

# 1st Annual Conference of The Indian Chapter of Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract (SSAT) USA

## SSAT KAIZEN CON 2025

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8th & 9th February, 2025

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# Welcome Message

Dear Colleagues,

It is with great honor and enthusiasm that I welcome you to **SSAT-KaizenCon 2025**, scheduled to take place in Ahmedabad, India, on **February 8th and 9th, 2025**. This landmark conference will serve as an extraordinary platform to explore the latest advancements in Minimally Invasive Surgery, including Laparoscopic and Robotic Gastrointestinal Surgery, while emphasizing the integration of these cutting-edge technologies into Decision-Making Algorithms to elevate patient outcomes.

We are privileged to host esteemed international faculty, including pioneers from the Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract (SSAT), USA, alongside leading experts from across India. Together, they will share transformative insights, innovative techniques, and groundbreaking research that define precision surgical care.

Join us for thought-provoking discussions, captivating surgical video presentations, and interactive sessions designed to promote the fusion of technology and evidence-based approaches. Let us collaboratively shape the future of gastrointestinal surgery and inspire excellence in patient care.

Welcome to SSAT-KaizenCon 2025!

Warm regards,  
**Dr. Sanjiv Haribhakti**  
Congress President,  
SSAT-KaizenCon 2025



# Faculties International



**Dr. Greg Kennedy**  
Univ Alabama, USA  
Colo-rectal



**Dr. Jessica Zaman**  
Albany Med college, USA  
MIS/Bariatrics



**Dr. Sajid Khan**  
Yale University, USA  
Surgical Oncologist, HPB



**Dr. Sumeet Mittal**  
Phoenix, Arizona, USA  
Esophagus, Foregut



**Dr. Mahendra Bhandari**  
Chief Guest  
CEO Vattikuti Foundation Detroit, USA

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Dr. Adarsh Chaudhary, (Orator) New Delhi	Dr. Pramod Shinde, Nashik
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Dr. Deepak Govil, New Delhi	Dr. Sandeep Aggarwal, New Delhi
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Dr. Pawanindra Lal, New Delhi	

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Congress President



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President, SSAT India Chapter



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**Dr. Jayant Jhala**  
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**Dr. Ankit Patel**  
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# Scientific Programme

**Day 1: Saturday, 8th February 2025**

Time	Topic	Speaker (s)
8:00 am - 9:00 am	<b>Registration and Breakfast</b>	
9:00 am - 10:00 am	<b>Benign UGI Disorders: GERD; Achalasia Cardia.</b>	
	<b>Chairperson:</b> Dr. Jitu Patel, Dr. Dhaval Mangukiya, Dr. Rasesh Solanki	
9:00 am - 9:10 am	Selection and techniques for Lap. Nissen and Toupet Fundoplication	Dr. Sunil Popat
9:10 am - 9:20 am	Robotic Fundoplication for para-oesophageal hernias	Dr. Vishal Soni
9:20 am - 9:30 am	MIS Redo Fundoplication	Dr. Parveen Bhatia
9:30 am - 9:40 am	MIS Cardiomyotomy for achalasia	Dr. Sanjay Sonar
9:40 am - 9:50 am	Decision making pathways in MIS Antireflux Surgery	Dr. Sumeet Mittal , SSAT
9:50 am - 10:00 am	Audience participation	
10:00 am to 11:00 am	<b>Foregut Cancer Symposium: Esophageal and Gastric Cancer</b>	
	<b>Chairpersons:</b> Dr. Somesh Chandra, Dr. Premal Desai, Dr. Amol Bharadwaj	
10:00 am - 10:10 am	Neoadjuvant therapy for oesophageal and gastric cancers	Dr. Vikram Kate
10:10 am - 10:20 am	Thoracoscopic Radical Oesophagectomy	Dr. Rajneesh Singh
10:20 am - 10:30 am	Robotic Radical Oesophagectomy	Dr. Parthasarthi
10:30 am - 10:40 am	MIS D2 Gastrectomy	Dr. Vaibhav Varshney
10:40 am - 10:50 am	Decision making pathways for MIS Oesophagectomy and Gastrectomy	Dr. Sumeet Mittal
10:50 am - 11:00 am	Audience Participation	
11:00 am - 12.30 pm	<b>Bariatric Surgery Symposium</b>	
	<b>Chairpersons:</b> Dr. Manish Khaitan, Dr. Vijayraj Gohil, Dr. Dushyant Bhatt	
11:00 am - 11:10 am	Laparoscopic Gastric Sleeve/Sleeve plus	Dr. Mahendra Narwaria
11:10 am - 11:20 am	Managing leaks after gastric sleeve	Dr. Sundeep Aggarwal
11:20 am - 11:30 am	Laparoscopic Gastric bypass and minigastric bypass	Dr. Praveen Raj
11:30 am - 11:40 am	Robotic Bariatric Surgery	Dr. Vivek Bindal
11:40 am - 11:50 am	Preventing weight regain and Redo Bariatric Surgery	Dr. Jessica Zaman
11:50 am - 12 noon	Audience participation	
12:00 pm - 12.30 pm	<b>Panel discussion :</b> Decision making pathways for the bariatric and metabolic surgery in GERD and Super Obese	<b>Moderator:</b> Dr.Sundeep Aggarwal <b>Panelists:</b> Dr. Jessica Zaman, Dr. Parveen Bhatia, Dr Praveen Raj, Dr. Pankaj Khandelwal, Dr. Atul Shah
12:30 pm- 1:00 pm	<b>Two Plenary Talks : SSAT Faculty</b>	
	<b>Chairpersons:</b> Dr. Vivek Bindal, Dr. Vikram Kate, Dr. Amit Gupta	
12:30 pm - 12:45 pm	The Difficult Colorectal Anastomosis and Intraoperative Decision Pathways.	Dr. Gregory Kennedy
12:45 pm - 1:00 pm	Decision making in Liver Metastasis from Colorectal cancers.	Dr. Sajid Khan
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	<b>Lunch Break and Exhibition visit</b>	
1:15 pm - 2:15 pm	<b>Luncheon Symposium</b>	
1:15 pm - 1:45 pm	<b>Panel Discussion :</b> Newer Robotic platforms	<b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Jignesh Gandhi <b>Panelists:</b> Dr. Harish Sharma, Dr. Parthasarthy, Dr. Magan Mehrotra, Dr. Manish Gandhi, Dr. Avadh Patel

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2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	<b>Hernia Surgery Symposium</b>	
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	<b>Inguinal Hernia Symposium</b>	
	<b>Chairpersons:</b> Dr. Vasant Valu, Dr. Jatin Bhatt, Dr. Hemant Leuva	
2:00 pm - 2:10 pm	Lap. TAPP revisited for inguinal hernia	Dr. Harshad Soni
2:10 pm - 2:20 pm	TEP and eTEP approach for inguinal hernia	Dr. Atul Shah
2:20 pm - 2:30 pm	Robotic TAPP for inguinal hernias	Dr. Jignesh Gandhi
2:30 pm - 2:40 pm	Managing giant inguinoscrotal hernias	Dr. Pramod Shinde
2:40 pm - 2:50 pm	Decision making pathways in MIS Inguinal Hernia	Dr. Parveen Bhatia
2:50 pm - 3:00 pm	Audience Participation	
3:00 pm - 4:50 pm	<b>Ventral Hernia Symposium</b>	
	<b>Chairpersons:</b> Dr. Pankaj Mody, Dr. Apurva Shah, Dr. Hitesh Andharia	
3:00 pm - 3:10 pm	Options for Primary Midline Ventral hernias	Dr. Karan Rawat
3:10 pm - 3:20 pm	Lap. TAPP and eTEP RS	Dr. Rajesh Shrivastava
3:20 pm - 3:30 pm	Robotic TAPP and eTEP RS	Dr. Magan Mehrotra
3:30 pm - 3:40 pm	Giant Hernias, Loss of Domain, CST	Dr. Sarfaraz Baig
3:40 pm - 3:50 pm	Lap/Robotic TAR or Preperitoneal repair	Dr. Jessica Zaman
3:50 pm - 4:00 pm	Fasciotens in MIS & Open AWR: A game changer for LOD?	Dr. Vivek Bindal
4:00 pm - 4:10 pm	Recurrent ventral hernias	Dr. Pramod Shinde
4:10 pm - 4:20 pm	Audience participation	
4:20 pm - 4:50 pm	<b>Panel discussion :</b> Managing Complicated Ventral hernias; and complications of Ventral Hernia Surgery	<b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Vivek Bindal <b>Panelists:</b> Dr. Pramod Shinde, Dr. Sarfaraz Baig, Dr. Karan Rawat, Dr. K.S.Patel, Dr. Bhavin Patel
4:50 pm - 5:00 pm	Stage preparation for Congress Inauguration	
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	<b>Inauguration, Book Launch, Oration, SSAT Symposium</b>	
5:00 pm - 5:30 pm	<b>Congress Inauguration</b> and Book Launch "Decision making pathways in Digestive Surgery"	Dr. Mahendra Bhandari
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm	<b>Inaugural Address:</b> Developing Cost-effective Robotic Surgery in developing countries	Dr. Mahendra Bhandari
6:00 pm - 6:30 pm	<b>SSAT-KaizenCon Oration:</b> Nutritional interventions to improve outcomes in digestive surgery	Dr. Adarsh Chaudhary
6:30 pm - 8:00pm	<b>Zoom session with SSAT Leadership</b>	
6:30 pm - 6:45 pm	Innovation Talk: PoRSHA Flap for large and recurrent para-oesophageal hiatal hernias	Dr. Yalini Vigneswaran (Online)
6:45 pm - 7:00 pm	<b>Introduction &amp; Welcome</b>	
7:00 pm - 7:30 pm	<b>SSAT Presidential Oration</b>	
7:30 pm - 8:00 pm	<b>SSAT Open house discussion :</b> Training/Fellowship opportunities for International Surgeons in the USA	
	<b>Chairpersons:</b> Dr. Vivek Bindal, Dr. Vikram Kate, Dr. Pawanindra Lal, Dr. Sanjiv Haribhakti	
8:00 pm Onwards	<b>Gala Banquet Dinner</b>	

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**Day 2: Sunday, 9th February 2025**

Time	Topic	Speaker (s)
8:30 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast	
<b>9:00 am - 10:00 am</b>	<b>Hepatobiliary surgery Symposium</b>	
	<b>Chairpersons:</b> Dr. Naresh Gabani, Dr. Dhaivat Vaishnav, Dr. Anand Patel	
9:00 am - 9:10 am	Lap. Hydatid cyst surgery	Dr. Kartik Sutariya
9:10 am - 9:20 am	Lap. Cholecystectomy & Lap. CBD Exploration	Dr. Pawanindra Lal
9:20 am - 9:30 am	MIS Liver resection for liver tumours	Dr. Shaleen Agarwal
9:30 am - 9:40 am	Radical Cholecystectomy for GB tumours	Dr. Amit Gupta
9:40 am - 9:50 am	Decision making pathways in MIS Liver Surgery	Dr. Sajid Khan, SSAT
9:50 am - 10:00 am	Robotic HJ for benign bile-duct strictures	Dr. Rajneesh Singh
<b>10:00 am - 11:00 pm</b>	<b>Pancreatitis Symposium</b>	
	<b>Chairpersons:</b> Dr. Mahendra Bhavsar, Dr. Lakshman Khiria, Dr. Mayank Gurjar	
10:00 am - 10:10 am	Indications and techniques of Endoscopic Necrosectomy	Dr. Nilay Mehta
10:10 am - 10:20 am	Indications and Techniques of MIS Necrosectomy	Dr. Sanjiv Haribhakti
10:20 am - 10:30 am	Decision making pathways in Pancreatic Necrosectomy	Dr Rajneesh Singh
10:30 am - 10:40 am	Indications and Selection of Surgery for Chronic Pancreatitis	Dr. Deepak Govil
10:40 am - 10:50 am	MIS approaches for Chronic Pancreatitis	Dr. Kalayarasan
10:50 am - 11:00 am	Decision making pathways in Pancreatic cystic neoplasms	Dr. Vikram Chaudhary
<b>11:00 am - 12:00 pm</b>	<b>Pancreatic Cancer Surgery Symposium</b>	
	<b>Chairpersons:</b> Dr. Dhaval Rajde, Dr. Joy Abraham, Dr. Harsh Shah	
11:00 am - 11:10 am	Vascular Surgical anatomy of Pancreatic head revisited, in relation to MIS PD	Dr. Kalayarasan
11:10 am - 11:20 am	Vascular resection techniques in MIS pancreatic head resections	Dr. Vikram Chaudhary
11.20 am - 11.30 am	MIS distal pancreatic resection; RAMPS	Dr. Vaibhav Varshney
11:30 am - 11:40 am	Decision making in pancreatic anastomotic leaks and bleeds	Dr. K.S. Patel
11:40 am - 11:50 am	Decision making pathways in MIS Pancreatic cancer surgery	Dr. Sajid Khan, SSAT
11:50 am - 12:00 noon	Audience participation	
<b>12:00 pm - 12:30 pm</b>	<b>Liver Transplant Symposium</b>	
	<b>Chairpersons:</b> Dr. Hitesh Chavda, Dr. Amit Shah, Dr. Diwaker Jain	
12:00 pm - 12:10 pm	Lap./Robotic Live Donor Hepatectomy	Dr. Shaleen Agarwal
12:10 pm - 12:20 pm	Managing complications of Liver Transplant	Dr. Anand Khakkar
12:20 pm - 12:30 pm	Decision making pathways in Liver Transplant	Dr. Chirag Desai
<b>12:30 pm - 1:00 pm</b>	<b>Two Plenary Talks - SSAT faculty</b>	
	<b>Chairpersons:</b> Dr. Pawanindra Lal, Dr. Sanjay Sonar, Dr. Beena Vaidya	
12:30 pm - 12:45 pm	Future of Education in Surgery.	Dr. Jessica Zaman
12:45 pm - 1:00 pm	Standardized approach to large Para-oesophageal hernias: Strategies to avoid recurrences.	Dr. Sumeet Mittal
<b>1:00 pm - 2:00 pm</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK &amp; EXHIBITION VISIT</b>	

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**Day 2: Sunday, 9th February 2025**

1:15 pm - 1:45 pm	<b>Luncheon Symposium: Fluorescence guided GI Surgery</b>	<b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Vaibhav Varshney <b>Panelists:</b> Dr. Deepak Govil, Dr. Jitendra Mistry, Dr. Kaushal Anand, Dr. Keyur Bhatt, Dr. Naresh Gabani
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	<b>Colonic Surgery Symposium.</b>	
	<b>Chairpersons:</b> Dr. Henri, Dr. Shirish Shrivastava, Dr. Maulik Parikh	
2:00 pm - 2:10 pm	Strategies for MIS colectomy for colon cancer: CML, CVE, D2/D3	Dr. Govind Nandkumar
2:10 pm - 2:20 pm	MIS Right Colectomy	Dr. Deepak Govil
2:20 pm - 2:30 pm	MIS Left Colectomy for cancer	Dr. Avanish Sakhilani
2:30 pm - 2:40 pm	MIS in Crohn's disease	Dr. Greg Kennedy
2:40 pm - 2:50 pm	Decision making pathways in Ulcerative Colitis	Dr. Sanjiv Haribhakti
2:50 pm - 3:00 pm	Audience participation	
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	<b>Rectal surgery Symposium</b>	
	<b>Chairpersons:</b> Dr. Hasmukh Vora, Dr. Samir Shah, Dr. Nitin Singal	
3:00 pm - 3:10 pm	Preop. Planning and neoadjuvant therapy for rectal cancers	Dr. Govind Nandkumar
3:10 pm - 3:20 pm	MIS Strategies for Sphincter preservation in Low Rectal cancer: LAR, ULAR, ISR, CAA, TAS	Dr. Sanjiv Haribhakti
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Robotic Surgery for rectal cancers: Present and Future	Dr. Avanish Sakhilani
3:30 pm - 3:40 pm	MIS Rectopexy for Rectal Prolapse	Dr. Avadh Patel
3:40 pm - 3:50 pm	Decision making pathways in colorectal cancer	Dr. Greg Kennedy, SSAT
3:50 pm - 4:00 pm	Audience participation	
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	<b>MIS Master Videos Symposium</b>	
	<b>Chairpersons:</b> Dr. Nehal Naik, Dr. Rajan, Dr. Sunil Popat	
4:00 pm - 4:10 pm	Robotic lateral pelvic LN dissection for rectal cancer	Dr. Avanish Sakhilani
4:10 pm - 4:20 pm	Robotic ULAR with hand sewn anastomosis with SSI Mantra	Dr. Harish Sharma
4:20 pm - 4:30 pm	Lap. Redo Cholecystectomy	Dr. Nisar Hamdani
4:30 pm - 4:40 pm	RFA: MIS for Haemorrhoids	Dr. Vani Vijay
4:40 pm - 4:40 pm	Endoscopic Bilioenteric anastomosis for bile-duct injuries and strictures	Dr. Sanjay Rajput
4:50 pm - 5:00 pm	Robotic Pancreatico-duodenectomy with SSI Mantra	Dr. Tushar Dave
5:00 pm Onwards	<b>Valedictory, High tea and departure</b>	

# Registration Details

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<b>Early Bird Before 31<sup>st</sup> Dec, 2024</b>	Rs. 4,500/-	Rs. 6,500/-
<b>Regular 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> Jan, 2025</b>	Rs. 6,500/-	Rs. 8,500/-
<b>Spot (1<sup>st</sup> Feb, 2025 onwards)</b>	Rs. 9,500/-	Rs. 10,500/-

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<b>Regular 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> Jan, 2025</b>	Rs. 4,500/-	Rs. 5,500/-
<b>Spot (1<sup>st</sup> Feb, 2025 onwards)</b>	Rs. 6,500/-	Rs. 7,500/-

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