## State of the Art Consensus Conference on Prevention of Bile Duct Injury During Cholecystectomy

Join us in Boston, Massachusetts for the State of the Art Consensus Conference on Prevention of Bile Duct Injury During Cholecystectomy taking place at the Seaport Hotel and World Trade Center (Seaport Ballroom) on Saturday, October 20, 2018, immediately prior to the 2018 ACS Clinical Congress.

The conference will provide a detailed evidence-based review of the current challenges and advances in reducing bile duct injuries (BDI) that occur during laparoscopic cholecystectomy and result in recommendations that should have a significant impact on future surgical practice and surgical research in this field.

International experts will convene to focus on management strategies and techniques surgeons can employ to reduce the incidence of this complication across the entire spectrum of gallstone disease, with the goal of establishing best practices and improving patient safety for this common operation. Attendees will participate in the discussions and voting on recommendations. The consensus conference proceedings will be used to generate practice guidelines manuscripts for publication in major surgical journals. Other topics the conference will focus on include:

- Bile Duct Injury Prevention and Anatomic Identification Techniques (e.g., critical view of safety, cholangiography)
- Biliary Injury and Disease Factors (e.g. acute cholecystitis)
- Biliary Injury and Alternative Surgical Techniques
- Biliary Injury Prevention and Surgeon Educational Factors
- Management of Bile Duct Injury

The conference, jointly hosted by the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES), Americas Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (AHPBA), the International Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (IHPBA), the Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract (SSAT), and the European Association of Endoscopic Surgeons (EAES), is expected to attract general surgeons, GI, HPB, community and international surgeons and is open to the public.

For more information on the conference and to register, please visit www.preventbdi.org/

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