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PRESIDENT WELCOME

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the **Society of Black Colon and Rectal Surgeons (SBCRS)**, it is our pleasure to welcome you to our **2nd Annual Meeting**, taking place **November 13–15, 2026, in Atlanta, Georgia**.

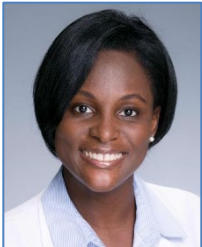
This year's theme, **"Partnerships, Purpose, and Progress,"** reflects the spirit of our growing community and the important work we are accomplishing together. Throughout the weekend, we hope you will find meaningful opportunities to exchange ideas, strengthen professional relationships, engage in thoughtful discussion, and build connections that extend well beyond the meeting.

Our program brings together surgeons, residents, medical students, and partners from across the country for scientific exchange, professional development, mentorship, and collaboration. Most importantly, this meeting provides an opportunity to celebrate our shared commitment to advancing excellence in colorectal surgery and addressing disparities in the communities we serve. We encourage you to take full advantage of everything the weekend has to offer.

We would like to extend a special thank you to all our partners from financial institutions, healthcare systems, industry and private practices alike. Your investment into our vision has allowed us to begin fulfilling just the mission we set out to achieve.

Thank you for being part of the SBCRS community and for joining us in Atlanta. Your participation, energy, and engagement are what make this meeting meaningful, and we are excited for the conversations, connections, and progress that will come from our time together.

We look forward to an outstanding weekend of **Partnerships, Purpose, and Progress**.



Sincerely,

Erin King-Mullins, MD, FACS, FASCRS
President, Society of Black Colon & Rectal Surgeons

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SBCRS Meeting Program

Total CME: *Pending Review*

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 colon and rectal cancer.
- (5) Strategic ways to build a thriving surgeon leader and practice.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH

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

11:00 AM – 5:30 PM	REGISTRATION Location: Tango Ballroom Foyer
11:00 AM – 12:30 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 – 2:30 PM*	SESSION I: THE BOTTOM LINE: MANAGING THE DYSFUNCTIONAL PELVIC FLOOR <i>Moderator: Daphine Musisi, MD; University at Buffalo</i>
1:30 PM – 1:45 PM	¹ Fecal Incontinence (Oops, I Did it Again) - Alexandria C Glenn, MD; Henry Ford Health
1:45 PM – 2:00 PM	² Beyond Rectopexy: What to Look For and Who to Call - Naderge Pierre, MD; Frederick Health
2:00 PM – 2:15 PM	³ The Tissues are the Issue: Connective Tissue Disease in Pelvic Function - Kara Pepper, MD; Kara Pepper, MD, LLC
2:15 PM – 2:30 PM	SESSION I - PANEL DISCUSSION
2:30 PM – 3:15 PM*	SESSION II: GUT UNDER PRESSURE: FROM INTESTINAL FAILURE TO COMPLEX DIVERTICULITIS <i>Moderator: Kiyanda Baldwin Young, MD; Mary Washington Medical Group Surgery at Stafford</i>

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2:30 PM – 2:45 PM	4	Intestinal Failure - Complex and Catastrophic - John Monson, MD; Northwell Health
2:45 PM – 3:00 PM	5	Managing Complex Diverticulitis via Minimally-Invasive Approach - Cici Zhang, MD;
3:00 PM – 3:15 PM		SESSION II - PANEL DISCUSSION
3:15 PM – 3:35 PM		BREAK WITH THE EXHIBITORS Cappuccino Bar Available between 2 pm – 4 pm Sponsored by 
3:35 PM – 4:30 PM*		SESSION III: Pushing the Boundaries: Modern Strategies in Anal and Colorectal Oncology Moderator: Carolina Martinez, MD; USF Health
3:35 PM – 3:50 PM	6	Immunotherapy and the Future of Colorectal Cancer Care - Adekemi Egunsola, MD; Emory University
4:05 PM – 4:20 PM	7	Lateral Thinking in Rectal Cancer: When to Go Beyond the TME - Ajaratu Keshinro, MD; Cleveland Clinic
4:20 PM – 4:35 PM	8	The Surgical Management of Oligometastatic Colorectal Cancer - John Stewart, IV, MD; Morehouse School of Medicine
4:35 PM – 4:50 PM	9	Anal Dysplasia - From Screening to Cancer Prevention - Gerald Gantt, MD; University of Illinois Chicago
4:50 PM – 5:00 PM		SESSION III - PANEL DISCUSSION
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM		DRINKS & DEMOS Sponsored By Medtronic Location: Tango Ballroom Foyer
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM		KARAOKE SOCIAL Sponsored By  Stitches & Style: The Surgical Runway Location: Tango One Ballroom

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

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7:00 AM – 1:00 PM	REGISTRATION Location: Tango Ballroom Foyer Cappuccino Bar Available between 7 am – 9 am Sponsored by 
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	WELLNESS -- SOUNDBATH Location: Foxtrot ZENMI Stretch. Sound. Stillness. You.
7:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Mix, Mingle & Explore the Exhibit Hall Location: Tango One Ballroom
7:30 AM – 8:00 AM	BREAKFAST SYMPOSIUM Sponsored By  "Restrata® Electrospun Fiber Matrix: Technology Overview & Surgical Examples" - Matthew MacEwan, PhD

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8:00 AM – 8:40 AM*

SESSION IV: ABSTRACTS AND RESEARCH

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

8:00 AM – 8:05 AM

10 **Giant Omental Infarction: A Case Report and Proposed Novel Grading System**

- Patrick Udenyi; Texas Tech Health Sciences Center School of Medicine

8:05 AM – 8:10 AM

11 **A Case Report of Desmoid Tumor as a Large Small Bowel Mass in the Setting of Crohn's Disease**

- Darren Mikael Gordon, MD; University of Iowa

8:10 AM – 8:15 AM

13 **Small Bowel Schwannoma in Long-Standing Crohn's Disease**

- Chinasa Okonkwo, MD; Central Michigan University

8:15 AM – 8:20 AM

14 **Young-Onset Colorectal Cancer: Clinical Presentation in a Single-Provider Cohort**

- Brandon Epps, MD; Northside Hospital

8:20 AM – 8:25 AM

15 **Pre-IPAA Stratification for Indeterminate Colitis**

- Amosy M'Koma, MD; Meharry Medical College and Vanderbilt University Medical Center

8:25 AM – 8:30 AM

16 **Single-Institution Implementation of a Perioperative Care Pathway to Improve Outcomes in Older Surgical Patients**

- Ashley Ferguson, MD; University of Rochester

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

COFFEE BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS

Cappuccino Bar Available until 9 am | Sponsored by



9:00 AM – 10:00 AM*

SESSION V: BEYOND THE STOMA: THE PERSON BEHIND THE POUCH

Moderator: Ashanti Franklin, MD; Wellstar Health System

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM

17 **More Than a Bag: The Psychological Factors of Living with a Stoma**

- Jessica Woodford, PhD; Cleveland Clinic Foundation

9:15 AM – 9:30 AM

18 **Living with an Ostomy**

- Deondra Williams; Colorectal Cancer Alliance Advocate

9:30 AM – 9:45 AM

SESSION V - PANEL DISCUSSION

9:45 AM – 10:30 AM

SESSION VI: BREAKING BARRIERS TO CARE: ADVOCACY, ACCESS AND EQUITY

Moderator: Lynn O'Connor, MD; Mercy Medical Center & St. Joseph Hospital

9:45 AM – 10:00 AM

19 **Why Your Zip Code Matters**

- Yolanda Wimberly, MD; Chief of Grady Health System

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM

The Advocacy Exchange: A Fireside Chat

- Congresswoman Nikema Williams
- Councilman Wayne Martin
- Yolanda Wimberly, MD; Chief of Grady Health System
- Charles Rogers, PhD; The Colorectal Cancer Equity Foundation

10:30 AM – 10:50 AM

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10:50 AM – 11:20 AM	20	PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS AND AMERICAN BOARD OF SURGERY UPDATE President: Erin King-Mullins, MD; Colorectal Wellness Center
11:20 PM – 12:30 PM		NETWORKING LUNCH Location: Tango One Ballroom
12:30 PM – 3:30 PM*		SESSION VII: THE FUTURE OF SURGERY: AI, INNOVATION AND THE BOTTOM LINE <i>Moderator: Maseray Kamara, MD; Bon Secours St. Francis Medical Center</i>
12:30 PM – 12:45 PM	21	Pitfalls to the Pre-Operative Process - How Digital Navigation and AI can Recoup Lost Revenue for both Colorectal Surgeons and Gastroenterologists - Jannel Lee-Allen, MD; Michigan State University, McLaren Greater Lansing
12:45 PM – 1:00 PM	22	AI in the OR and Beyond: An Update for the Colorectal Surgeon - Anne Mongui, MD, PhD; Yale University
1:00 PM – 1:15 PM		SESSION VII - PANEL DISCUSSION
1:15 PM - 2:00 PM*		SESSION VIII: NAVIGATING ENDOMETRIOSIS: THE COLORECTAL SURGEON'S PLAYBOOK <i>Moderator: Godwin Ofikwu, MD; University of Nevada</i>
1:15 PM - 1:30 PM	23	Endometriosis and The Colorectal Surgeon - Vincent Obias, MD; Suburban Hospital
1:30 PM - 1:45 PM	24	Endometriosis Supersession - Ritha Belizaire, MD; Houston Methodist
1:45 PM - 2:00 PM		SESSION VIII - PANEL DISCUSSION
2:00 PM - 2:20 PM		BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS Location: Tango One Ballroom Cappuccino Bar Available between 2 pm – 4 pm Sponsored by 
2:20 PM - 3:35 PM*		SESSION IX: BEYOND THE OR: BUILDING YOUR BRAND IN THE DIGITAL AGE <i>Moderator: Adatee Okonkwo, MD; CommonSpirit Health</i>
2:20 PM - 2:35 PM	25	Endo Social Media/Marketing/SEO - Zuri A. Murrell, MD; Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
2:35 PM - 2:50PM	26	From OR to Online: Building an Authentic Digital Brand as a Surgeon - Cedrek McFadden, MD; Prisma Health, University of South Carolina School of Medicine Greenville
2:50 PM - 3:05 PM	27	"Your Reputation is Already Online. Are you writing it?" LinkedIn Branding for Colorectal Surgeons - Pamela Buchanan, MD; Sisters of Saint Mary - Missouri
3:05 PM - 3:20 PM	28	Misinformation, Relatability and the 3Es of Social Media - Joseph Acquaye, MD; Wellstar Medical Group of Georgia
3:20 PM - 3:35 PM		SESSION IX - PANEL DISCUSSION

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3:35 PM – 4:30 PM*	SESSION X: WELLNESS <i>Moderator: Afia Wilson, MD; Mohawk Valley Health System</i>
3:35 PM - 3:50 PM	²⁹ Preventing Surgeon Burnout - Robert Amajoyi, MD; Grady Memorial Hospital
3:50 PM - 4:05 PM	³⁰ Creating a Board of Directors: The Importance of Coaching, Mentorship, and Sponsorship - Sharon Stein, MD; The Intentional Surgeon
4:05 PM - 4:20 PM	³¹ SESSION X - PANEL DISCUSSION
6:00 PM	Shuttle to The Carter Center <i>Sign-up at registration desk</i>
6:30 PM – 10:00 PM	GALA – “Partnership, Purpose and Progress” <i>Guests are encouraged to wear African attire or incorporate African-inspired accents into their evening look.</i> The Carter Center 453 John Lewis Freedom Parkway NE Atlanta, GA 30307-1406
9:30 PM	Return Shuttle to Renaissance Atlanta Airport Gateway Hotel

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

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7:00 AM – 11:30 PM	REGISTRATION Cappuccino Bar <i>Available between 7 am – 9 am</i> Sponsored by 
7:00 AM – 9:30 AM	BREAKFAST WITH SPONSORS Location: Tango One Ballroom
7:30 AM – 8:15 AM	PNC & TEA – Financial Wellness Sponsor 
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; Singing River Health System</i>
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM*	³² KEYNOTE ADDRESS Introduction by SBCRS President, Dr. Erin King-Mullins Breaking the Glass Ceiling - Patricia Sylla, MD; Mount Sinai Health
10:30 AM – 10:30 AM	SESSION XI: LEVERAGING YOUR DEGREE AND KNOWING YOUR WORTH <i>Moderator: Martin Uwah, MD; University of Chicago</i>
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	³³ Negotiating Contracts - Bonnie Simpson Mason, MD; Beyond the Exam Room
10:45 AM – 11:15 AM	Monetizing Your Expertise: Consulting, Speaker, Expert Witness & Beyond - Paul Johnson, MD; Methodist Le Bonheur - Irlna Tantchou, MD; Mercy Hospital - Ritha Belizaire, MD; Houston Methodist

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11:15 AM – 11:30 AM*

SESSION XII: GLOBAL SURGERY

Moderator: Izi Obokhare, MD; Texas Tech Physicians

11:15 AM – 11:30 AM

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Global Surgery: Building Capacity and Equitable to Safe Surgical Care

- Jonathan Laryea, MD; University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

11:30AM – 11:45 AM

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Global Surgery: Sustainable Partnership Over Short-Term Missions

- Nkem Ezeamama, MD; Tristar Skyline Medical Center

11:45 AM – 12:00 PM

SESSION XII - PANEL DISCUSSION

12:00 PM – 12:30 PM

CHECKOUT AND CLOSING REMARKS

12:30 PM

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