



ANNUAL MEETING

November 14 - 16, 2025 | Atlanta, Georgia

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Onward and Upward

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

11:00 AM — 6:00 PM
11:00 AM — 12:45 PM
12:00 PM — 12:45 PM
1:00 PM — 1:30 PM
1:30 PM — 3:00 PM
SESSION I: NIGHTMARES FROM THE OR.
3:00 PM — 3:15 PM
3:15 PM — 4:30 PM
5:00 PM — 7:00 PM
8:00 PM — 10:00 PM

REGISTRATION
EXHIBITOR SET UP
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
SESSION II: ALL THINGS RECTAL CANCER
BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS
DRINKS AND DEMOS
Sponsored By Medtronic
KARAOKE SOCIAL HOUR
Sponsored By Phoenix

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

6:30 AM — 7:00 AM
8:00 AM — 12:00 PM
8:00 AM — 9:30 AM
9:30 AM — 10:30 AM
10:30 AM — 11:30 AM
11:30 AM — 12:30 PM
12:30 PM

WELLNESS: WORKOUT SESSION *Sponsored By Myriad genetics®*
REGISTRATION
BREAKFAST AND SPEED MENTORING
SESSION VI: BUILDING A THRIVING PRACTICE
SESSION VII: BUILDING A THRIVING SURGEON LEADER
CHECKOUT AND CLOSING REMARKS
MEETING ADJOURNS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

7:00 AM — 1:00 PM
7:00 AM — 8:00 AM
7:00 AM — 9:00 AM
8:00 AM — 8:40 AM
8:40 AM — 9:00 AM
9:00 AM — 10:00 AM
10:00 AM — 10:30 AM
10:30 AM — 11:00 AM
12:00 PM — 1:30 PM
1:30 PM — 2:00 PM
2:00 PM — 2:30 PM
2:30 PM — 3:30 PM
3:30 PM — 4:30 PM
3:30 PM — 4:45 PM
6:00 PM
6:30 PM — 10:00 PM
9:30 PM

REGISTRATION
WELLNESS: GUIDED MEDITATION *Sponsored By City of Hope.*
BREAKFAST WITH SPONSORS
SESSION III: ABSTRACTS
BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS *Sponsored By TMO*
SESSION IV: ADDRESSING DISPARITIES IN COLORECTAL HEALTH
BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS
PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS AND INSTALLATION OF NEW PRESIDENT
NETWORKING LUNCH
KEYNOTE ADDRESS
BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS *Sponsored By TMO*
SESSION V: ENHANCING YOUR PRACTICE
MOCK ORAL EXAMINATION SESSION
NETWORKING RECEPTION
SHUTTLE DEPARTS (Sign up at registration desk)
GALA AT NATIONAL CENTER FOR CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS
RETURN SHUTTLE



Total CME 9.25 Hours





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.



ANNUAL MEETING



NOVEMBER 14 – 16, 2025
Atlanta, Georgia

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.*

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

3:15 PM – 4:30 PM*

SESSION II: ALL THINGS RECTAL CANCER

Moderator: Martin Uwah, MD; University of Chicago

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  ATLANTA

Location: Foxtrot

- 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

Moderator: Adolfo Tejada, MD; St. John's Episcopal Hospital

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

8:20 AM – 8:25 AM		Revamping Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS) Protocols for Colorectal Surgery Across a Health system: A Quality Improvement Initiative - Daphne Musisi, MD, MBA; University at Buffalo
8:25 AM – 8:30 AM		Colonic Schwannoma Case Review - Destiny Aighobahi, MD; NYU Langone Long Island
8:30 AM – 8:35 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
8:35 AM – 8:40 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
8:40 AM – 9:00 AM		COFFEE BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS Sponsored By 
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM*		SESSION IV: ADDRESSING DISPARITIES IN COLORECTAL HEALTH <i>Moderator: Izi Obokhare, MD; Texas Tech Health Science Center</i>
9:00 AM – 9:10 AM	10	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 

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM*

SESSION V: ENHANCING YOUR PRACTICE

Moderator: Afia Wilson, MD; Wynn Hospital, Mohawk Valley Health System

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.

3:30 PM – 4:45 PM

NETWORKING RECEPTION | Location: Tango One Ballroom

6:00 PM

Shuttle to National Center for Civil and Human Rights

Sign-up at registration desk

6:30 PM – 10:00 PM

GALA AT NATIONAL CENTER FOR CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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9:30 PM

Return Shuttle to Renaissance Atlanta Airport Gateway Hotel

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6:30 AM – 6:45 AM

WELLNESS: WORKOUT SESSION | Sponsored By

Location: Alpha

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

Moderator: Ramon Brown, MD, MBA; Singing River Health System

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM*

SESSION VI: BUILDING A THRIVING PRACTICE

Moderator: Irlina Tantchou, MD; Mercy Hospital

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

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM*

SESSION VII: BUILDING A THRIVING SURGEON LEADER

Moderator: Erin King-Mullins, MD; Colorectal Wellness Center

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM

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Conflict Resolution: Managing Micro and Macro Aggression in the Workplace

- Adekemi Egunsola, MD, FAC; Emory University - Grady Hospital

10:45 AM – 11:00 AM

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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

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Healing the Healer: Strategies for Work–Life Integration in Surgery

- John Stewart, MD, MBA; Morehouse School of Medicine

11:15 AM – 11:30 AM

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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 ADJOURNS



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