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LOCAL SURGEON ELECTED TO SAGES MEMBERSHIP

Fernando Garcia Govea, MD of Tijuana, Mexico has been elected to membership in the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES), according to an announcement by W. Scott Melvin, M.D., President.

SAGES was founded in 1981 to foster, promote, support and encourage academic, clinical and research achievement in gastrointestinal endoscopic surgery. SAGES members consist of general surgeons, colorectal surgeons, and osteopathic surgeons who perform endoscopy and laparoscopy as part of their practice. The society has grown from fewer than 50 original members to more than 6,000 from every state and 86 foreign countries. The society establishes standards of training and practice, and has developed guidelines for training, clinical applications, and privileging in laparoscopic surgery and gastrointestinal endoscopy. It presents the preeminent annual scientific session and postgraduate course in surgical endoscopy, bringing together the world's acknowledged leaders in that field.

SAGES Active membership is open to board-certified surgeons who have demonstrated experience and proficiency in gastrointestinal endoscopic surgery, and to surgeons in training.



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RE: Your SAGES Application

Dear Dr. Garcia Govea,

Congratulations! You have been accepted as a member of SAGES. Your membership category is **INTERNATIONAL 1**, which means you are a surgeon who meets the SAGES INTERNATIONAL 1 Membership By-laws requirements.

Please take a moment to check your contact information as listed above. We will use this information to communicate with you in the future. If you change your address, email or other contact information or if your membership category eligibility changes, please let us know. That will enable us to keep your membership information, journal subscription, and other SAGES benefits current. (Possible category changes include, but are not limited to, moving your practice outside the US or retiring from practice.)

Contents of this Welcome Kit:

- ✓ **Acceptance Letter** - (This document.) Please keep for your records.
- ✓ **Annual Dues Invoice and/or Receipt**
- ✓ **Press Release** - This may be sent to local press agencies, announcing your acceptance to SAGES.
- ✓ **Contact Information Change Form**
- ✓ **SAGES Resources Sheet**
- ✓ **FLS Information**
- ✓ **Future Meeting Information**
- ✓ **SAGES Resident Courses Calendar**
- ✓ **Membership Applications** - You are encouraged to invite colleagues to join SAGES.

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