



# CALLING ALL SURGICAL EDUCATORS AND TRAINEES!

Have you ever wondered “*Is there something better in laparoscopic simulation?*”  
Do you want to demonstrate your technical skills?  
Do you want to compete against the best?

The Association of Surgical Education is excited to announce the return of the **Annual ATLAS Competition**. The **ATLAS (Advanced Training in Laparoscopic Suturing)** program is a curriculum that teaches and assesses advanced laparoscopic suturing skills and has been shown to improve clinical performance.

## WHO

All surgical trainees, students and faculty are eligible to participate. Multiple individuals from an institution can participate, but each person will be assessed individually. Special prizes will be awarded for top performance.

## WHAT

The ATLAS skills (needle handling, off-set forehand and backhand suturing, restricted space suturing, suturing under tension and continuous suturing) are demonstrated on the ATLAS website: <https://atlas.surgicaleducation.com/>. Materials and equipment to practice these skills are available from **Limbs and Things**. It is highly recommended that participants practice these skills before the meeting.

## WHEN

You must register for the meeting and be present in person during the Association of Surgical Education portion of Surgical Education Week. (April 23-25, 2024, Orlando, FL). You need to stop by the ATLAS booth during exhibit hours on April 24<sup>th</sup> and April 25<sup>th</sup> before 11 AM to register a score. The top-scoring individuals will face off in a final head-to-head competition at 12 PM on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, and this year’s champions will be crowned!