



Saudi General Surgery Society (SGSS) Newsletter

December 2025

Welcome to the SGSS Newsletter,

a quarterly window into the remarkable progress, achievements, and collaborative spirit within the Saudi General Surgery Society (SGSS). Each edition highlights key updates, scientific insights, and the voices of our members who continue to elevate surgical practice across the Kingdom. We hope this newsletter enriches your knowledge, strengthens our community, and inspires continued innovation.

This is our first issue, and the best is yet to come. Stay tuned!

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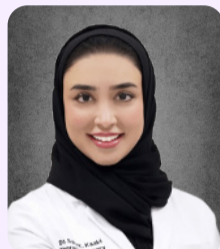
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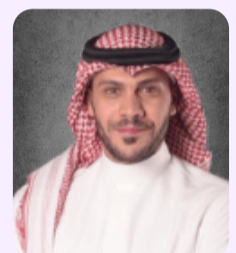
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Committees:

- Governance and Internal Rules Committee
- Budgeting and Finance Committee
- Partnership and Resource Development Committee
- Members Services Committee
- Academic Affairs and Scientific Group Committees
- Public Relations and Social Media Committee

Governance and Internal Rules Committee

The Governance Subcommittee supports transparency, effectiveness, and strong organizational practices across the Society.

- Leader:



Dr. Wesam Abuznadah

Consultant of General & Vascular Surgery, American College of Surgeons

- Upcoming:

12/2025

Update of Governance Framework

03/2026

Annual Review of Bylaws and Policies

- Recommended Resource:

For members interested in understanding the importance of governance in nonprofit organizations, we recommend:

"What Nonprofit Boards Get Wrong — and How to Fix It" — Harvard Business Review

This article highlights the critical role governance plays in accountability, sustainability, and organizational performance.

<https://hbr.org/2015/09/the-sorry-state-of-nonprofit-boards>

Budgeting and Finance Committee

The finance committee is responsible for ensuring the financial sustainability, integrity and transparency of the SGSS.

- Leader:



Dr. Mohammed AlHarthi

Consultant of General Surgery, Colorectal Surgery and (HPB) Surgery, King Abdulaziz University-Hospital, Jeddah

Mission:

To provide strategic financial oversight, support sound budgeting and expenditure practices and maintain full compliance with the regulations governing scientific societies.

Scope:

Budgeting, financial monitoring, reporting auditing coordination, and advising leadership on fiscal matters that support the society's goals and activities

Recent Activities:

- The committee has actively supported the society's strategic engagement by sponsoring key events.
- Silver sponsor for The Second Scientific Societies Forum and the First Clinical Nursing Conference.
- Support for Jeddah Valley Innovation and Business Zone Launch Ceremony

Partnership and Resource Development Committee

We're forming a Partnerships & External Relations Subcommittee to drive ethical, high-impact collaborations with companies, hospitals, and societies.

- Leader:



Dr. Fadhel Alzahrani

Upper GI and Bariatric Surgery Consultants King Abdullah Medical City, Makkah

Short-term:

Establish a transparent partnership framework launch 2—3 pilot partnerships, create a partnership directory and KPI dashboard, and publish sponsorships and acknowledgement guidelines to ensure independence and integrity.

Long-term:

Multi-year programs for education, codevelop curricula and certification pathways with peer societies, research grants, and grow an international network of partners to expand exchange programs and multicenter trials.

Members Services Committee

Our committee is dedicated to enhancing the experience of our members by providing valuable resources, support, and opportunities for professional growth. It plays a crucial role in fostering a vibrant community of surgeons. We strive to empower our members through: Professional Development, Networking Opportunities, Feedback and Communication, Exclusive Benefits, like: Developing partnerships and services that provide tangible advantages to our members, enhancing their professional journey.

Leader:



Dr. Maram Alkahtieb

General Surgery Consultant & Diabetic Foot, King Abdulaziz University-Hospital, Jeddah

Vision:

To be the foremost advocate for our members, cultivating a dynamic and inclusive environment that promotes professional growth, collaboration, and satisfaction within the surgical community.

Mission:

- **Empowering Members:** Offering resources, support, and opportunities that foster the professional development and advancement of our members in the surgical field.
- **Enhancing Communication:** Establishing open and effective communication channels to ensure that members' voices are heard, valued, and acted upon.
- **Building Community:** Creating a robust network of surgeons that encourages collaboration, mentorship and the sharing of knowledge among members.
- **Delivering Value:** Continuously improving and expanding services, benefits, and partnerships that address the evolving needs of our members.
- **Promoting Excellence:** Upholding the highest standards in surgical practice and education, ensuring our members are equipped with the latest knowledge and skills

Academic Affairs and Scientific Group Committees

The committee aims to strengthen surgical education, support scientific activities, enable trainees and surgeons to access modern educational opportunities, and align national surgical training with global advancements.

• Leader:



Dr. Ohoud Alamoudi

Consultant, General Surgery & Colorectal Surgeon Surgery Department, IMC, Jeddah

Mission:

The committee oversees and coordinates a wide range of academic and scientific functions within SSGS including:

- Plan, supervise, and ensure the scientific quality of all academic activities, including the annual academic plan, conferences, workshops, scientific meetings, and publication of the association's scientific journal.
- Develop and support specialized scientific groups by forming subspecialty teams, coordinating their programs, facilitating expert participation, and promoting collaboration with national and international surgical associations.
- Strengthen academic development and surgeon training through regular workshops, hands-on courses scientific clubs, and initiatives that support Saudi speakers, researchers, and emerging surgical talent.
- Build and maintain strategic academic partnerships locally and globally, coordinating across scientific committees and ensuring the successful execution of the annual conference and all related educational events.

Public Relations and Social Media Committee

The Pulse of SGSS!

Who We Are:

We're not just about posts and press releases — we're about people. The PR Committee is where stories meet strategy, connecting surgeons, patients, and the public through inspiring communication, community outreach, and creative engagement. Our goal? **To show the heart behind the scalpel**

• Leader:



Dr. Alhassan Almaghrabi

Consultant of General Surgery, Bariatric and Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery, Alnoor Specialist Hospital, Makkah

What We've Been Up To:

- **Community at Heart:** Partnered with national health campaigns to raise awareness about safe surgery and early diagnosis.
- **The "Faces of SGSS" Series:** Showcasing the real heroes — our surgeons, residents, and volunteers.
- **Member Moments:** Interactive polls, contests, and shoutouts to keep our SGSS family connected.
- **SGSS in the Spotlight:** Strengthening our media and online presence across major health platforms.

What's Next:

- **"Surgery for All":** We're excited to open the doors wider than ever! As part of this initiative, we're welcoming your live surgery videos to feature on our website and social media platforms a powerful way to educate, inspire, and highlight the incredible skill within our SGSS community.
- **Community Connect Initiative:** Building partnerships with hospitals, schools, and NGOs to promote surgical education and outreach.

Get Involved:

If you love teamwork, creativity, and impact — this is your committee!

We're looking for:

- 📣 **Public engagement volunteers**
- 💡 **Event planners & idea makers**
- 🎨 **Storytellers, designers & content creators**

Let's Talk!

Got a story worth sharing or a bright idea for SGSS outreach? We'd love to hear from you!

✉ info@sgss.org.sa

Because every story told brings SGSS closer to the people we serve.

Get Involved

01. Chapter Heads Representatives: nominations are now accepted.

SSGS is excited to announce the launch of its first regional chapter program, designed to boost academic engagement throughout the Kingdom. We are seeking five chapter heads for the Central Western, Eastern, Southern, and Northern regions. Each chapter head will lead regional activities coordinate workshops, collaborate with hospitals and universities, foster professional networks and address specific educational needs.

For more information about the responsibilities and requirements for the chapter head position, please refer to the job description in this link:

[Click Here](#)

To apply, complete the application form below and select your preferred region:

[Application](#)

*Please ensure you upload all required documents within the form. If you have any questions, feel free to email: info@sgss.org.sa

Deadline for submission: **31 December 2025.**

02. Committee Member Application:

Nominations are now open for individuals interested in serving as Committee Members. The job description and details of the role can be found at the following link:

[Click Here](#)

To apply, please complete the application form and select your preferred committee:

[Application](#)

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03. Guidelines Initiatives — 2025

This guidelines initiative aims to compile all surgical guideline resources in one centralized location to ensure easy access for everyone. We kindly request that you share the link to your specialty-specific guidelines by sending it to the following email address: info@sgss.org.sa

Events Not to Miss!

Robotic Surgery Summit

 Riyadh

 4-6 December 2025

 [Agenda](#)

 [Registration](#)

Basic Cell Culture, PCR Techniques Workshop, Western Blot & Histology

 King Abdulaziz University, Faculty of Dentistry building 14, 2nd floor

 23 - 27 November 2025

 [Registration](#)

Basic Surgical Skills Workshop

 VOCO Hotel, Jeddah

 6 December 2025

 [Registration](#)

GI Anastomosis Workshop

 VOCO Hotel, Jeddah

 6 December 2025

 [Registration](#)

Wound Care Workshop

 Jeddah

 20 December 2025

 [Registration](#)

3rd Laparoscopic Colorectal Surgery Workshop

 Jeddah

 27 December 2025

 [Registration](#)

Basic Surgical Skills Workshop

 Jeddah

 24 January 2026

 [Registration](#)

You Ask — We Listen.

Please share feedback, suggestions, or highlights to

 info@sgss.org.sa