

2026 SCMA Annual Meeting

Event Schedule

Charleston Marriott

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

- 7:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. SCMA Registration Open
- 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast with Exhibitors
- 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. SCMA Educational Session: Hot Topics
Moderated by: Gregory Squires, Chair, SCMA 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
 - **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
 - **Advancing STI Care: Epidemiology, Communication, and Updated Treatment Guidelines**
Kamla Sanasi-Bhola, MD, FIDSA, Infectious Diseases, Prisma Health, Columbia
 - **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
 - **Updates from the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS)**
Jackson Wilkens Burnaugh, Legislative Affairs Director, South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SC DHHS)
 - **SC State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP)**
Kobra Eghtedary, PhD, Director, State Health Improvement Office, Health Strategy & External Affairs South Carolina Department of Public Health

- 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. SCMA Alliance Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Past Presidents Lunch and Keynote Speaker – Dr. 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
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Dessert with Exhibitors
- 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
- 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
 - **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)

- 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. SCMA Welcome Reception in Exhibit Hall – Join us in the Exhibit Hall for a lively Welcome Reception where networking meets discovery. Enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres and beverages while connecting with colleagues, exploring innovative products and services, and meeting the partners who help advance healthcare in South Carolina. All attendees are welcome to attend.
- 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Poster Presentation Session
- 6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. SCMA Young Physician Section (YPS), Resident and Fellow Section (RFS) and Medical Student Section Meetings (MSS)
- 7:15 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. SCMA Section Mingle – a relaxed networking event designed for **medical students, residents, and young physicians**. Enjoy great conversations, light refreshments, and the chance to build meaningful connections beyond the clinic.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

- 7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. SCMA Registration
- 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast Buffet
- 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. South Carolina Gastroenterology Association Annual Meeting
- 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. New Member or First Time Attendee Welcome
- 8:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. SCMA Town Hall and Legislative Update
- SCMA Educational Session: Legislative Update
Holly Pisarik, SCMA Senior Vice President of Advocacy and Policy Counsel
- 11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Legislative Delegate Committee Meets
- 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Enjoy this break to connect with colleagues or experience Charleston at your own pace. We'll reconvene at 6:00 p.m. for cocktails, the Inauguration of the next SCMA President, Dr. Jeffrey Cashman, followed by dinner and live music from the Andrew Thielen Band!

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Looking for something fun to do? The Charleston County Medical Society (CCMS) invites you to join them on a Dolphin and Coastal Discovery Cruise to Capers Island!

Details:

- Departure at 1:30 p.m. from Isle of Palms Marina located at 50 41st Street, Isle of Palms, SC 29451 (please arrive 10 minutes prior to departure)
- Total cruise time: 2 hours
- Cost: \$40 per person (plus credit card fee)
- Register for tour [HERE](#)
- Questions: please contact Donna Ramicone donna@charlestonmedicalsociety.org

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. SCMA Presidential Inauguration Cocktail Reception and Inauguration Ceremony – Jeffrey Cashman, DO
Ticketed event: You MUST RSVP to attend

7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. SCMA Presidents' Gala Awards Dinner
Ticketed event: You MUST RSVP to attend

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. SCMA Board of Trustees Meeting
SCMA Board of Trustees Members Only