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President's Report - Rajiv Rajani, MD



Rajiv Rajani, MD

Dear MSTS Members,

I hope you have enjoyed a rewarding summer and fall — whether traveling with loved ones, caring for patients, teaching the

next generation, or pursuing personal and academic passions. If you are like many of us, the year seems to move faster and faster. As I near the end of my term as your President, I am grateful for this chance to pause, reflect, and appreciate all that we have accomplished together.

This year, I set out with one simple goal: to make MSTS about our members and the incredible work you do every day. Your commitment to patients, your curiosity, and your resilience continue to inspire me. Thank you for the privilege of serving you.

A highlight of this year has been planning our upcoming annual meeting in Mexico City — a dream I have long held. The vision was bold: to challenge assumptions, break down barriers, and dispel myths through shared science, culture, and community. For some, the idea of Mexico City felt unfamiliar at first. Yet the response has been extraordinary — we are on track for the largest attendance in MSTS history, with tremendous engagement from our partners at SLATME and colleagues across Latin America.

To our Program Chairs, Santiago Lozano-Calderon and Greg Domson — thank you for building something truly special. To our industry partners — and to Kerri and Deborah, whose dedication makes miracles look routine — your support and enthusiasm elevated this meeting beyond all expectations. We are so grateful.

Beyond the meeting, our collective progress this year has been remarkable.

Together, we:

- Elevated our members' voices and leadership in national conversations
- Expanded inclusion of international colleagues and care team members with new membership pathways underway
- Supported meaningful research through new grant initiatives in metastatic disease and benign tumors
- Continued critical collaboration with MsTR and MORI
- Maintained stable member dues while greatly expanding value

And perhaps most exciting: our volunteer pipeline is overflowing with new faces across all career stages — a testament to our strength, culture, and future.

We are also celebrating our most ambitious and innovative programming yet — including the percutaneous pelvis workshop and our first grant-writing workshop. Your energy is shaping the future of our field.

It has been humbling and deeply fulfilling to serve as your President. Thank you for your trust, your passion, and your belief in what MSTS can be. I cannot wait to see all of you in Mexico City as we celebrate our community, expand our horizons, and continue this amazing journey — together.

With gratitude and joy, Rajiv Rajani, MD President, MSTS





2025 Annual Meeting



Presidential Guest Speaker

Thursday, December 4 2:10 – 3:10 PM

Patient Advocacy in Turbulent Times



Bobby Mukkamala, MD

We are honored to have the esteemed AMA Board President Bobby Mukkamala, MD present at this year's Annual Meeting. You will not want to miss his presentation titled, "Patient Advocacy in Turbulent Times". Dr. Mukkamala is a board-certified otolaryngologist—head and neck surgeon. A graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School, he is in solo, private practice in Flint, Michigan.

Dr. Mukkamala, who has been active in the AMA since residency, is a past Michigan representative to the AMA Young Physicians Section, a past recipient of the AMA Foundation's "Excellence in Medicine" Leadership Award and, for 13 years, served as a member of the Michigan delegation to the AMA House of Delegates. In 2009 he was elected to the AMA Council on Science and Public Health and served as its chair from 2016 to 2017.

Schedule at a Glance

Wednesday, December 3

8:00 AM – 11:00 AM Percutaneous Pelvis Fixation Workshop Separate Registration Required

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM MORI Young Member Session Separate Registration Required

MORI Young Member Session Separate Registration Required (Regency Ballroom A & B)

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM MSTS Welcome Reception La Residencia - Hyatt Regency

Thursday, December 4

7:00 AM – 4:15 PM	E-Posters (Foyer)/Exhibits Open (Regency Ballroom C)
8:15 AM – 4:00 PM	Nurse & Allied Health Professionals Symposium Separate Registration Required
8:00 AM – 8:10 AM	Introduction and Welcome Raj Rajani, MD
8:10 AM – 8:45 AM	Session I: Soft Tissue Sarcoma (Regency Ballroom A & B) Moderators: Meena Bedi, MD, MS and Alexander Lazarides, MD
8:45 AM – 9:20 AM	Moderators: Adam S. Levin, MD and Alexandra K. Callan, MD
9:25 AM – 9:45 AM	Product Theater #1 - Onkos Surgical No CME Credit (Regency Room G)
9:25 AM – 9:45 AM	Break (Regency Ballroom C) / E-Poster Viewing (Foyer)
9:50 AM – 10:25 AM	Session II: Trials in Musculoskeletal Oncology (Regency Ballroom A & B) Moderators: Benjamin J. Miller, MD, MS and Alysia Kemp, MD
10:25 AM – 11:00 AM	Session III: Artificial Intelligence (Regency Ballroom A & B) Moderators: Anthony Bozzo, MD, MSc, FRCSC and Tessa Balach, MD
11:05 AM – 11:25 AM	Product Theater #2 - EMD Serono No CME Credit (Regency Room G)
11:05 AM – 11:25 AM	Break (Regency Ballroom C) / E-Poster Viewing (Foyer)



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2025 MSTS Annual Meeting - Schedule at a Glance, continued

Thursday, December 4, continued

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11:30 AM – 12:05 PM	Session IV: Osteosarcoma (Regency Ballroom A & B) Moderators: Joshua C. Patt, MD, MPH and Rosanna Wustrack, MD	
12:05 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch (Regency Ballroom C) / E-Poster Viewing (Foyer)	
1:00 PM – 2:10 PM	MSTS Business Meeting No CME Credit (Regency Ballroom A & B)	
2:10 PM – 3:10 PM	Presidential Guest Speaker – <i>Bobby Mukkamala, MD</i> "Patient Advocacy in Turbulent Times"	
3:15 PM – 3:35 PM	Product Theater #3 - Zimmer Biomet No CME Credit (Regency Room G)	
3:15 PM – 3:35 PM	Break (Regency Ballroom C) / E-Poster Viewing (Foyer)	
3:40 PM – 4:15 PM	Session V: Registries and Large Database Studies (Regency Ballroom A & B) Moderators: Michelle Ghert, MD, FRCSC and Max Vaynrub, MD	
4:15 PM	Meeting Adjourns	
6:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Social Event - Casino Espanol (bus transportation provided)	
Friday, December 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM	E-Posters (Foyer)/Exhibits Open (Regency Ballroom C)	
8:00 AM – 8:05 AM	Announcements	
8:00 AM – 8:40 AM CONCURRENT SESSIONS	Session VI-A: Chondrosarcoma (Regency Ballroom A & B) Moderators: Julia D. Visgauss, MD and Lukas M. Nystrom, MD	
8:00 AM – 8:40 AM	Session VI-B: Genetics and Basic Science (Regency Room E) Moderators: Kurt R. Weiss, MD and Francis Lee, MD, PhD	
8:40 AM – 9:00 AM	MSTS Research Updates & Grant Announcements (Regency Ballroom A & B) Bang H. Hoang, MD	
9:05 AM – 9:25 AM	Product Theater #4 - Deciphera Pharmaceuticals No CME Credit (Regency Room G)	
9:05 AM – 9:25 AM	Break (Regency Ballroom C) / E-Poster Viewing (Foyer)	
9:30 AM – 10:05 AM CONCURRENT SESSIONS	Session VII-A: Metastatic Bone Disease I (Regency Ballroom A & B) Moderators: Ian English, MD and Brooke M. Crawford, MD	
	Session: VII-B Amputation (Regency Room E) Moderators: Nicholas Arpey, MD and C. Parker Gibbs, Jr., MD	
CONCURRENT SESSIONS	Session VIII-A: Metastatic Bone Disease II (Regency Ballroom A & B) Moderators: Meredith Bartelstein, MD and Juan A. Pretel, MD Session VIII-B: Pelvic Reconstruction (Regency Room E) Moderators: Krista Goulding, MD, MPH and Nathan W. Mesko, MD	
10:50 AM – 11:10 AM	Product Theater #5 - Daiichi Sankyo, Inc (DSI) No CME Credit (Regency Room G)	
10:50 AM – 11:10 AM	Break (Regency Ballroom C) / E-Poster Viewing (Foyer)	
11:15 AM – 11:45 AM CONCURRENT SESSIONS	Session IX-A: Giant Cell Tumor of Bone (Regency Ballroom A & B) Moderators: Kevin A. Raskin, MD and David D. Greenberg, MD	
	Session IX-B: Miscellaneous: ICG in Musculoskeletal Oncology (Regency Room E) Moderators: Raffi Avedian, MD and Mark T. Scarborough, MD	
11:45 AM – 12:35 PM	Lunch (Regency Ballroom C) / E-Poster Viewing (Foyer)	

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2025 MSTS Annual Meeting - Schedule at a Glance, continued

Friday, December 5, continued

12:35 PM – 1:10 PM CONCURRENT SESSIONS	Session X-A: Access and Health Disparities (Regency Ballroom A & B) Moderators: Rajiv Rajani, MD and Cara A. Cipriano MD, MSc
12:35 PM – 1:10 PM	Session X-B: Endoprosthetic Reconstruction (Regency Room E) Moderators: Matthew T. Houdek, MD and Nicholas M. Bernthal, MD
1:10 PM – 1:45 PM	Session XI: SLATME I (Regency Ballroom A & B) Moderators: Marcos Galli Serra, MD and Adriana Hernandez, MD
1:45 PM – 2:05 PM	Break (Regency Ballroom C) / E-Poster Viewing (Foyer)
2:05 PM – 2:40 PM	Session XII: SLATME II (Regency Ballroom A & B) Moderators: Cecilia Belzarena, MD, MPH, MBA and Carlos Cuervo Lozano, MD
2:40 PM – 3:15 PM	Session XIII: Clinical Cases SLATME, "My Worst Case" Panel Discussion (Regency Ballroom A & Panelists: Luis Carlos Gomez Mier, MD, Francisco Linares, MD and Eduardo J. Ortiz-Cruz, MD
3:15 PM – 3:35 PM	Award Presentations No CME Credit
3:35 PM – 3:40 PM	Closing Remarks
3:40 PM – 4:00 PM	Bebidas in the Foyer - Thank you for attending the 2025 MSTS Annual Meeting.

2025 MSTS Annual Meeting Product Theaters

No CME Credits

(Regency Room G)

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Thursday, December 4 11:05 AM – 11:25 AM

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Presenter: Alysia Kemp, MD

Title: Tenosynovial Giant Cell Tumor: Multidisciplinary

Team Perspective on Complex Cases

Thursday, December 4 3:15 PM – 3:35 PM



Presenter: R. Lor Randall, MD, FACS
Title: Comprehensive OsteointegrationStanding the Test of Time

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Presenter: Nicholas Bernthal, MD
Title: The Clinical Management of TGCT

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Friday, December 5 10:50 AM – 11:10 AM

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Title: TURALIO Summit



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Research Committee - Bang Hoang, MD, Chair

The MSTS Research Committee (RC) had a productive and engaging summer, continu-

ing its mission to advance musculoskeletal oncology research and support innovative

scientific inquiry within our community.

Upcoming Event: Building Competitive Grants and a Sustainable Research Program

The RC would like to remind all MSTS members to join us for this educational session at the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, from 3:00–5:00 PM in Regency Ballroom AB, Hyatt Regency Mexico City.

To attend this session, don't forget to register for MORI on the MSTS Annual Meeting website.

Co-chairs Bang Hoang and Kurt Weiss have assembled an outstanding faculty to lead this interactive and educational session:
Michelle Ghert – Clinical Trials
Regis O'Keefe – Sustainable Research
Kevin Jones – Funding Sources
Eric Henderson – NIH Training Grants
Kurt Weiss – Specific Aims
Rick Terek – Review Process: Do's and Don'ts

This session will provide insights for both early-career and established investigators seeking to strengthen their grant writing and research strategies. At the conclusion of the session, there will be an opportunity to interact with the faculty panel and ask questions, allowing attendees to gain advice and guidance on their own research and funding goals.

AAOS Specialty Society Research Support Fund

A highlight of the season was the committee's rigorous review of proposals submitted for the AAOS Specialty Society Research Support Fund. After a detailed evaluation of scientific merits, innovation, feasibility, and potential clinical impact, the committee selected the grant application from Dr. Christopher Collier, titled: "Muscle Wasting in Metastatic Bone Disease: Mechanisms and Translational Targets." The committee recognized the

proposal's strong mechanistic foundation, its clear translational potential, and the applicant's well-structured research plan as key factors supporting this recommendation. The RC formally endorsed Dr. Collier's proposal for the \$100,000 AAOS award, reflecting MSTS's commitment to fostering impactful research that bridges translational science and clinical care.

If selected by the AAOS for funding, Dr.

Collier's team will also receive a \$25,000 matching fund from MSTS, further amplifying the reach and impact of this important work. Due to a very tight deadline set by AAOS, we regrettably could not provide written critiques to the applicants after our reviews were concluded. Special thanks to our President, Dr. Rajani, who reached out to AAOS to voice our concerns regarding the impact of this tight timeline and to help improve future review process.

Committee Recognition

The Research Committee would like to recognize the following members for their expertise and positive energy: Anthony Bozzo, Elyse Brinkmann, Chris Collier, Ian Dickey, Josh Lawrenz, Brock Lindsey, and Brian Walczak. Your contributions continue to strengthen our collective efforts and advance the research mission of MSTS.

Special thanks go to our outgoing members, Chris Collier and Brock Lindsey, for

their dedication, leadership, and service to the committee. Their insight and commitment have been invaluable, and we wish them continued success in their future endeavors.

The RC extends its appreciation to all members for their continued engagement and dedication to advancing musculoskeletal oncology research. If you have any suggestions to improve your experience or

our logistics, feel free to reach out to me (<u>bahoang@montefiore.org</u>) or any member of the RC at <u>info@msts.org</u>. We look forward to seeing you in Mexico City this December!

Fellowship Committee - Santiago Lozano Calderón, MD, PhD, Chair

The fellowship committee is very excited to announce a hybrid program director meeting this coming MSTS Annual Meeting in Mexico City on December 3rd, 2025 at 9:00 am. Statistics from the past match cycle will be presented and discussed. Another cycle year of evaluation starts

for the MSTS recognized programs. The previous platforms for data collection will be tested again as well as the newly implemented platform with New Innovations for surgical case collection for fellows in training.

Non-program directors are welcome to participate but number of participants is limited. Please contact Kerri Mink at kmink@msts.org to confirm your participation virtually or in person.



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Skeletal Metastasis Committee - Felasfa Wodajo, MD, Chair

The MSTS Skeletal Metastasis Committee has had a busy first year of existence. We divided up into six teams, below is some of the work that has been done:

1. Disparities

We completed a SEER database analysis of racial and other disparities in the treatment of skeletal metastases. The manuscript is in its final stages of revision, before submission for publication.

2. Education

- We worked with Annual Meeting Committee to highlight skeletal metastases research at our Annual Meeting in Mexico City, including a new awards for best skeletal metastasis poster and podium presentation.
- In collaboration with ASCO and ASTRO, we are planning a first-ever multidisciplinary skeletal metastasis "tumor board" at Specialty Day 2026.

3. Investigation

- We are completing a systematic review of percutaneous treatments for skeletal metastases, planned for publication.
- We disseminated a Delphi survey to

MSTS members to identify top research priorities for skeletal metastasis research

4. Society Partnerships

 We continue to build relationships with other medical and surgical societies, including ASTRO, ASCO, OTA and patient support organizations

5. Workshop and Industry Partners

 We are planning our 2nd workshop on percutaneous treatment of pelvis metastases to be held during our 2025 Annual Meeting (see below)

MSTS Consensus Classification of Skeletal Metastases

This is a long term initiative to develop a multi-disciplinary consensus classification scheme for skeletal metastases to be used for clinical communication, investigation, registries and quality metrics. It is being developed in collaboration with the MSTS Guidelines and Evidence Based Medicine (GEBM). We have invitied representatives from Interventional Radiology (SIO), Medical Oncology (ASCO), Orthopedic Surgery

(OTA/AAOS), Radiation Oncology (ASTRO), Radiology (ACR) and Spine surgery (NASS), of which several have already nominated representatives. Our goal is to start work in the beginning on 2026.

MSTS Percutaneous Pelvis Metastasis Workshop:

At the 2024 MSTS Annual Meeting in Chicago, we held the first ever MSTS hands-on workshop on the percutaneous treatment of pelvic bone metastases. We are building on that success for the 2025 meeting in Mexico City, with a more streamlined curriculum, more attendees and wider range of industry partners, demonstrating their products and how they can be used in the treatment of skeletal metastses.

The members of the MSTS Skeletal Metastases Committee are Meredith Bartlestein, Matt Cable, Ian English, Joe Kendal, Aditya Maheshwari and Felasfa Wodajo. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to any of us.

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Thursday, December 4th 11:05 AM to 11:25 AM Regency Room G

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Musculoskeletal Tumor Registry Update - Benjamin J. Miller, MD, MS

This update for the MsTR will focus on how the MSTS/AAOS registry relates to the International Sarcoma Registry (ISR), a combined effort with MSTS, ISOLS, EMSOS, SLATME, and APMSTS. Much as the AAOS and MSTS recognized that the current state of technology and surgeon enthusiasm provided an opportunity to create the MsTR to improve sarcoma data collection, quality improvement, and research in North America, other global professional orthopaedic oncology societies have reached the same conclusion.

With international support and collaboration, a working group representing all five multi-national orthopaedic oncology societies have met regularly since January 2025 to create a minimal dataset. This dataset consists of 25 unique questions

regarding provider information, patient details, tumor characteristics, and treatment of individual sarcoma patients. The minimal dataset was based upon experience from the MsTR, Europe, and Australia. The goal of the ISR at this stage is to encourage every surgeon treating sarcoma to collect the same data points in the spirit of quality improvement and with the anticipation of future collaborative efforts. The minimal dataset and data dictionary are available to anyone by request in RED-Cap and Excel by emailing Abby Grothe at abigail-grothe@uiowa.edu.

The ISR does not replace the MsTR. The MsTR collects much more robust data and allows for national benchmarking, individual and institutional comparisons, trends over time, surgical and adjuvant treatment

details, and outcomes at a much higher level. However, the ISR does present an opportunity for those not currently participating in the MsTR to start collecting data in a clear and consistent manner. Current MsTR participants are submitting the data elements critical to the minimal dataset already, and are effectively participating in the ISR.

Please reach out to a steering committee member or find one of us in Mexico City if you have any questions. We also encour-

age everyone to fill out this survey about current registry participation, barriers, and interest in future collaboration: (QR code).



Guidelines and Evidence Based Medicine Committee Update

Nicholas Tedesco, DO, Chair

To the entire MSTS membership: I would like to express my sincere appreciation of your support the past several years. I have been on The Guidelines and Evidence-Based Medicine (GEBM) for 5 years now and have chaired this fantastic committee for the last 3. Unfortunately, that means I will be turning the committee over to the next chair to continue moving us into the future of musculoskeletal oncology research and care. I have truly been honored to have served in this role.

The GEBM and Skeletal Metastases Committee are going to be embarking on the daunting task of defining and classifying pathological fractures with the goal of ultimately working with the Practice Management Committee on defining "impending pathologic fracture" for the purpose of improving documentation, research, and reimbursement improvements and standardization. The plan will be a multi-year task force including key stakeholders from

the MSTS, ASTRO, ASCO, NASS, AAOS, and ACR. We look forward to engagement with this task force and development of a reproducible and clinically helpful classification schema.

In the meantime, we are also vetting a scoring system that will be used for predicting bias and methodological weaknesses in abstracts submitted for the yearly meeting. The hope is to decrease the time requirements and offload administrative burden on the selection committee volunteers, as our abstract numbers continue to increase year after year. We are also hard at work on our next novel clinical practice assessments (NCPA's) to help you decide what may or may not be practice changing for your institution. Topics to be covered this year include percutaneous acetabuloplasty with or without ablation, fluorescence in tumor surgery, amputee osseointegration, and new and emerging medical treatments (vimseltinib, selumtinib, and

mirdametinib). They will be posted at the time of the Annual Meeting in Mexico City on the MSTS website.

Finally, we once again have a \$5000 grant as part of an ongoing endowment plan for new grants each year for quality improvement projects. Please reach out to us or info@msts.org for further details, requirements, and be on the lookout for ongoing email blast reminders for the fund RFA.

The GEBM Committee is here to serve the entire MSTS membership! If you have any ideas for clinical practice guidelines, appropriate use criteria, novel clinical practice assessments, systematic reviews, clinical decision aids, or quality improvement projects, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself or any GEBM committee members. Other current members include: Yee-Cheen Doung, Pietro Ruggieri, Matthew Colman, Alexander Lazarides, and Dipak Ramkumar.

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Al Workgroup - Felasfa Wodajo, MD, Lead

The MSTS Artificial Intelligence (AI) Workgroup convened in March 2025 with six at-large volunteers and three representatives from MSTS committees, one each from Education, GEBM and Research. The charge of the Workgroup to educate MSTS members on AI advances and to help guide AI development in musculoskeletal oncology. This is what we have been working on:

1. Al Webinar

We are planning a webinar to educate MSTS members on the clinical uses of AI, both present and looking into the future. The webinar will have a didactic and an interactive potion, and is currently planned for March 2026

2. MSTS Patient Education Chatbot

Since our patients are already using LLMs to ask their questions, we should develop our own chatbot with information sources that we have verified. We are working on testing the initial version on a small panel of patients to see if it shows adequate promise for deployment.

3. Al Literature Literacy

We are developing an "AI Handbook" to help MSTS members better understand the language and concepts of the AI literature to become more discerning and empowered readers.

4. MSTS AI Guidelines

We are developing a position state-

ment for MSTS to define our Society's position on the appropriate use of Al. Other medical societies have published position statements, which we are adapting to be appropriate for our speciality. We will maintain it as a "live" document, updating it periodically as the technology evolves.

The AI Workgroup members are Zach Burke, Anthony Bozzo, Alex Christ, Bang Hong, Joseph Ippolito, Alysia Kemp, Giovanni Paraliticci, Dipak Ramkumar and Felasfa Wodajo. AI is developing at an incredible speed. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to any of us.

Interested in Becoming a MSTS Member or Are You Ready to Advance In Your Career to the Next Membership Category?

Membership Application Deadline: February 9, 2026

Details here.



Communications and Technology Committee - Cecilia Belzarena, MD, Chair

Over the past several months, our committee has continued its mission to enhance the visibility of MSTS and foster engagement among our members and the broader musculoskeletal oncology community.

We remain active across all MSTS communication channels—our website, monthly e-blast, newsletter, and social media—ensuring that important updates, educational resources, and society initiatives reach both professionals and patients. Our MSTS Instagram and LinkedIn pages continue to grow steadily, helping us connect with colleagues, patient groups, and sarcoma foundations around the world.

The Member Spotlight and "I'm Your Orthopaedic Oncologist" series remain key features of our outreach, highlighting the incredible diversity, dedication, and

impact of our members. We have also continued to expand our Patients' Topics Library on the MSTS website, providing reliable and accessible information for patients and families affected by musculo-skeletal tumors.

We are also proud to support and promote the work of other MSTS committees by amplifying their initiatives and resources across our communication platforms.

Looking ahead to MSTS 2025 in Mexico, we invite all members to connect with us during the conference—share your favorite moments, photos, and experiences, and help us showcase the energy and community spirit that make MSTS unique.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all members of the Communi-

cations Committee (Alysia Kemp, Susan McDowell, Izu Ibe, Nicholas Arpey and Matthew Wells) and to Kerri Mink for their continued dedication, creativity, and collaboration in advancing our shared goals.

We are grateful for the ongoing support and engagement of our members and excited about what's ahead. Together, we'll keep strengthening MSTS's voice and expanding its reach within the sarcoma and orthopedic oncology communities.

Thank You Outgoing Committee Members

As their terms end, thank you to the following members for their contributions to their respective committees:

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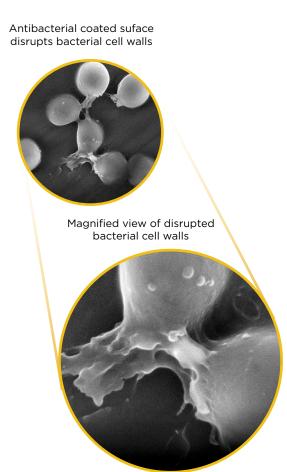
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Registration is open to attend the MSTS 2026 Specialty Day session on Friday, March 6th from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm in New Orleans at the Morial Convention Center, Room 261. The Program Committee includes chair Dr. Alan Blank, vice chair Dr. Alexander Lazarides and at large members Drs. Christopher Collier and Samir Sabharwal. The group has developed an interesting and informative agenda with focuses including molecular oncology, a

young investigator forum, pelvis-spine surgery, ortho-plastics, as well as 2 interactive case discussions. Dr. R Lor Randall plans to give an inspiring key note presentation titled "From the Bard Parker to the Molecular Scalpel - A Surgeon's Perspective on Sarcomatology."

Click here for additional details, to view the Program Agenda and to register.



Alan Blank, MD **Specialty Day Program Chair**



Specialty Day Vice Chair



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Applicant: Rajiv Rajani, MD

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Metastases and Pathological Fractures

Applicant: Rosanna Wustrack, MD

Symposia

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Moderator: Francis Hornicek, MD, PhD

Future Meetings - Save the Dates!





