

# EDWIN C. JAMES LECTURESHIP

10:00 a.m.

Cityscape Ballroom B

## Haytham M. Kaafarani, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.S.,

is the Chief Patient Safety Officer and Medical Director at The Joint Commission. In this role, Dr. Kaafarani oversees initiatives related to patient safety and quality improvement. He serves as the president's designee to prioritize patient safety concerns at Joint Commission-accredited health care organizations. He also provides oversight and medical expertise for the Joint Commission's Office of Quality and Patient Safety (OQPS), as well as oversees data management and analysis related to The Joint Commission's Sentinel Event Database.



In addition, Dr. Kaafarani serves as an associate professor of surgery at Harvard Medical School, Boston, with more than 10 years of experience as a surgeon and intensivist at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), Boston. Previous roles include Director of the MGH Center for Outcomes & Patient Safety in Surgery (COMPASS), Director of the MGH Wound Center, and Director of Trauma & Emergency Surgery Research at MGH.

Dr. Kaafarani is a recognized authority and speaker with more than 400 published peer-reviewed manuscripts and textbook chapters with a focus on surgical patient safety from intake to discharge, benchmarking quality care, peer support, and the use of artificial intelligence for risk modeling and predicting outcomes. He has won numerous awards, including a recent nomination to the Ellis Island Medal of Honor.

Dr. Kaafarani received his Master of Public Health from Harvard University and his doctorate from the American University of Beirut, Lebanon. He holds certifications in surgery and surgical critical care from the American Board of Surgery.

The Edwin C. James Lectureship was established in honor of Edwin C. James, M.D., F.A.C.S. (1932-1994); Professor and Chairman, UND Department of Surgery, 1980-1989; Dean, UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences 1988-1993; and Founder of the UND Surgical Residency Program.



## JUDGES

### Haytham M. Kaafarani, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.S.

Chief Patient Safety Officer and Medical Director at The Joint Commission, Associate Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School, Recent nominee to the Ellis Island Medal of Honor

### Scott Charette, M.D., F.A.C.S.

Altru Health System, Grand Forks, N.D.

### Billie Jo Grieve, M.D., F.A.C.S.

Sanford Health, Alexandria, Minn.

### Khaled Zreik, M.D., F.A.C.S.

Sanford Health, Fargo, N.D.

### Daniel Tuvin, M.D., F.A.C.S.

Commission on Cancer, N.D. State Chair

### Randolph Szlabick, M.D., F.A.C.S.

Committee on Trauma, N.D. State Vice Chair



The Department of Surgery  
General Surgery Residency Program  
invites you to join us for the

# EDWIN C. JAMES LECTURESHIP AND SURGICAL RESIDENT RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM

- The purpose of the annual Surgery Resident Research Colloquium is for the presentation of each general surgery resident's research project for the academic year.
- First- and second-year residents present posters of their projects in development from 9 to 10 a.m. Third-, fourth-, and fifth-year residents give oral presentations of their projects.
- Presentations are judged by a panel of clinical and basic science faculty with the winning projects in each category awarded at the Chief Resident Graduation Banquet.
- Many of the research projects will be presented at regional or national meetings and submitted for peer-reviewed publication.

**Friday, June 23**

Radisson Blu

Fargo, N.D.

11:00 Lunch – 3rd Floor Atrium Loft and Prairie Rose Room  
– Radisson Blu

12:00 Resident Colloquium – 3rd Floor Cityscape Ballroom  
B – Radisson Blu

## ORAL PRESENTATIONS

12:00 **General Surgery Part I** – Stefan Johnson, M.D.,  
F.A.C.S., Mentor Ahmeti, M.D., F.A.C.S.

12:00 Zachery Staskywicz, M.D., PGY-IV – Rural  
Transfer Status, Distance from SMCF, Emergency  
General Surgery, and Cholecystectomy Outcomes: A  
Retrospective Analysis  
*Sheryl Sahr, M.D., F.A.C.S., Sanford Health*

12:12 Anthony Duncan, M.D., PGY-III – Trauma  
Benefits of Early Palliative Care Consultation in  
Trauma Patients  
*Sheryl Sahr, M.D., F.A.C.S., Sanford Health*

12:24 Kristen Reede, M.D., PGY-IV – General  
Rib Plating Simulation is Beneficial for  
Surgical Residents  
*Mentor Ahmeti, M.D., F.A.C.S., Sanford Health, UND  
School of Medicine & Health Sciences*

12:36 Ryan Beard, D.O., PGY-III – Trauma  
The Influence of Adherence to Institutional Protocols  
in Patients with Traumatic Brain Injuries  
*Khaled Zreik, M.D., F.A.C.S., Sanford Health, UND  
School of Medicine & Health Science*

12:48 Tadiwa Kusema, M.D., PGY-III – Cancer  
Disparities in Surgical Care of Esophageal Cancer  
*Sabha Ganai, M.D., F.A.C.S., Sanford Health, UND  
School of Medicine & Health Sciences*

1:00 Dana Nielsen, M.D., PGY-IV – Trauma  
Platelet Dysfunction in the TBI Patient-The Role of  
TEG in Directing Platelet Transfusion  
*Steven Briggs, M.D., F.A.C.S., Sanford Health*

1:12 Adrian Sarli, M.D., PGY-III – Trauma  
Effectiveness of Helmet Use in Aviation Trauma  
*Megan Bowen, M.D., Sanford Health, UND  
School of Medicine & Health Sciences*

1:24 Alessandra Spagnolia, M.D., PGY-IV – Cancer  
Complications After Mastectomy  
*Michael Bouton, M.D., F.A.C.S., Sanford Health*

1:36 Conor Roche, M.D., PGY-IV – General  
Differences in Emergency General Surgery  
Patients Undergoing Abbreviated Laparotomies  
*Mentor Ahmeti, M.D., F.A.C.S., Sanford Health,  
UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences*

1:48 Hunter Row, M.D., PGY-II Research Fellow –  
General; TAVR Vascular Access Complications  
*Cornelius Dyke, M.D., Sanford Health,  
UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences*

2:00 **Break**

2:24 **General Surgery Part II** – Kayla Burchill, M.D.,  
F.A.C.S., Cornelius Dyke, M.D.

2:24 Eric Curto, M.D., PGY-V – Cancer  
Improved Outcomes for Borderline Resectable  
Adenocarcinoma of the Pancreas After  
Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy in a Community  
Cancer Center  
*Robert Sticca, M.D., F.A.C.S., Sanford Health,  
UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences*

2:36 Matthew Zweerink, M.D., PGY-V – General  
Peak Fluid Index  
*Mentor Ahmeti, M.D., F.A.C.S., Sanford Health,  
UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences*

2:48 Joclyn Seiler, M.D., PGY-V – Rural  
Utilization of DNA Fecal Immunohistochemical  
Testing in Rural and Frontier Settings  
*Sabha Ganai, M.D., F.A.C.S., Sanford Health,  
UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences*

3:00 Reid Bartholomew, M.D., PGY-V – General  
Direct Resuscitation of the Open Peritoneum  
*Mentor Ahmeti, M.D., F.A.C.S., Sanford Health,  
UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences*

3:12 David Velez, M.D. PGY-V – General  
Split-Didactic Format to Prepare for Boards  
*Stefan Johnson, M.D., F.A.C.S., Altru Health  
System, UND School of Medicine &  
Health Sciences*

3:24 Jude Barber, M.D., PGY-III – Rural  
A Retrospective Look at the Effectiveness  
of a Dedicated Rural General Surgery  
Residency Tract  
*Robert Sticca, M.D., F.A.C.S., Sanford Health,  
UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences*

## Adjournment

### Objectives

- Understand patient care issues that provide information on state-of-the-art care.
- Identify information specific to their expertise for the improvement of patient care.

### CME Statement

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