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Dr. Scott Becker  
Dr. Shanda Blackmon  
Dr. Marilyn Butler  
Dr. E. Ramsay Camp  
Dr. William Cohn  
Dr. Joseph Coselli  
Dr. Ronald Cotton  
Dr. Chris Cribari  
Dr. Mohannad Dawary  
Dr. Livia Eberlin  
Dr. Ramyar Gilani  
Dr. N. Thao N. Galván  
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Dr. Jeffrey Heinle  
Dr. Stephen Higuero  
Dr. Kevin Huang  
Dr. Lyahn Kyung Hwang  
Dr. Panos Kougias

Dr. Kenneth Liao  
Dr. Timothy C. Lee  
Dr. Jorge Miranda  
Dr. Jennifer Moffett  
Dr. Marc Moon  
Dr. Jared Mortus  
Dr. John Nelson  
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## Venue

TMC<sup>3</sup> Helix Park  
1885 Old Spanish Trail  
Houston, Texas 77030

## Overview

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Congress of the Michael E. DeBakey Surgical Society will take place on March 5-6, 2026, continuing a proud tradition of honoring the legacy of Dr. Michael E. DeBakey—an internationally recognized pioneer of modern medicine, visionary innovator, and humanitarian. Dr. DeBakey's groundbreaking contributions to cardiovascular surgery and his dedication to education have shaped generations of surgeons worldwide.

Founded in 1977 by Dr. DeBakey's trainees, the Society was established to foster international scientific exchange, recognize excellence in surgery, and support postgraduate training at Baylor College of Medicine. Over the past 45 years, the organization has upheld these goals through biennial meetings, educational programs, and the prestigious DeBakey Surgical Award, which honors surgeons who have made significant contributions to the field.

The Congress will provide a forum for:

- Scientific presentations and discussions on cutting-edge surgical techniques and research.
- Networking opportunities for alumni, faculty, and trainees from around the globe.
- Recognition of outstanding achievements in surgery through awards and honors.

This event reflects the Society's ongoing mission to advance surgical education, promote innovation, and strengthen the global community of surgeons connected to Baylor College of Medicine.

## Needs Statement

The field of surgery continues to change and develop for patient care, research and education. With growing technology through new studies from research to innovative work, the quality of patientcare is of highest value and need for each surgeon to stay update to date on current trends and outcomes. It is imperative for surgeons to stay abreast from the surgical findings from etiology, abnormalities, diseases, pathology to the state of the art surgical treatment for the patient. With this, surgeons will continue to broaden their research knowledge and extend this knowledge into their teaching of residents, fellows, and medical students. The invited speakers to this program are experts in their field of surgery and/or specialty. The goal of this meeting is to bring together expert surgeons in their surgical field that are world renowned to share this knowledge and expertise with our alumni and department. This meeting will promote the latest surgical knowledge, techniques, research, and education to those attending, which will in return these surgeons will bring this knowledge of information back to their practice groups and/or departments to disseminate further increasing the continual knowledge from this meeting as well as share with others and their specialties.

## Target Audience

Physicians, Fellows, Residents, Physician Assistants, Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Medical Students, and Staff.

## Additional Information

For conference questions, contact Holly Church Shilstone [Holly.Shilstone@bcm.edu](mailto:Holly.Shilstone@bcm.edu)

## Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of the conference, participants should be able to:

- Apply current evidence and emerging research in surgical care to identify opportunities for improving patient outcomes
- Apply guideline-directed and evidence-based strategies to clinical decision-making across complex cardiovascular/surgical cases commonly encountered in academic medical centers
- Identify educational and training approaches that support the development of the next generation of surgical specialists
- Examine innovative models of care delivery and practice management that enhance efficiency, quality, and patient-centered outcomes

## Educational Methods

Lecture, Panel Discussion, and Case Study

## Activity Evaluation

Evaluation by questionnaire will address program content, presentation, and possible bias.

## Accreditation/Credit Designation

Baylor College of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Baylor College of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 9.25 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

## Available Credit

9.25 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*

9.25 Attendance

# Thursday, March 5, 2026

12:00-12:30	<b>Registration and Check-in</b> (Lunch served)
12:30-12:50	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> Drs. Todd K. Rosengart, Eric J. Silberfein and Chris Cribari
<b>SESSION I - BUILDING ON OUR LEGACY</b>	
12:50-1:10	<b>State of the Department of Surgery</b> Dr. Todd K. Rosengart
1:10-1:30	<b>Thoracoabdominal Aortic Repair at Baylor: Building on the Legacy of E. Stanley Crawford</b> Drs. Marc Moon and Joseph Coselli
1:30-1:50	<b>Cardiac Transplant and Circulatory Support</b> Drs. Kenneth Liao and William Cohn
1:50-2:10	<b>The Pediatric Surgical Program: Dedicated Care for Children Nationwide</b> Drs. Timothy C. Lee and Sanjeev Vasudevan
2:10-2:30	<b>State of the Division of Trauma, Bariatric &amp; Acute Care Surgery</b> Drs. Martin Zielinski and Catherine Seger
2:30-2:50	<b>Current Status of Endovascular Thoracoabdominal Aortic Repair</b> Drs. Gustavo Oderich, Ramyar Gilani and Jorge Miranda
2:50-3:10	<b>Building a Multi-institutional Abdominal Transplantation Program</b> Drs. John Goss, N. Thao N. Galván and Kevin Huang
3:10-3:30	<b>History of Congenital Heart Surgery at Baylor</b> Dr. Jeffrey S. Heinle

3:30-3:50	<b>Shaping Tomorrow: The Baylor Surgical Oncology Journey</b> Drs. E. Ramsay Camp and Eric J. Silberfein
3:50-4:05	<b>Break - Visit Exhibits</b>
<b>SESSION II - AT THE FOREFRONT OF EDUCATION</b>	
4:05-4:20	<b>How the Baylor Surgical Training Program Prepared me to Become a Leader in my Community</b> Dr. Lyssa Ochoa
4:20-4:35	<b>Mentorship of Learners During College: DeBakey Summer Surgery Program</b> Dr. Lyahn Kyung Hwang
4:35-4:50	<b>Surgical Training: ACGME and the Future...</b> Dr. Ronald Cotton
<b>SESSION III - AT THE FOREFRONT OF INNOVATION</b>	
4:50-5:05	<b>Baylor's Surgical Innovation Track: Trainee Experience</b> Dr. Jared Mortus
5:05-5:20	<b>Surgical Innovation - Vision to Today's Practice</b> Drs. Feibi Zheng and William Cohn
5:20-5:35	<b>Discovery with Impact: Surgical Research at Baylor</b> Dr. Livia Eberlin
5:35-5:50	<b>Simulation and Robotic Surgery in Today's World</b> Drs. Alexander Perez and Nathasha Hansraj
6:00-8:00	<b>Reception</b>

# Friday, March 6, 2026

7:00-7:30      **Continental Breakfast**

## SESSION IV - ALUMNI AT THE CUTTING EDGE OF CARE

Moderator: Dr. Francis 'Tripp' Buckley

7:30-7:47      **Forged at Baylor: Training that Transformed my Approach to Leadership**

Dr. Kristy Hamilton

7:47-8:04      **Evolution and the Paradox of Progress in Vascular Surgery: The Future is Bright**

Dr. Panos Kougias

8:04-8:21      **Building a Global Community of Children's Surgery Providers**

Dr. Marilyn Butler

8:21-8:38      **The Role of Reconstructive Surgery in Resource-Limited Settings**

Dr. Youmna Sherif

8:38-8:55      **Current Trends Cardiothoracic Surgery**

Dr. Lars Svensson

8:55-9:12      **Training, Tradition, and Transformation: Leading the Next Era of Common Bile Duct Exploration**

Dr. Jennifer Moffett

9:12-9:29      **ePRO Assessment and Survivorship: The Lung Institute**

Dr. Shanda Blackmon

9:30-9:45      **Break - Visit Exhibits**

## SESSION V - CURRENT TRENDS IN SURGERY

Moderator: Dr. Matthew J. Wall, Jr.

9:45-10:02      **General Surgery: Have We Given Up the Farm to Subspecialists?**

Dr. Chris Cribari

10:02-10:19      **Implementation of a Whole Blood Program at the Local Hospital and Pre Hospital Levels: Hurdles and Challenges Faced in North Texas and the Rio Grande Valley**

Drs. Victor Portillo and Carlos Palacios

10:19-10:36      **Advocacy in Medicine at National, State, and Local Levels**

Dr. John Abikhaled

10:36-10:53      **Recovery after Disaster from a Clinical Perspective in Puerto Rico**

Drs. Ernesto Soltero and Stephen Higuero

10:53-11:10      **60-Year History and Innovations in Cardiac Surgery in Saudi Arabia**

Dr. Mohannad Dawary on behalf of Dr. Fareed Khougeer

11:10-11:27      **Healthcare Economics: Ambulatory Surgery**

Dr. John Nelson

11:30-12:00      **Break - Visit Exhibits**



12:00-12:05

### Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Dr. Todd K. Rosengart

12:05-1:00

### Keynote Address

Scott Becker



### Keynote Speaker

**Scott Becker** is a partner in the Healthcare Department at McGuireWoods. He previously served on the Board of Partners of the firm and chaired the healthcare department for nearly 13 years. Scott is the founder and publisher of Becker's Hospital Review and Becker's Healthcare. He represents hospitals and health systems, healthcare companies, surgery center chains, large practices and private equity funds. Scott is a Harvard law graduate and certified public accountant.

1:00-2:30 Lunch - TMC<sup>3</sup> Courtyard

2:40-2:55 Introduction of DeBakey Surgical Society Awardee

Drs. Eric J. Silberfein and Chris Cribari

2:55-3:35 Reflection on Leadership in Chaotic Environments

Dr. Matthew J. Wall Jr.

3:35-4:40 Tour 1  
**Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center**  
Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center-McNair Campus

Tour 2

**Baylor College of Medicine Simulation Core**  
Ben Taub Hospital  
Texas Children's Hospital  
Lillie and Roy Cullen Tower



### DeBakey Surgical Society Award

**Dr. Matthew J. Wall Jr.** is professor of surgery in the Michael E. DeBakey Department of Surgery at Baylor College of Medicine. He obtained his medical degree from Baylor College of Medicine and completed his training in surgery and cardiothoracic surgery under Dr. Michael E. DeBakey. He joined the faculty at Baylor in 1991 and was assigned by Dr. DeBakey to work for Dr. Kenneth Mattox at Ben Taub Hospital staffing trauma, emergency, general, vascular, cardiac, and thoracic surgery. He is board certified in general surgery, surgical critical care, and cardio-thoracic surgery. At Ben Taub he has held positions including director of Emergency Surgical Services, chief of General Surgery, chief of Surgical Critical Care, chief of Cardiothoracic Surgery, medical director of Trauma, deputy chief of Surgery and chair of the Medical Executive Board.

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