



# Texas Association of Surgical Skills Laboratories 2013 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**September 5, 2013** TASSL Dinner Meeting, 7 p.m., Location TBA  
**September 6, 2013** TASSL Annual Conference, 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Clinical Education Center at Brackenridge  
1400 North I-35 • Austin, TX 78701

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## CONFERENCE AGENDA

**0730-0800: Light Breakfast**

**0800-0815: Welcome and Opening Remarks** – *John M. Uecker, MD*

**0815-0900: Clash of the Titans**

0815-0830: Low Fidelity Simulation Is Superior – High Fidelity Is a Waste of Money.  
*Daniel J. Scott, MD*

0830-0845: High Fidelity Simulation Is Mandatory to Train Surgical Residents in This Day  
and Age: Forget the Pegs, Danny! *Brian Dunkin, MD*

0845-0900: Discussion

**0900-0945: David vs. Goliath**

0900-0915: Surgery Resident Participation Does Not Prolong Operating Room Time and  
Shortens Patient Length of Stay. *Kevin Luftman, MD (PGY-2)*

0915-0930: Are You Kidding ME?! I Can Do Any Case Faster Without a Resident AND  
They Get Out of the Hospital Faster. *TBA*

0930-0945: Discussion

**0945-1015: Tour of the Clinical Education Center at Brackenridge** – *Buffy Allen, RN*

**1015-1030: Break/Refreshments**

**1030-1115: Robots and General Surgery: Insanity or Standard of Care?**

1030-1045: You Are Using a Robot to Take Her Thyroid Out of Her Arm Pit: Have You  
Lost Your Mind?! *Ernest Dunn, MD*

1045-1100: All General Surgeons Should Be Trained in Robotic Surgery: It Is the Future.  
*Francis Buzad, MD*

1100-1115: Discussion

**1115-1215: Updates**

TASSL Collaborative Efforts (Da Vinci Study, ABSITE Question Study, etc.)  
*Ross Willis, PhD*

FES (Fundamentals of Endoscopic Surgery) *Daniel J. Scott, MD*

GAGES (Validated Clinical Assessment Tool of GI Endoscopy)  
*Kimberly Brown, MD*

**1215-1315: Lunch**

**1315-1430: Sharing the Wealth: Program Directors/Assistant Program Directors  
Share Pearls of Wisdom.** What We Have Done Right, What We Would  
Have Done Differently, What We Are Still Trying to Do: Preparation for  
ABSITE; Remediation of Poorly Performing Residents (Academic, Technical,  
Professional); Implementing SCORE Curriculum; Developing Faculty  
Development Curriculum, etc.

**1430-1530: TASSL Brainstorming: Future Directions and Increasing Collaborative  
Efforts** – *Kimberly Brown, MD*

**1530: Adjourn** – *John M. Uecker, MD*

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