

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

7:30 AM	<b>Breakfast</b>
8:15 AM	<b>Welcome / SCW State of the Organization</b> Dr. Elise Lawson
8:30 AM	<b>Strengthening Rural Surgery in Wisconsin</b> Dr. Annie Zeug – <i>Moderator</i> Dr. Mel Johnson – <i>Training the Next Generation of Rural Surgeons</i> Jeremy Levin – <i>Advocacy, Policy, and Workforce Challenges in Rural Surgery</i> 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> Dr. Chey Collura
10:30 AM	<b>OncolLM and Generative AI for Clinical Trial Matching</b> Dr. Anai Kothari
11:00 AM	<b>Endoscopic Essentials for the General Surgeon</b> Dr. Luis Lomeli - <i>Diagnosis and management of UGI conditions seen on endoscopy</i> 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> 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> 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> 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>

Speaker Information

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