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# Northern Plains Rural Surgical Society Annual Meeting

The Brown Palace  
Denver, Colorado  
Friday & Saturday  
January 12-13, 2024



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Friday, January 12, 2023

- 3:00 p.m. NPRSS Executive Committee Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Resident/Student Reception – Maggiano's (500 16<sup>th</sup> St.)
- 6:00 p.m. Reception & Dinner (Attendees & Guests) – Maggiano's
- 7:30 p.m. Globe Trotting and Specialty Swinging: Surgery from Newfoundland to the Scottish Highlands  
Lauren Smithson, MD, FRCSC, FACS
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Saturday, January 13, 2024 -The Brown Palace

- 7:15 a.m. Registration and Breakfast

Scientific Program - Morning Session - Moderator - Jeffrey Chipman, MD

- 8:00 a.m. Welcome and Overview  
*Jeffrey Chipman, MD, NPRSS President*
- 8:15 a.m. Debate: IPOM vs Laparoscopic Repair of Small Umbilical Hernias  
*Robyn Marks, DO*  
*Valerie Pendleton, DO*
- 8:55 a.m. Rural Research Quick Shots  
*Valerie Pendleton, DO*  
*Estin Yang, MD*  
*Jude Barber, MD*
- 9:25 a.m. Robert B. Rutherford, MD Lecture: How To Be A Hemodialysis Hero  
*Katie Reigstad, MD*
- 10:10 a.m. What's Between You and That Kid's Appendix  
*Jonathan Kohler MD*  
*Mary Fallat, MD*
- 10:40 a.m. The Efficacy and Value of Laparoscopic Common Bile Duct Exploration in a Rural Community  
*Rebekah Wood, MD*
- 11:00 a.m. Transcatheter aortic valve replacement is safe in socially vulnerable and rural populations  
*Jacob Tupa, MS2*
- 11:15 a.m. Lung cancer: Early routine screening will lead to improved treatment options and survival  
*Jessica Schweigert, MD*
- 11:30 a.m. ERAS Protocols in a Rural Setting  
*Samantha Leonard-Nnomb, MD*

- 11:50 a.m. Lunch - NPRSS Meeting

Scientific Program - Afternoon Session - Moderator - Robert Sticca, MD

- 1:00 p.m. Rural Surgery ACS Update  
*Mary Fallat, MD*
- 1:30 p.m. Robot Talk  
*Sandeep Vijan, MD*
- 2:00 p.m. Pseudomyxoma peritonei Presenting as Epigastric Region Ventral Hernia: A Case Presentation  
*Addison Nakashima, MS4*
- 2:15 p.m. ABX vs. none for Acute Diverticulitis  
*Bonnie Holley, MD*
- 2:30 p.m. Skin Cancer Care: What the General Surgeon Needs To Know  
*Cindy Firkins Smith, MD*
- 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:15 p.m. Debate: Firefly vs. Cholangiogram for Robotic Cholecystectomy  
*Ryan Beard, MD*  
*Muhamad Hassan Nadeem, MD*
- 3:45 p.m. Rural Research Quick Shots  
*Joel Zimmerman, MS3*  
*Michael Burt, MD (withdrawn)*
- 4:00 p.m. Mesenteric Ischemia  
*Bonnie Holley, MD*
- 4:15 p.m. Incidental Findings in Appendectomy  
*Kris Johnson, MD*
- 4:30 p.m. How I do it? (A facilitated discussion)  
*Daniel Margo, MD*
- 4:45 p.m. Adjourn - Prepare for Banquet
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- 6:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception (meeting attendees and guests)
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner
- 8:00 p.m. Closing Remarks

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