

2026 SCW Annual Meeting Agenda  
Glacier Canyon Lodge

\*The agenda is going through approval for 6.50 CME credits

Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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| 7:30 AM  | <b>Breakfast</b>  |
| 8:15 AM  | <b>Welcome / SCW State of the Organization</b><br>Dr. Elise Lawson  |
| 8:30 AM  | <b>Strengthening Rural Surgery in Wisconsin</b><br>Dr. Annie Zeug – <i>Moderator</i><br>Dr. Mel Johnson – <i>Training the Next Generation of Rural Surgeons</i><br>Jeremy Levin – <i>Advocacy, Policy, and Workforce Challenges in Rural Surgery</i><br>Dr. Jill Ties – <i>National Trends and Opportunities in Rural Surgical Care</i> |
| 9:45 AM  | <b>BREAK</b>  |
| 10:00 AM | <b>Reducing Low-Value Surgical Care – An initiative to reduce preoperative testing for low-risk patients undergoing low-risk surgery</b><br>Dr. Chey Collura  |
| 10:30 AM | <b>OncoLLM and Generative AI for Clinical Trial Matching</b><br>Dr. Anai Kothari  |
| 11:00 AM | <b>Endoscopic Essentials for the General Surgeon</b><br>Dr. Luis Lomeli - <i>Diagnosis and management of UGI conditions seen on endoscopy</i><br>Dr. Patrick Pfau - <i>Colonoscopy challenges: management of difficult polyps, GI bleeds, and colitis</i>   |
| 12:00 PM | <b>Lunch</b>  |
| 1:15 PM  | <b>Optimizing Ventral Hernia Repair: Review of Challenging Cases</b><br>Dr. Victoria Rendell, Dr. Matthew Goldblatt, and Dr. Wen Hui Tan  |
| 2:15 PM  | <b>BREAK</b>  |
| 2:20 PM  | <b>Breast Cancer Case Conference: Surgical Decision-Making in Real Time</b><br>Dr. Chandler Cortina, Dr. Amanda Kong, Dr. Meeghan Lautner, and Dr. Joseph Weber   |
| 3:20 PM  | <b>BREAK</b>  |
| 3:30 PM  | <b>Practical Tips for Creation and Management of Challenging Ostomies</b><br>Dr. David Nelms, Dr. Ana De Roo, Emily Staudt, and Melissa Mitchell  |
| 4:30 PM  | <b>Cocktail Hour (families are encouraged to join!)</b>   |
| 5:30 PM  | <b>Dinner (families are encouraged to join!)</b>  |

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Speaker Information

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Assistant Professor  
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Froedtert & Medical College of Wisconsin

**Ana De Roo, MD, MSc, FACS**

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**Matthew Goldblatt, MD, FACS**

Professor of Surgery  
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**Mel Johnson, MD, FACS**

General Surgeon  
General Surgery Residency Program Director  
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**Amanda Kong, MD, MS, FSSO, FACS**

Professor, Division of Surgical Oncology  
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**Anai Kothari, MD, MS, FACS**

Assistant Professor, Division of Surgical Oncology  
Director, Bud & Sue Selig Hub for Surgical Data Science  
Director, MCW Integrated Cancer Data Resource  
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**Jeremy Levin**

Director of Advocacy  
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SCW Executive Director  
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**Luis Lomeli, MD, MPH**

Associate Professor  
Esophageal Section Chief  
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**Melissa Mitchell, BSN, RN**

Wound and Ostomy Care Nurse  
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**David Nelms, MD, FACS**

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**Joseph Weber, MD, FACS**

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