



ASSOCIATION FOR SURGICAL EDUCATION
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ASE Clerkship Coordinator Annual Meeting Sessions

**Monday, April 27, 2026 - Pre-Meeting Workshop: Updates in the Surgery Clerkship
(included with Registration)**

- 6:00am - 5:30pm **ASE Registration**
Atrium Level - Atrium Ballroom Pre-Function Area
- 7:00am - 4:30pm **Updates in the Surgical Clerkship. (Joint session)**
Atrium Level, A706
- ❖ Welcome
 - ❖ Professionalism
 - ❖ Navigating the 4th Year
 - ❖ Medical Student Panel: AI and Resources
 - ❖ WISE MD Updates
 - ❖ NBME Updates
 - ❖ ACS/ASE Medical Student Core Curriculum Update
 - ❖ Deans Panel
 - ❖ Update in Surgical Education Research: Landmark Topics and Best Practices
 - ❖ Job Description, Tips and Tricks
- 4:30pm – 6:00pm **Clerkship Speed Mentoring**
Atrium Level Foyer
- 6:00pm - 7:00pm **ASE Welcome Reception**
Atrium Level - Atrium Ballroom Pre-Function Area

Tuesday, April 28, 2026- Coordinator Track- Day 1- Lobby Level Room L508

- 8:00am - 8:10am **Welcome and Overview of the Coordinator Track**
Rolanda Whitford, CCSE Chair
Caroline Rhodes, CCSE Vice-chair
- 8:10am - 8:15am **Recognition of Coordinator Scholarship**
Christell Menetrier, Dr. Amalia Cochran
- 8:15am – 8:30am **Introductions**



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- 8:30am - 9:00am **Debrief of Updates on the Surgical Clerkship**
Rolanda Whitford & Caroline Rhodes
What we learned and how to put it into practice. This group discussion will reflect on what we learned in the Updates on the Surgical Clerkship session. What will the next steps be and how can we work together to solve complex problems?
- 9:00am - 9:30am **Professional Development**
James Soulikias, MHI - University of Kansas Medical Center
This session will discuss Professional Development opportunities for coordinators
- 9:30am – 10:30am **Three Perspectives, One Role: Aligning Expectations of Surgical Clerkship Coordinators**
Rolanda Whitford, APACS-Sr, East Carolina University, Brody SOM
What do directors expect from coordinators—and what do students think coordinators actually do? This session compares perspectives from directors, coordinators, and students to better define the role of the surgical clerkship coordinator.
- 10:30am – 10:45am **Break**
- 10:45am – 11:45pm **Advising Medical Students**
Caroline Rhodes, MBA, APACS, Tulane University
Advising 4th year students going into surgery
- 12:00pm – 1:00pm **Lunch**
- 1:00pm – 2:00pm **Co-Coordination: A Synchronization of Delegation & Implementation**
Frenni Acuesta, APACS & Amber Cobbett, University of California, San Francisco
This session explores how co-coordinators can effectively divide responsibilities while maintaining a unified approach to clerkship management. The session highlights strategies for thoughtful delegation, empowering training, clear communication, and balanced collaboration. Presenters will also discuss how shared systems and consistent messaging help create a sustainable and supportive co-coordinator partnership.
- 2:00pm - 3:00 **Implementing a Surgery Escape Room**
Kelli Kline, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health
Utilizing a simulation, escape room environment to reiterate basic surgical concepts and focus on the importance of multi-dimensional communication and collaboration among members of the surgical team. The focus will be on the implementation and coordination of the escape room environment.



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- 3:00pm - 3:15pm **Swag Exchange & Wrap up**
- 3:30pm - 4:00pm **Royce Laycock Guest Lecture**
Malissa Clark, PhD
Atrium Level - Atrium Ballroom BC

Wednesday, April 29, 2026 - Coordinator Track- Day 2 - Lobby Level Room L508

- 8:00am – 8:45am **The Changing Face of Professionalism**
Angie LeBoeuf, LSU Health
This session will discuss the differences and / or similarities in the way faculty and students think about professionalism
- 8:50am – 9:50am **Presidential Address**
Aimee Gardner, PhD
Atrium Level BC
- 10:00am - 10:15am **Break**
- 10:15am – 11:15am **Supporting the Supporter**
Caroline Rhodes, MBA, APACS, Tulane University
We will discuss navigating the unspoken parts of our jobs
- 11:15am – 12:15pm **Coordinating Justice-Involved Care Education within the Surgery Clerkship: Cultural Competence, Advocacy, and Structural Awareness**
Keion Morgan, MA, Morehouse School of Medicine
This session will introduce coordinators to the unique healthcare challenges faced by justice-involved patients and why increased awareness is needed within surgical education environments. Using evidence from surgical literature and lived experience perspectives, the presentation will highlight systemic barriers, cultural competence considerations, and opportunities for coordinators to support awareness-building across departments and programs. The goal is to equip attendees with foundational knowledge to better understand and advocate for justice-involved patients within academic surgical settings.



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12:15pm – 1:00pm **Lunch**

1:00pm - 5:00pm **Open to attend workshops and podium sessions**

6:30pm – 9:00pm **ASE Arts & Accolades (Business attire)**
(Formerly the Awards Banquet, included in registration)
Atrium Level - Atrium A

Thursday, April 30, 2026 - Coordinator Track- Day 3 - Lobby Level Room L508

- 8:00am - 8:45am **Oral Exams as an Assessment Tool**
Ashley O’Bryant, MA, APACS, Michigan State University
This presentation will describe how oral exams are implemented within a multi-site program. Key topics will include the strategic scheduling methods used to minimize examiner bias, the rubric-based tool used to support standardized grading, and ongoing faculty development efforts aimed at ensuring consistency across sites and examiners. We will also discuss how data is used to provide direct feedback to examiners, helping identify grading patterns and potential outliers.
- 8:45am – 9:15am **Coordinators Let’s Find Our Wellness Again**
Rosie Ludlow, BA, University of Utah
Body, soul, and mind—nurturing each requires only a small portion of life’s precious time. Together, we will explore valuable resources, practical tips, and simple ways to invest our time in cultivating self-care and fostering genuine care for one another, honoring the whole person.
- 9:15am - 9:30am **Break**
- 9:30am – 10:30am **Panel: The Invisible Backbone**
Rolanda Whitford, APACS-Sr, ECU Brody School of Medicine
Behind every successful program are the stories coordinators rarely get to share. This panel invites coordinators to talk about real challenges, surprises, and lessons learned — sparking honest discussion, shared laughter, and practical wisdom from the field.



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10:30am – 11:30am **CCSE Business Meeting**
Caroline Rhodes, MBA, APACS, Tulane University
Goals & Mission for AY 2026-2027

11:30am **Wrap up**

12:00pm **Conclusion of Coordinator Track Program**

Thank you for participating in the Coordinator's Track!

We hope you enjoyed your week!

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