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STEPHANIE A. SAVAGE, MD, MS

Dr. Savage is the Director of Emergency General Surgery and Professor of Acute Care & Regional General Surgery at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine in Madison, Wisconsin.

Dr. Savage received her MD from the University of Wisconsin Medical School. She completed her residency in general surgery at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio/Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center integrated program and completed fellowships in surgical critical care (University of Tennessee Memphis) and surgical research (Lackland Air Force Base Clinical Research Facility). She also earned a Master of Science degree in Bioepidemiology at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center.

Dr. Savage is a decorated military veteran who served tours of duty in the U.S. Air Force in Iraq and Afghanistan, treating soldiers who fell victim to improvised explosive devices.

Dr. Savage is certified by the American Board of Surgery in General Surgery and Surgical Critical Care. Her clinical practice focuses on care of the acute injured patient, the management of emergent general surgical diseases and providing critical care in the Intensive Care Unit setting.

Dr. Savage is nationally recognized and serves on multiple committees for the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma, the Western Trauma Association, the Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma, and the American Board of Surgery.

The J. Bradley Aust Surgical Society 52nd Annual Meeting June 12–14, 2026 (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday)

Concept and Objective

This course is designed to provide graduates, alumni, faculty, and current housestaff with the latest insight into cutting-edge research and advancements in the field of surgery. Through housestaff research presentations and contributions from various members of the academic community, the course fosters an environment of continuous learning and collaboration, ensuring all participants remain at the forefront of surgical innovation and practice.

Time is allotted for questions, answers, and discussion of presentations between alumni and faculty.

Accreditation

CME

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the joint providership of The University of Texas at San Antonio and the J. Bradley Aust Surgical Society. The University of Texas at San Antonio is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The University of Texas at San Antonio designates this live activity for a maximum of **13.50 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™**. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Certificate of Attendance

Healthcare professionals will receive a certificate of attendance and should consult with their licensing board for information on applicability and acceptance.



THE J. BRADLEY AUST SURGICAL SOCIETY

announces

The 52nd Annual Meeting

June 12–14, 2026

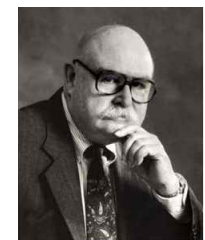
Friday, Saturday, & Sunday
at

Hotel Emma

136 E. Grayson St.
San Antonio, Texas 78215

—Honored Guest Speaker—
STEPHANIE A. SAVAGE, MD, MS

This meeting is jointly provided by
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FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2026 – PROGRAM

9:00 a.m. Resident Paper Competition, Medical School, 309-310L

Dr. Patrick Nguyen - Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Sadhana Anantha

Assessment of Escape Mechanisms of Tumor Infiltrating Lymphocyte Therapy for Metastatic Epithelial Cancers using Patient Derived Tumor Organoids

Dr. Morgan Gable

Orthopedic Practice Setting Opinions: Heat Maps for a Heated Debate

Dr. Joan Lee

Learning the ECMO Curve: A Surgical Resident Perspective on Immersion into Pediatric Extracorporeal Life Support

Dr. Stephanie Seale

Evaluating and Improving the Quality of Written Feedback on End-of-Rotation Evaluations of Residents

Dr. Cameron Atkison

Distal Femur Fracture Fixation: Two Implants for the Price of One

Dr. Alexander Bowers

Timing Matters: Prehospital Whole Blood Transfusion Improves Unexpected Survivorship in Pediatric Trauma

Dr. Eric Cal

Does Estrogen Replacement Therapy Increase Risk of Thrombosis After Proximal Femur Fracture in Post-Menopause Patients?

Dr. Shawn Dripchak

Preoperative Malnutrition Is Associated With Increased Rates of Periprosthetic Fractures in Total Knee Arthroplasty

11:10 a.m.–12:10 p.m. Honorary Guest Speaker Presentation

Dr. Stephanie Savage - Honorary Guest Speaker

From Individual Excellence to Collective Impact: Systems of Care in Emergency General Surgery

12:10-1:10 p.m. Welcome Luncheon, Holly Auditorium Foyer
1:10 p.m. Resume Resident Paper Competition, 309-310L

Dr. Kellie Hastings

Risk Factors for Conversion Shoulder Arthroplasty After Open Reduction Internal Fixation of the Proximal Humerus

Dr. Deshaun Holdipp

Osteoporosis Medication Initiation Following Proximal Humerus Fractures is Associated With Decreased Mortality and Secondary Fragility Fracture Risk

Dr. Lauren Holladay

Inflammatory Arthropathies are Associated With Increased Complications After Shoulder Arthroplasty for Proximal Humerus Fractures

Dr. Doha Hussien

Fixation Strategies for Metacarpal Fractures: A Comparison of Plate-and-Screw, Intramedullary Screw, and Percutaneous Wire Techniques

Dr. Zachary Jodoin

Pediatric Ballistic Fracture Patients: Who has Poor Follow-Up and Why?

Dr. Andrew Ni

Does Testosterone Replacement Therapy Increase Risk of Thrombosis After Total Hip or Knee Arthroplasty?

Dr. Kyle Paul

Geriatric Hip Fracture with Proximal Upper Extremity Fracture Increases Morbidity, Mortality, and Cost

Dr. Megan Read

Outcomes after Redo Pull-through for Hirschsprung Disease

Resident Paper Competition (continued)

Dr. Jordan Robbins

DermaPure® Skin Substitute: A Viable Alternative to Skin Grafting in Upper Extremity Trauma and Infection

Dr. Elizabeth Stewart

Characterizing Delayed Transfer of Severely Injured Patients at Level IV Trauma Centers

Dr. Luke Verlinsky

A Comparative Analysis of Distal Femur Fracture Fixation: Nail Plate Combination Reduces Failure and Improves Postoperative Mobility

Dr. Abigail Wheeler

Tibiototalcaneal Nailing Allows Early Weightbearing Without Increased Complication Risk in Unstable Geriatric Malleolar Ankle Fractures

Dr. Candice Vieira

Trends in Perioperative Systemic Chemotherapy for Resected Colorectal Liver Metastases: A Seer-Medicare Analysis

Dr. Richard Walsh

A Decrease in Hemoglobin of Greater than Three Units after Peripheral Vascular Procedures Is Associated with an Increased Risk of Myocardial Infarction and Mortality

Dr. Patrick Nguyen - Announcements and Adjournment

FRIDAY, JUNE 12 - SOCIAL EVENT

7:00 p.m. Chief Residents' Farewell Banquet
Hotel Emma (Elephant Cellar)

SATURDAY, JUNE 13 – PROGRAM

8:00-10:55 a.m. Scientific Symposium
Hotel Emma (Elephant Cellar)

Dr. Patrick Nguyen – Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Jason Gauthier

Mastering the Toolkit: A Novel Approach to Complex Tracheal Reconstruction

Dr. Juan Berner

Against All Odds: Multidisciplinary Salvage After Traumatic Hemipelvectomy

Dr. Lily Liao

The PVC Pipe - Superior Plumbing Efficiency but Inferior Zone 2 Accessory (A Case Study)

Dr. Oriana Haran

Open Fractures: A Rare Indication for a Tummy Tuck

Dr. Patrick Nguyen

De Garengeot's Hernia: A Rare Case of Tip Appendicitis and Phlegmon within a Femoral Hernia

Dr. Richard Peterson

Future Perspectives of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery in the Era of GLP-1 Medications

Dr. Haley Daigle

Updates in Hernia Surgery

Dr. John Calhoon

Congenital Heart Disease in the Adult

10:55-11:55 a.m. Honorary Guest Speaker Presentation

Dr. Stephanie Savage – Honorary Guest Speaker

Architecture, Biology and Shop Class: 20 Years of Unplanned Travels

11:55 a.m.–1:25 p.m. Lunch at the Pearl (on your own)

Dr. Brian Eastridge

The Future of Surgery Is Augmented: Practical Uses of Artificial Intelligence in Your Surgical Practice

Scientific Symposium (continued)

Dr. Donald Jenkins

The Collective Experience with Whole Blood at UT Health San Antonio: The Last Eight Years

Dr. John Doski

A Life Well Lived, A Life Well Loved: The Dr. Deborah L Mueller Endowment

Honorary Dr. Deborah L. Mueller Wellness Lecture

Dr. Nydia Darby

Therapeutic Yoga Works: An Evidence Based Breath Centered Mindful Movement Awareness Practice

3:45-5:15 p.m. Business Meeting/State of the Department
Hotel Emma (Elephant Cellar)

Dr. John Myers – Annual Business Meeting

Dr. Ronald Stewart – State of the Department Address

SATURDAY, JUNE 13 - SOCIAL EVENTS

7:00-7:45 p.m. President's Cocktail Reception
Hosted by Dr. Patrick Nguyen and Mrs. Nga Tran
Hotel Emma (Cellar J & K/Foyer)

7:45-9:00 p.m. Aust Society Black Tie Banquet
Hotel Emma (Elephant Cellar)

9:00 p.m.–Midnight Post Banquet Activities
Trinkle Reception, Silent Auction, Casino Night
Hotel Emma (Elephant Cellar/Cellar J & K/Foyer)

INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Active Membership

Dr. Paige Brlecic Cardiothoracic Surgery Fellowship
Minneapolis, MN

Dr. Molly Burke Bariatric & Minimally Invasive
Surgery Fellowship, Chicago, IL

Dr. Nicholas Gore Breast Surgical Oncology
Fellowship, Galveston, TX

Dr. Kelly Harrell General Surgery, US Air Force

Dr. Caleb McClary General Surgery, US Air Force

Dr. Shirley Nah General Surgery, San Antonio, TX

Dr. Skye Schultz Acute Care Surgery Fellowship
Columbia, MO

Dr. Ankur Tiwari Surgical Critical Care Fellowship
San Antonio, TX

Dr. James Wistrom Vascular Surgery Fellowship
San Antonio, TX

Associate Membership

Dr. Carolyn Dubeau Cardiothoracic Surgery

Dr. Alex Malloy Surgical Critical Care

Dr. Kristen Payne Surgical Critical Care

Associate Faculty Membership

Dr. Peter Altshuler Transplant

Dr. Megan Parmer Surgical Oncology

Dr. Sidharth Sharma Transplant

Dr. Richard Thomson Plastic Surgery

Honorary

Dr. John Doski Pediatric Surgery

SUNDAY, JUNE 14 - SOCIAL EVENTS

8:00 a.m. Golf Tournament
The Quarry Golf Course, 444 E. Basse, San Antonio

9:00 a.m. Shooting Clays
National Shooting Complex, 5931 Roft Rd., San Antonio

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & LOCATIONS

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2026

J. Bradley Aust Lecture Hall 309-310L, UT Health San Antonio
Members, Staff, House Staff & Guests

9:00-11:10 a.m. Resident Paper Competition

11:10 a.m.-12:10 p.m. Dr. Stephanie Savage
Honorary Guest Speaker

12:10-1:10 p.m. Welcome Luncheon
Holly Auditorium Foyer, UT Health

Members, Staff, House Staff, & Guests

Resume Resident Paper Competition
Spouses' Dinner

Supper, Hotel Emma, 136 E. Grayson
Members' Spouses

7:00 p.m. Chief Residents' Farewell Banquet
Hotel Emma (Elephant Cellar)

136 E. Grayson
Members, Staff, House Staff, & Guests

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2026

Hotel Emma (Elephant Cellar), 136 E. Grayson
Members, Staff, House Staff & Guests

8:00-10:55 a.m. Scientific Symposium

10:55-11:55 a.m. Dr. Stephanie Savage
Honorary Guest Speaker

11:55 a.m.-1:25 p.m. Lunch at the Pearl (on your own)

1:30-3:45 p.m. Scientific Symposium

3:45-5:15 p.m. Annual Business Meeting

State of the Department Address
Members and Guest Speaker Only

7:00-7:45 p.m. President's Reception and Silent Auction

7:45-9:00 p.m. Black Tie Banquet

9:00 p.m.–midnight Trinkle Reception, Silent Auction, Casino
Night

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2026

8:00 a.m. Golf Tournament

Best Ball, Four-Man Scramble

The Quarry Golf Course, 444 E. Basse Rd.
Members, Faculty, House Staff, Guests &
Families

9:00 a.m. Sporting Clays
National Shooting Complex, 5931 Roft Rd.

Members, Faculty, House Staff, Guests &
Families

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

5:45-7:45 p.m. Aust Society Reception at ACS

Cocktails/Hors d'oeuvres
Washington, DC

Members, Residents, Guests