

2026 SCMA Annual Meeting

Continuing Medical Education (CME)

Event Schedule

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

SCMA Educational Session: Hot Topics

Moderated by: Gregory Squires, MD, Chair, SCMA Continuing Medical Education (CME) Committee

“Good Catch”: Why Physician Participation in Safety Event Reporting Matters More than You Think

Mary Beth Poston, MD, MACP, Internal Medicine, Prisma Health, Columbia

At the end of this session participants should be able to:

- Define “Just Culture”
- Identify Key characteristics, benefits and potential unintended negatives of safety event reporting (SER)
- Understand the historical paucity of physician SER and the associated loss of opportunity
- Define strategies to maximize the system benefits of SER using foundational concepts of Just Culture

Practical Strategies in Wound Care: Referral Guidelines, Oxygen Therapy, and Diagnostic Essentials

William E Wheeler, MD, FACS, General Surgery/Wound Care, Prisma Health Laurens, SCMA Continuing Medical Education (CME) Committee

At the end of this session participants should be able to:

- Discuss which wounds need to be referred to wound center and when to send
- Discuss Hyperbaric Oxygen Indications
- Understand which test needs to be ordered before referral to accelerate healing

Advancing STI Care: Epidemiology, Communication, and Updated Treatment Guidelines

Kamla Sanasi-Bhola, MD, FIDSA, Infectious Diseases, Prisma Health, Columbia

At the end of this session participants should be able to:

- Understand the Epidemiology of STI
- Enhance provider comfort with STI discussions
- Update on STI management and treatment guidelines

Vaccines in 2026

Helmut Albrecht, MD, Heyward Gibbes Distinguished Professor of Internal Medicine, Medical Director of the Center of Infectious Diseases Research and Policy, Prisma Health and University of South Carolina

At the end of this session participants should be able to:

- List at least 5 vaccines with a change in their indication since 2025
- Understand the history and implications of giving MMRV as one versus two vaccines
- Better distinguish between noise and science using hepatitis B and C testing and vaccination as an example

Updates from the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

Jackson Wilkens Burnaugh, Legislative Affairs Director, South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SC DHHS)

At the end of this session participants should be able to:

- Describe key provisions and anticipated impact of the Big Beautiful Bill
- Explain the goals and implementation framework of the Rural Health Transformation Program
- Identify recent changes to the Medicaid Program

SC State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP)

Kobra Eghtedary, PhD, Director, State Health Improvement Office, Health Strategy & External Affairs
South Carolina Department of Public Health

At the end of this session participants should be able to:

- Discuss the newly published SC State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP)
- Discuss the nine priority areas and strategies
- Facilitate an interactive discussion on SHIP implementation and collaborative partnership

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Past Presidents Lunch and Keynote Speaker – Caleb Masterson, DO – All attendees are welcome to attend

Building a Trusted Following: Why Social Media is Important for Modern Physicians

Caleb Masterson, DO, Owner and Chief Executive Officer, ENT Center of Northwest Alabama, Owner, Breathe and Brew, Instagram: @dr.masterson

At the end of this session participants should be able to:

- Advocate for evidence-based medicine through social media
- Understand how to define a personal brand
- Explain the importance of healthcare professionals having an online presence

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

SCMA Educational Session

How Not to Age

Michael Greger, MD, FACLM, *New York Times* best-selling author, founder of NutritionFacts.org, and a founding member and Fellow of the American College of Lifestyle Medicine

At the end of this session participants should be able to:

- Identify diet and lifestyle interventions that may increase autophagy
- Discuss the top five dietary factors identified by the Global burden of Disease Study as contributing to the greatest annual death toll
- Discuss nonpharmacological interventions that may help with BPH, constipation, sarcopenia, skin aging, urinary incontinence, and vasomotor menopausal symptoms

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

SCMA President's Educational Session

Moderated by: Henry F. Butehorn III, MD, SCMA President

Policy, Partnership, and Practice: Effective Communication with Legislators

Representative Sylleste H. Davis, Chair, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee
Senator Daniel B. "Danny" Verdin III, Chair, Senate Medical Affairs Committee

At the end of this session participants should be able to:

- Discuss the legislator's perspective on current challenges in healthcare policy and how physicians can constructively engage in those discussions

- Identify factors legislators consider when evaluating healthcare-related proposals and how clinical expertise can inform those considerations
- Describe how legislators gather information on healthcare issues and the role physicians play in that process

Leadership that Matters: Stories from Physicians in Action

Gerald Harmon, MD, Major General, USAF, MC (ret), Former Assistant Surgeon General USAF and Chief Surgeon for the National Guard Bureau, Former President of the American Medical Association and the South Carolina Medical Association, currently Interim Dean, University of South Carolina School of Medicine Columbia

Robert R. Morgan Jr., MD, Former Board Member/Vice Chair, SC Department of Health and Environmental Control, Former Chair, State Health Planning Committee, Former Vice Chair, South Carolina Medical Association Board of Trustees, Former President, South Carolina Society of Anesthesiologists, Liberty Fellow

Jennifer Root, MD, Member of the South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners - District 2, Former South Carolina Medical Association Board of Trustees Member, Former American Society of Anesthesiologists Board of Trustees Member

Gavin Setzen, MD, FACS, FAAOA, FARS, CEO & President, Albany ENT & Allergy Services, PC; Director, American Board of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery (ABO-HNS)

At the end of this session participants should be able to:

- Discuss strategies used by physician leaders to address challenges in medical organization governance, policy development, and member engagement
- Examine real-world examples of leadership decision-making shared by panelists and apply these insights to potential leadership situation in participants' own practice or organizations
- Recognize barriers that limit physician involvement in leadership roles and outline actionable approaches to overcoming these barriers
- Explain how collaborative leadership among physicians can improve communication, professional culture, and organizational outcomes
- Discuss how physician leadership can influence state-level policy, advocacy priorities, and patient care initiatives

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Poster Presentation Session

Visit the student and resident posters. Be sure to participate as a judge to receive your CME credit.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Immediately following
the Town Hall

SCMA Educational Session: Legislative Update
Holly Pisarik, SCMA Senior Vice President of Advocacy
and Policy Counsel

At the end of this session participants should be able to:

- Describe key pending legislation in South Carolina that may affect the medical profession
- Analyze the potential impact of these legislative initiatives
- Evaluate arguments for supporting or opposing specific bills

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