



2025 Southern Medical Association Annual Scientific Assembly

Advancing Oncology Care and Prevention

Hilton New Orleans Riverside 2 Poydras Street New Orleans, LA 70130
November 13-15, 2025

Thursday, November 13

- 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm **Balancing Pain Relief and Addiction Risk: Clinical Insights from Addiction Medicine**
Presenter: [Smita Prasad, MD](#)
- 2:30 pm - 2:45 pm **Break**
- 2:45 pm - 4:15 pm **Leading with Compassion: Evidence-Based Strategies for Pain and Palliative Care**
Presenter: [Sonia Malhotra, MD](#)

Friday, November 14

- 7:00 am - 8:00 am **Breakfast**
- 8:00 am - 9:00 am **Keynote Presentation by J. Quincy Brown, PhD**
Integrating AI in Surgical Pathology: Human Machine Collaboration at the Microscope and in the OR
Presenter: [J. Quincy Brown, PhD](#)
- 9:00 am - 10:00 am **2025 Moreton Research Award Lecture**
Clonal Hematopoiesis: How a pre-cancerous blood cell accelerates aging and what we can do about it.
Presenter: [Alexander Bick, MD, PhD](#)
- 10:00 am - 10:15 am **Break**

- 10:15 am - 12:00 pm **Bridging the Gap: Multispecialty Strategies for Cancer Risk Reduction, Early Detection, and Team-Based Prevention**
Panel: [Daniel Morris, MD](#), [Loretta Loftus, MD](#), [Christine Laronga, MD](#), [Brian Czerniecki, MD](#) and [Neil Iyengar, MD](#)
- 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm **Lunch Break, Exhibitor Session & Product Theatre**
- 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm **360° Care – Through the Lens of Lung Cancer**
Panel: [Stefan Grant, MD, JD](#), [Mark Sides, MD, PhD](#), [Ramsey Abdelghani, MD](#), [Wassim Abi Jaoude, MD](#) and [Audrey Dang, MD](#)
- 2:30 pm - 3:45 pm **Survivorship and Surveillance: Focus on Long-Term Problems Faced by Cancer Survivors**
Co-Presenters: [Mohammad Jahanzeb, MD](#) and [Tracey O'Conner, MD](#)
- 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm **SMARtBowl** (*ticketed event*)
Plan to attend this medical trivia competition that brings together medical students and residents to compete for monetary prizes, connect with peers, and celebrate SMA's tradition of medical excellence. Dinner included.

Saturday, November 15

- 7:00 am - 8:00 am **Breakfast**
- 8:15 am - 10:15 am **Abstract Presentations (Oral)**
Presented by Medical Students and Residents
- 10:15 am - 10:30 am **Break**
- 10:30 am - 11:15 am **Leading from the Middle: The Internist's Role in Driving Equitable Oncology Care**
Presenter: [Mohammed Afraz Pasha, MD](#)
- 11:15 am - 12:00 pm **Improving Cancer Care Quality and Equity Through Patient Navigation**
Presenter: [Julie McMahon, MPH](#)
- 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm **Lunch Break and Exhibitor Session**
- 1:00 pm - 1:45 pm **The Fluff of Medicine: Intangibles that Make the Difference**
Presenter: [Salvatore Mangione, MD](#)
- 1:45 pm - 2:30 pm **Is AI the Game-Changer Cancer Care Needs?**
Presenter: [Issam El Naga, PhD](#)
- 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm **Abstract Presentations (Poster)**
Presented by Medical Students and Residents
- 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm **Farewell Dinner** (*ticketed event*)
All are invited to attend. Sit-down dinner, scholarship presentations, silent auction and live jazz music.