

December 14, 2017  
 10am to 11.30am ET

Location:  
 Dept. of Learning Health  
 Sciences, Conf. Room 216  
 Victor Vaughan Building,  
 1111 Catherine St.

**VGR Program Committee:**

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Topic: Augmented Reality: Debating its Value in Simulation and Surgery

Guest Speakers: Steven Schwaitzberg, MD, FACS (University at Buffalo- NY State University) and Lee Swanstrom, MD, FACS (Oregon Clinic / IRCAD)



**Steven D. Schwaitzberg, MD, FACS**

Is Chairman and Professor of Surgery and Professor of Biomedical Informatics at the University of Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

Dr. Schwaitzberg was professor of surgery at Harvard Medical School, chief of surgery at the Cambridge Health Alliance, and also served as professor at Tufts University School of Medicine in various capacities over the years. Notably, he served as Surgical Chief at the 365th Evacuation Hospital in Oman in 1990-91.

Dr. Schwaitzberg has been a luminary in the field of minimally invasive surgery with over 250 publications, and funded research has lead numerous organizations including past president the Society of American Gastric and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES). Among his many awards includes, the American College of Surgeons 2010 Health Policy Scholar award, the Computerworld/ National Smithsonian Honors 21st Century Laureate Achievement award. As a fellow of the ACS, he serves on the board of Governors.



**Lee Swanstrom, MD, FACS**

Divides his time between the Oregon Clinic – Division of Gastrointestinal and Minimally Invasive Surgery (GMIS) and the Institute for Image Guided Surgery in Strasbourg, France, where he is Chief Innovations Officer and Scientific Director. He has received multiple honors and awards, including an honorary fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, an honorary appointment to the French Academy of Surgery the Golden Scalpel Award for Excellence in Teaching and others. Dr. Swanstrom is the Fellowship Director for Providence Minimally Invasive Surgery Postgraduate Fellowships and Clinical Professor of Surgery at OHSU.

Dr. Swanstrom is an international expert in digestive diseases and their minimally invasive treatments - including advanced laparoscopic approaches and advanced flexible endoscopic interventions. He is credited with performing multiple "firsts" in the world of surgery and endoscopy, including pioneering antireflux procedures, laparoscopic and endoscopic (POEM) treatments of achalasia, NOTES, and multiple other interventions. Notably he became a Director of the American Board of Surgery in 2014.

**Please direct any questions to Dr. Rooney via email ([dmrooney@med.umich.edu](mailto:dmrooney@med.umich.edu)).**

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