



North Pacific Surgical Association

108th Annual Meeting • The Nines Hotel, Portland, OR • November 12-13, 2021

Colleagues!

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Portland Caucus of the North Pacific Surgical will be able to kick off the return of in person meetings. We are slated to hold our meeting at **The Nines Hotel** in downtown Portland, Oregon on **November 12-13, 2021**. We will be one of the first Surgical Associations to be able to host a return to in person meetings. Although we have had amazing virtual educational offering, the opportunity to share camaraderie and to gather is something we are all missing.

To that end, we hope you will come out and support our meeting. It will be one of the first opportunities for you to meet in person with surgeons from all over the Northwest and Canada. There is something to be said for the personal touch. We plan to offer virtual options for those unable to travel but the in-person offerings will be so enticing that we are feeling good about the attendance. One of the hallmarks of our association has been not only the quality of the scientific presentation but the collegiality of the members.

To **submit abstracts**, go to our website: www.northpacificsurgical.org and click “meetings.” They are **due July 2**. Normally, NPSA accepts about 32 abstracts. We are also accepting case studies and videos for a session on Saturday. A limited number of E-posters may also be accepted.

That disparities in access, representation and outcomes in healthcare and surgery exist has been documented for many years. However, this past year of COVID and social justice issues in our nation is a clear call for action. The North Pacific Surgical Association is committed to addressing diversity and inclusion in surgery and as well as eliminating disparities in health/ surgical outcomes for our patients. As such we are encouraging our members, residents and fellows to consider presenting work on these issues in the surgical realm or to consider clinical research projects with an eye towards addressing these issues in surgery in substantive ways that maybe shared at future meetings to encourage all to be involved to change our systems in positive ways.

We hope to see you in Portland!

Sincerely,

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