



ANNUAL MEETING

November 14 - 16, 2025 | Atlanta, Georgia

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Onward and Upward

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

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| 11:00 AM — 6:00 PM | REGISTRATION |
| 11:00 AM — 12:45 PM | EXHIBITOR SET UP |
| 12:00 PM — 12:45 PM | EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING |
| 1:00 PM — 1:30 PM | WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION |
| 1:30 PM — 3:00 PM | SESSION I: NIGHTMARES FROM THE OR. |
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| 5:00 PM — 7:00 PM | DRINKS AND DEMOS <i>Sponsored By</i> Medtronic |
| 8:00 PM — 10:00 PM | KARAOKE SOCIAL HOUR <i>Sponsored By</i> Phoenix Capital Investments |

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

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| 6:30 AM — 7:00 AM | WELLNESS: WORKOUT SESSION <i>Sponsored By</i> Myriad Genetics |
| 8:00 AM — 12:00 PM | REGISTRATION |
| 8:00 AM — 9:30 AM | BREAKFAST AND SPEED MENTORING |
| 9:30 AM — 10:30 AM | SESSION VI: BUILDING A THRIVING PRACTICE |
| 10:30 AM — 11:30 AM | SESSION VII: BUILDING A THRIVING SURGEON LEADER |
| 11:30 AM — 12:30 PM | CHECKOUT AND CLOSING REMARKS |
| 12:30 PM | MEETING ADJOURNS |

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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| 7:00 AM — 1:00 PM | REGISTRATION |
| 7:00 AM — 8:00 AM | WELLNESS: GUIDED MEDITATION <i>Sponsored By</i> City of Hope |
| 7:00 AM — 9:00 AM | BREAKFAST WITH SPONSORS |
| 8:00 AM — 8:40 AM | SESSION III: ABSTRACTS |
| 8:40 AM — 9:00 AM | BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS <i>Sponsored By</i> ETHO |
| 9:00 AM — 10:00 AM | SESSION IV: ADDRESSING DISPARITIES IN COLORECTAL HEALTH |
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| 2:30 PM — 3:30 PM | SESSION V: ENHANCING YOUR PRACTICE |
| 3:30 PM — 4:30 PM | MOCK ORAL EXAMINATION SESSION |
| 3:30 PM — 4:45 PM | NETWORKING RECEPTION |
| 6:00 PM | SHUTTLE DEPARTS (Sign up at registration desk) |
| 6:30 PM — 10:00 PM | GALA AT NATIONAL CENTER FOR CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS |
| 9:30 PM | RETURN SHUTTLE |



Total CME 9.25 Hours



ASCRS
American Society of
Colon & Rectal Surgeons



VENUE

Renaissance Atlanta Airport Gateway Hotel

2081 Convention Center Concourse
Atlanta, Georgia 30337

Meeting Space Location

General Session: Tango Ballroom 1
Exhibit Hall: Tango Ballroom 2

TRANSPORTATION

How to Get to the Renaissance Atlanta Airport Gateway Hotel via the ATL SkyTrain

The Renaissance Atlanta Airport Gateway Hotel is conveniently located just two minutes from Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) and is accessible via the free, 24-hour ATL SkyTrain.

Step-by-Step Directions:

- After arriving at ATL, proceed to the Domestic Terminal (Terminal South) and follow signs for Ground Transportation or ATL SkyTrain.
- Take the escalator or elevator up to the SkyTrain station, located next to the Georgia International Convention Center (GICC).
- Board the ATL SkyTrain — it runs 24/7, with trains arriving every few minutes. There is no cost to ride.
- Ride the SkyTrain two stops to the Gateway Center Station.
- Exit at Gateway Center Station — the Renaissance Atlanta Airport Gateway Hotel is just a short walk from the platform.





ACTIVITIES & ENTERTAINMENT

Friday, November 14th

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM — Drinks & Demo Sponsored By **Medtronic**

Join us for an evening of innovation and networking, proudly sponsored by Medtronic. Explore the latest medical technologies through hands-on demonstrations while enjoying refreshments and connecting with peers. Don't miss this opportunity to see cutting-edge solutions in action and engage with industry experts in a relaxed, interactive setting.



8:00 PM - 10:00 PM — Karaoke Social Hour Sponsored By **Phoenix**

Unwind after a full day of sessions with an evening of music, camaraderie, and laughter. Join fellow attendees for karaoke night — no experience required, just good vibes and great company!



Saturday, November 15th

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM — 15-Minute Mini Guided Meditation

Sessions for Wellness Sponsored By **City of Hope**

Take a moment to step away from the bustle of the meeting and center yourself. Facilitated by a Licensed Therapist from City of Hope, these guided sessions offer a calming space to relax, refocus, and restore your energy for the day ahead.



6:30 PM - 10:00 PM — Evening at the National Center for Civil and Human Rights | **Cocktail Attire**

100 Ivan Allen Jr Blvd NW, Atlanta, GA 30313

Join us for an evening featuring food stations and hearty appetizers, beer, wine, and signature cocktails.

*Transportation to the venue will be provided starting at 6:00 PM.
Return transportation will be provided at 9:30 PM.*



Sunday, November 16th

6:30 AM - 7:00 AM — Wellness Workout | **Athletic Attire**

Sponsored By **Myriad genetics**

Led by Dr. Irina Tantchou and Dr. Afia Wilson, this 30-minute wellness session designed specifically for surgeons to refresh the body, refocus the mind, and strengthen the link between physical well-being and surgical performance. Participants will experience low-impact, mobility-focused exercises, mindful breathing, and gentle strength training tailored to the unique physical and mental demands of surgery.





Onward and Upward

Inaugural In-Person SBCRS Meeting Program

Total CME: 9.25

Educational Objectives:

- (1) Provide treatment pathways for complicated colorectal diseases
- (2) Improve colorectal cancer screening and reduce the incidence of CRC in young and minority patients
- (3) Educate participants on the fundamentals of energy use in surgery
- (4) Up-to-date management of rectal cancer.
- (5) Strategic ways to build a thriving surgeon leader and practice.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

All sessions marked with an asterisk () are eligible for CME credit.*

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| 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM | REGISTRATION Location: Tango Ballroom Foyer |
| 11:00 AM – 12:45 PM | EXHIBITOR SET-UP Location: Tango One Ballroom |
| 12:00 PM – 12:45 PM | EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING |
| 1:00 PM – 1:30 PM | WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION BY PROGRAM COMMITTEE Location: Tango Two Ballroom |
| 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM* | SESSION I: NIGHTMARES FROM THE OR. THE WORST CASES I EVER SAW <i>Moderator: Lynn O'Connor, MD; Mercy Medical Center & St. Joseph Hospital</i> |
| 1:30 PM – 1:45 PM | 1 Diverticulitis - Jason Hall, MD, MPH; Tufts Medical Center |
| 1:45 PM – 2:00 PM | 2 Robotic Approach to the Hostile Pelvis - Vincent Obias, MD; Sibley Hospital |
| 2:00 PM – 2:15 PM | 3 The Monster in the Cleft: The Dark Side of Pilonidal Surgery - Nsikak Umoh, MD, MPH, FACS, FASCRS; NEAD Health Colon and Pilonidal Clinic |
| 2:15 PM – 2:30 PM | 4 Anal fistula - Dana Hayden, MD, MPH; University of Wisconsin-Madison |
| 2:30 PM – 2:45 PM | 5 Hol(e)y Colon-ey! Management of Perforated Colon Cancer - Paul Johnson, MD, FACS; Methodist Cancer Institute |
| 2:45 PM – 3:00 PM | SESSION I PANEL DISCUSSION |
| 3:00 PM – 3:15 PM | BREAK WITH THE EXHIBITORS |

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| 3:15 PM – 4:30 PM* | SESSION II: ALL THINGS RECTAL CANCER <i>Moderator: Martin Uwah, MD; University of Chicago</i> |
| 3:15 PM – 3:30 PM | 6 Modern Rectal Cancer Management: Real-World Delivery, Real-World Problems - Jacquelyn Turner, MD; Tulane School of Medicine |
| 3:30 PM – 3:45 PM | 7 How low can you go? Avoiding an APR - Antonio Caceydo, MD, MSc; Orlando Health |
| 3:45 PM – 4:00 PM | 8 Dealing with complete resolution after neoadjuvant treatment - Valentine Nfonsam, MD, MS, FACS, FASCR; Morehouse School of Medicine |
| 4:00 PM – 4:15 PM | 9 Managing Complications of Rectal Cancer Treatment: LAR Syndrome and Beyond - Gerald Gantt, MD; University of Illinois Chicago |
| 4:15 PM – 4:30 PM | SESSION II PANEL DISCUSSION |
| 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM | DRINKS & DEMOS Sponsored By Medtronic Location: Tango Ballroom Foyer |
| 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM | KARAOKE SOCIAL Sponsored By  Location: Tango One Ballroom |

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

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| 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM | REGISTRATION Location: Tango Ballroom Foyer |
| 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM | WELLNESS: GUIDED MEDITATION SESSIONS Sponsored By  Location: Foxtrot <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15-MINUTE SESSIONS: 7:00 – 7:15 AM, 7:15 – 7:30 AM, 7:30 – 7:45 AM, 7:45 – 8:00 AM |
| 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM | BREAKFAST WITH SPONSORS Location: Tango One Ballroom |
| 8:00 AM – 8:40 AM* | SESSION III: ABSTRACTS AND RESEARCH <i>Moderator: Adelso Tejada, MD; St. John's Episcopal Hospital</i> |
| 8:00 AM – 8:05 AM | Is There A Better Approach? A NSQIP Analysis Of Minimally Invasive vs. Open Colostomy Reversal - Karri Hester, MD, MS; Northwell at Danbury Hospital |
| 8:05 AM – 8:10 AM | Battling the Giant: A New Look at Buschke Lowenstein Tumor - Theodora Abah, MD, MHA; Morehouse School of Medicine |
| 8:10 AM – 8:15 AM | 10 years later – Adenoma Detection Rates (ADR) in a rural population - Joel Ennin, BS; Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine - Amarillo |
| 8:15 AM – 8:20 AM | Skeletal Muscle Gene Expression as a Prognostic Indicator in Colorectal Cancer-Induced Cachexia - Vashti Bandy, MD; Virginia Commonwealth University |

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| 8:20 AM – 8:25 AM | Revamping Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS) Protocols for Colorectal Surgery Across a Health system: A Quality Improvement Initiative |
| 8:25 AM – 8:30 AM | - Daphine Musisi, MD, MBA; University at Buffalo |
| 8:30 AM – 8:35 AM | Colonic Schwannoma Case Review |
| | - Destiny Aighobahi, MD; NYU Langone Long Island |
| 8:35 AM – 8:40 AM | County-Level Drivers of Colorectal Cancer Incidence in the Texas Panhandle |
| | - Geuel Simiyu, MS, BS; Texas Tech Health Sciences Center School of Medicine - Amarillo |
| 8:40 AM – 9:00 AM | Analysis of Colorectal Cancer Outcomes by Geographic Region for Black Patients in the United States |
| | - Darren Gordon, MD, PhD; University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics |
| 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM* | COFFEE BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS Sponsored By  |
| | SESSION IV: ADDRESSING DISPARITIES IN COLORECTAL HEALTH |
| | <i>Moderator: Izi Obokhare, MD; Texas Tech Health Science Center</i> |
| 9:00 AM – 9:10 AM | Young Colon Cancer: How do we judiciously choose the Risky ones? |
| | - Tim Simon, MD, FACS, FASCRS; Northside Hospital Atlanta |
| 9:10 AM – 9:20 AM | 11 Strategies for community engagement and education Primary care perspective |
| | - Judith Volcy, DO; Morehouse School of Medicine |
| 9:20 AM – 9:30 AM | 12 Strategies for community engagement and education CR Surgeon perspective |
| | - Tafadzwa Makarawo MD, MRCS (Ed), FACS, FASCRS; Colon and Rectal Center of Arizona |
| 9:30 AM – 9:40 AM | 13 Improving screening rates in Minority populations developing an action plan |
| | - Jesus Luevano, MD, MSc; Morehouse School of Medicine/Grady Hospital |
| 9:40 AM – 10:00 AM | SESSION IV PANEL DISCUSSION |
| 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM | COFFEE BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS |
| 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM | PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS AND INSTALLATION OF NEW PRESIDENT |
| | <i>President: Robert Amajoyi, MD; Morehouse School of Medicine</i> |
| | <i>President-Elect: Erin King-Mullins, MD; Colorectal Wellness Center</i> |
| 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM | NETWORKING LUNCH Location: Tango One Ballroom |
| 1:30 PM – 2:00 PM* | 14 KEYNOTE ADDRESS |
| | “The Unique Position of the Black Colorectal Surgeon: What Challenges Must We Address?” |
| | - Wayne Tuckson, MD; Kentucky Medical Association |
| 2:00 PM – 2:30 PM | BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS Sponsored By  |

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| 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM* | SESSION V: ENHANCING YOUR PRACTICE <i>Moderator: Afia Wilson, MD; Wynn Hospital, Mohawk Valley Health System</i> |
| 2:30 PM – 3:00 PM | 15 Enhanced Recovery: Making the Case and Improving Outcomes - Robert Nunoo, MD; WakeMed - East Raleigh |
| 3:00 PM – 3:30 PM | 16 Improving your wellness and effectiveness as a surgeon - Sharon Stein, MD, FACS, FASCRS; Case Western Reserve School of Medicine |
| 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM | MOCK ORAL EXAMINATION SESSION Location: Virtual via Zoom Simulated oral exams designed to prepare participants for board certification, featuring case scenarios and individualized feedback from experienced examiners. |
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

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| 8:00 AM – 11:30 PM | REGISTRATION |
| 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM | BREAKFAST SPEED MENTORING SESSION Mentoring sessions designed to foster professional growth and meaningful connections. Location: Bravo <i>Moderator: Ramon Brown, MD, MBA; Singing River Health System</i> |
| 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM* | SESSION VI: BUILDING A THRIVING PRACTICE <i>Moderator: Irina Tantchou, MD; Mercy Hospital</i> |
| 9:30 AM – 9:50 AM | 17 Thriving in Private Practice Nuts and Bolts - Lynn O'Connor, MD; Mercy Medical Center & St. Joseph Hospital |
| 9:50 – 10:10 AM | 18 Thriving in Academic Practice Promotion and Beyond - Jonathan Laryea, MD; University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences |
| 10:10 – 10:30 AM | 19 Building a Brand in Surgery and Finding your Voice - Ritha Belizaire, MD; Owner, Houston Community Surgical |

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| 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM* | SESSION VII: BUILDING A THRIVING SURGEON LEADER <i>Moderator: Erin King-Mullins, MD; Colorectal Wellness Center</i> |
| 10:30 AM – 10:45 AM | 20 Conflict Resolution: Managing Micro and Macro Aggression in the Workplace - Adekemi Egunsola, MD, FAC; Emory University - Grady Hospital |
| 10:45 AM – 11:00 AM | 21 Level the Playing Field: Know Your Worth, Negotiate Your Value - Jessica Minesinger, CMOM, CMPE, FACMPE, BBCC; Surgical Compensation and Consulting |
| 11:00 AM – 11:15 AM | 22 Healing the Healer: Strategies for Work–Life Integration in Surgery - John Stewart, MD, MBA; Morehouse School of Medicine |
| 11:15 AM – 11:30 AM | 23 Winning the room: Navigating Difficult Patients and Complications - Damon Brantley, MD, FACS, CPE; Southeast Georgia Health System |
| 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM | CHECKOUT AND CLOSING REMARKS |
| 12:30 PM | MEETING ADJOURS |



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