

# Optimizing the Role of the First Assistant in Thoracic Surgery

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## Overview

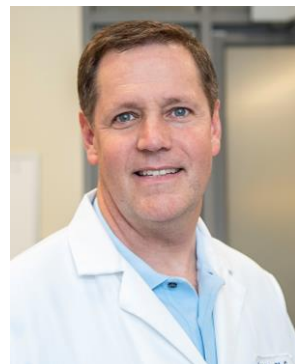
This program provides the First Assistant (Physician Assistant, Registered Nurse First Assistant) with opportunities to engage in discussions regarding the latest advances in Thoracic surgery. The didactic sessions will address operating room (OR) teamwork and efficiencies, the use of stapling instrumentation, advanced energy modalities, adjunctive hemostats, and wound closure devices. The hands-on labs provide an opportunity for participants to practice both open and minimally invasive Thoracic procedures including Video-Assisted Thoracoscopic Surgery (VATS) for pulmonary resection (lobectomy, wedge resection, segmentectomy) while focusing on the safe and effective use of ECHELON FLEX™ Powered Vascular Stapler, ECHELON FLEX™ GST System, HARMONIC® Product Family, ENSEAL® Product Family, MEGADYNE™ Core Energy Products, SURGICEL® Family of Absorbable Hemostats, SURGIFLO® Hemostatic Matrix Family of Products, EVICEL® Fibrin Sealant (Human), STRATAFIX™ Knotless Tissue Control Devices, and DERMABOND® Portfolio.

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## Agenda

### Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> (7:30 am – 3:00 pm)

- Faculty-led discussion:
  - Enhanced role of the First Assistant in a changing healthcare landscape
  - How to manage and overcome surgical challenges in Thoracic surgery
  - Science of tissue management and making device choices
- Inanimate and Animate Hands on labs:
  - Innovations in stapling instrumentation, advanced energy modalities, adjunctive hemostats, and wound closure devices
  - Approaches and instrumentation for open and minimally invasive Thoracic procedures

## Requirements for Participation

To ensure this educational program meets your needs, we recommend that participants meet the following criteria:

- First Assistants (Physician Assistant, Registered Nurse First Assistant) who currently operate surgical devices during procedures.
- Physician Assistants or Registered Nurse First Assistants with both clinical and surgical responsibilities in Thoracic procedures.

## Objectives

At the conclusion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Demonstrate the safe and effective use of ECHELON FLEX Powered Vascular Stapler, ECHELON FLEX GST System, HARMONIC Product Family, ENSEAL Product Family, MEGADYNE™ Core Energy Products, SURGICEL Family of Hemostats, SURGIFLO Family of Products, EVICEL Fibrin Sealant, STRATAFIX Knotless Tissue Control Devices, and DERMABOND Portfolio.
- Discuss various surgical approaches to Thoracic procedures and optimize OR teamwork and efficiencies.
- Apply surgical techniques using stapling devices, advanced energy modalities, adjunctive hemostats and other laparoscopic instrumentation in a hands-on setting.

*\* Important Safety Information will be discussed as it relates to specific products and devices listed during this training course.*

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