The History and Evolution of AWS: Keynote Presentation and Panel with Legends in Surgery
2:05 - 3:35pm Breakout Sessions
3:35pm - 3:40 Closing Comments
3:45 - 4:45pm URM High School Outreach Programming

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021

10:00 - 10:10am Opening Remarks
10:10 - 11:00am Diversity is Our Future Panel
11:05am - 12:35pm Breakout Sessions
12:35 - 1:00pm Networking Break (Virtual Exhibit Hall, Chat Rooms)
1:00 - 2:00pm LIVE Keynote Presentation, “Global Surgery”
Lisa Newman, MD, MPH, FACS, FASCO
2:05 - 2:35pm Highlights of the Present: Current Programs & Successes
2:40 - 2:50pm Closing Comments
3:00 - 4:00pm Business Meeting & Presidential Address
SUPPORT BENEFITS

Do you want to ENGAGE, EMPOWER, or EXCEL Women Surgeons?

Review the benefits and select the special audience activation that best supports your company’s objective. We are committed to offering you opportunities to connect with our audience in new and exciting ways even though we will not be meeting in person.

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MAXIMIZE YOUR REACH

ENGAGE OPPORTUNITIES $5,000
- Virtual Platform Leaderboard Sponsor
- AWS Trivia Game sponsor

EMPOWER OPPORTUNITIES $10,000
- Coffee Sponsor - $5 Starbucks e-gift card for each attendee (Up to 350 attendees)
- Virtual 5K sponsor

EXCEL OPPORTUNITIES $20,000
- Virtual Platform sponsor (Exclusive Opportunity)
- 15-minute break – hosted by company for a demonstration, talk, game, etc.
EDUCATIONAL GRANTS & OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

The Association of Women Surgeons also gratefully accepts Educational Grants for the 2021 Annual Conference, as well as other educational endeavors throughout the year. Educational Grants are acknowledged in any printed program as well as at the specific event, if applicable.

The grants can include support for the below expenses. Additionally, “in kind” grants may be needed at times, including disposable instruments or equipment on loan.

• Printing
• Meals & Social Events
• Miscellaneous Meeting Expenses (speaker expenses, audio/visual solutions, etc.)

AJS BEST PAPER CONTEST SPONSORSHIP  |  $2,500

Sponsor the AJS Best Paper Contest and your logo will be featured on the AWS website, in the mobile app, and conference on signage. Plus, a representative from your company will present the award in front of the AWS audience during the session.

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AWS 40TH ANNIVERSARY