



EXECUTIVE HEALTHCARE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

**For Current and Aspiring
Division Directors and Chairs**

January 30 - February 1, 2025
University of Alabama at Birmingham
Birmingham, AL

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REGISTER TODAY!



SESSION TOPICS

- Developing Effective Leadership Skills
- Building Teams
- Understanding Finance
- Managing a Financial Crisis
- Humans, Conflict, and Dealing with People
- Day-to-Day Team Management
- Getting the Job
- Wrap Up & Course Evaluation

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration includes the following:

- 2 nights' lodging at the UAB Hilton, only a short walk to the meeting venue
- All meals included - breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Registration Fee:

- SAAS Members: \$1,350
- Non-SAAS Members: \$2,500



Limited to 20 registrants. Register online today!

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CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

If a registrant is unable to attend, they may request a refund up to 30 days before the start of the course. Cancellation requests must be in writing and submitted to surgcomm@uabmc.edu. No refunds will be issued after December 31, 2024.

COURSE ALUMNI

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"Incredible leadership course by UAB Surgery and Dr. Herb Chen. An all-star line up of amazing leaders in surgery. Best course I've ever attended!"

Dr. Young K. Hong
Assistant Professor of Surgery
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