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## Moderators



**Adrienne Atkinson-Sneed, DPM** is an East Point, Georgia based female podiatrist with 21 years of experience in **Podiatry**. She completed her graduation from Temple University School of Medicine.

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**Dr. Bria Carrithers, MD, MS** is a PGY-1 in the Tinsley Harrison Internal Medicine Residency at The University of Alabama Birmingham in Birmingham, Alabama. She graduated medical school from the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University in Augusta, Georgia. Her current interests include transitional care and survivorship in sickle cell disease, benign hematology, and diversity, equity, and inclusion in graduate medical education.

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**Ericka Russell-Petty, MD** is the president of the Georgia State Medical Association. Dr. Ericka M. Russell Petty (Russell-Petty) is a pediatrician in Savannah, Georgia and is affiliated with Candler Hospital. She received her medical degree from Penn State College of Medicine and completed her residency at the Memorial Medical Center.

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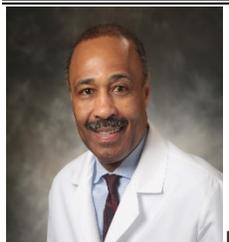
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**Lawrence Sanders, MD, MBA** is a board certified internist and received his medical degree from the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. Dr. Sanders completed a residency at Grady Memorial Hospital. and is affiliated with Emory University Hospital Midtown. He is also a past president of the National Medical Association.

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**Paul L. Douglass, MD, MACC, FSCAI**, received his medical degree from Meharry Medical College School of Medicine in Nashville, Tennessee. He completed his Cardiovascular Medicine residency at Emory University School of Medicine.

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**Winston Price, MD, FACPE** earned his medical degree from the Weill Cornell Medical College and completed a residency in pediatrics at The New York Hospital-Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. He is a board-certified pediatrician and served as the 105th President of the National Medical Association (NMA). He also serves as Chief Information Officer for the W. Montague COBB/NMA Health Institute and President & Chair of the National African American Drug Policy Coalition. He holds faculty positions at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine as Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Director of Pathway Programs for the South GA Campus as well as Assistant Professor at the Medical College of Georgia.

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## Speakers



**Adrienne Jones, MLS** became new chief admissions officer of Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) on April 27. She is in charge of enrollment for programs across the college's three locations. She came to this new role with 25 years of experience in admissions and student counseling in higher education settings, including her role as director of admissions at the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences in Florida. She received her master's in liberal studies, humanities and social sciences from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, and her bachelor's in English and history from Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas.

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**Bethany Sherrer, JD** is legal counsel for MAG. She received her law degree from Georgia State University College of Law. She completed her MBA/MHA on Business and Health Administration at the J. Mack Robinson College of Business at Georgia State University.

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**David M. Williams, MD**, President /Chief Executive Officer, Southside Medical Center since 1997 to present. Specialty training in Family Practice and Preventive Medicine, started his Public Health career as an Epidemiologist with the State of Georgia and was the first Director of the

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Georgia AIDS program. Currently, serving as President of Choice Healthcare, a Georgia IPA, Chairman of the Georgia State School of Public Health Board, the Peach State Healthcare Board, Summerhill Mechanicsville Board and Vice Chair of the Atlanta Community Access Board.

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**Donni Turner-** Prior to her new position as Senator Ossoff's legislative director, Turner served in several roles for Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT). Earlier in her career, she served as senior staff counsel for Senator Max Cleland (D-GA), legislative director for Congressman David Scott (D-GA), and legislative assistant for Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL). She is a graduate of Spelman College, Clark Atlanta University, and Howard University School of Law.

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**Edward K. Bass, MD** is a family medicine doctor in Sylvester at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital. He received his medical degree from Morehouse School of Medicine and has been in practice for more than 20 years.

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**Heidi M. Altman, Ph.D.**, is an anthropologist whose research focuses on applied and linguistic anthropology in Native American, African American and other communities in the US South. She has conducted qualitative research on maternal health and well-being in these communities over the past 15 years. She received her Ph.D. from the University of California, Davis, in Anthropology and Native American Studies.

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**Kevin E. Woods, MD, MPH**, is Chief of Interventional Endoscopy, Gastroenterology & Nutrition at Cancer Treatment Ce, Dr. Woods has an extensive endoscopic research background. Medical school: Meharry Medical College - Nashville, TN Residency: Internal Medicine - The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD

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**Lisa C. Perry-Gilkes, M.D., F.A.C.S.**, became the Medical Association of Georgia's (MAG) president on October 17 – the first African American woman to lead the largest physicians' advocacy organization in the state. Dr. Perry-Gilkes is a board-certified ENT-otolaryngologist and the chief medical officer of the Ear, Nose & Throat Institute.

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**Maisha Standifer, PhD, MPH** Dr. Standifer has over 15 years of applied health program administration, evaluation, and research expertise, including health policy development and analysis, mixed methods research and examining health disparities and inequalities domestically and globally. Her training as a Medical Anthropologist and public health practitioner has allowed her to apply unique insight within disparate and medically underserved populations. Her research focuses on the intersections between culture, health, and vulnerable communities. Her expertise is in qualitative and quantitative methods, research and evaluation, community engagement, women's healthcare, along with implementation and health services research. Dr. Standifer is also an Assistant Professor, and a Co-Investigator on multiple federally funded studies. Her research portfolio furthers production of community-based participatory research to create culturally-tailored interventions that empower disenfranchised populations to make healthy informed decision-making life choices.

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**Mayor Van Johnson** Born and raised in Brooklyn, NY, but with strong Savannah roots, Mayor Johnson is a graduate of the New York City Public School System and has earned undergraduate and graduate degrees from Savannah State University and Georgia Southern University.

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**Pastor Kenneth Rouche** is founder and pastor at Branded Hearts Church in Savannah, GA

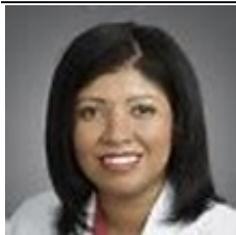
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**Dr. Michelle Tarver, MD, PhD** is the Director of Patient Science and Engagement at the Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH). She attended Spelman College in Atlanta, GA where she received a B.S. in biochemistry. She completed the MD/PhD program at The Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health in 2002 earning her doctorate in clinical epidemiology and her MD at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in 2003. Following her internal medicine internship, she completed a residency in ophthalmology with fellowship training in ocular inflammation at the Wilmer Eye Institute (Johns Hopkins). As a board-certified ophthalmologist and epidemiologist, she has worked on developing patient-reported outcome measures and surveys to capture patient preferences with medical devices. She currently directs the patient science development and policy work and leads the patient engagement efforts including the Patient Engagement Advisory Committee.

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**Nkenge A. Jackson, MD**, (she/her) is an obstetrician and gynecologist in Savannah. She completed her medical education at the Morehouse School of Medicine and completed a residency at the Bethesda North Hospital.

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**Nnenna R. Ukachi Badamosi, MD, MPH**, is a pediatric hematologist-oncologist in Augusta. She received her medical degree from the Faculty of Medical Sciences in Jos, Nigeria and completed her residency at the NY Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital. She completed her Fellowship in hematology at the Hofstra Northwell School of Medicine in NY. Her research interests include lung function of young children with sickle cell disease, transition of care in adolescents and young adults, and optimizing outcomes of children with sickle cell disease.

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**Robert J. Chilton, DO, FACC, FACP, FACOI, FAHA** is an Associate Professor of Medicine and Director of the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at the Audie Murphy VA/ UT Health San Antonio.

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A fellow of the American College of Cardiology, American College of Physicians, American College of Osteopathic Internists, and American Heart Association, Dr. Chilton also chairs the Electrophysiology Board Examination for the American Osteopathic Association and presides over the San Antonio chapters of both the Cardiovascular Society and American Heart Association.

Over the past 20 years, Dr. Chilton has authored numerous articles, book chapters, abstracts, and presentations on cardiology. He has developed educational materials and has lectured widely, garnering several awards for his academic contributions, including 1994 Outstanding Teacher from the UT San Antonio.

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**Sean Payman Javaheri, DO**

Dr. Sean Payman Javaheri, DO, is an Interventional Cardiology specialist in Augusta, Georgia. He attended and graduated from Midwestern University Medical College in 2001, having over 20 years of diverse experience, especially in Interventional Cardiology. He is affiliated with many hospitals including Allendale County Hospital, Doctors Hospital, Medical College Of Ga Hospitals And Clinics, Trinity Hospital Of Augusta, Wills Memorial Hospital.

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**Senator Lester Jackson** Dr. Jackson currently serves in the Georgia General

Assembly as a four-term senator, representing the 2nd district of Georgia. Dr. Jackson was first elected to the legislature in 1998. Graduated from Meharry Medical College in 1985.

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**Dr. Yolanda Whyte, MD** is a pediatrician with fifteen years of experience caring for the medical needs of children in hospital, clinic, rural, military, Indian health, telemedicine, international and home-based settings. Dr. Whyte engages with policy makers and medical groups to strengthen public health policies and practice guidelines so that decisions are based on research, evidence, facts, and common sense. Through public speaking and expert medical testimony, Dr. Whyte communicates the health impacts of pollution to healthcare and other professionals, community groups, schools, colleges, legislators, locally, nationally, and internationally. Her areas of expertise include air and water pollution, climate change, coal ash, fracking, chemical policy, and food quality, with an emphasis on health disparities, environmental justice and human rights protections. She ensures that children are

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the top national priority.

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**Yolanda Wimberly, M.D., M.Sc., FAAP** is the Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs and ACGME Designated Institutional Official for Morehouse School of Medicine.

Dr. Yolanda Hill Wimberly is a double board-certified physician, professor of clinical pediatrics and adolescent medicine, and an innovative healthcare organizational and educational leader in healthcare. Her expertise lies in the development and implementation of cutting-edge medical curriculum and the education of physicians in medical decision-making, cost effectiveness and best clinical practices to build the next generation of top-quality medical professionals. In her current position she leads over 200 residents and 300 faculty members.

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## Medical Student Panel



**Allison J. Lewis**

MCG

Allison Lewis, R.T.(R), ARRT is a rising second year medical student at the Medical College of Georgia. She received her Bachelor of Biology from Augusta University. Currently she serves as the chapter president for the Student National Medical Association, member of the Medical Association of Georgia's Physician Resilience Task Force, member of the Task Force Reviewing Bias in the curriculum, and a Title IX Advocate.

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**Brian Johnson**

MUA

**Brian Johnson** is a graduate of Albany State University in Albany Ga. There, he would go on to major in Psychology and graduate with a BA in Psychology with a minor in Biology. Upon Completion of my BA, he then went on to pursue a master's degree in public administration with an emphasis in public policy. After graduation with a masters, he enrolled in the Substance abuse counselor program at ASU and within a year was a fully trained and Board-Certified addiction counselor. After completing his certification program, he began working as an addiction's counselor at a methadone clinic in Albany Ga.

After truly realizing his desire, he began researching medical schools and all the requirements that were expected with most of them. He immediately enrolled back into school to finish all the required prerequisites. He decided to apply to an offshore school and was accepted there to start medical school journey.

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**Ivanna Ward**

PCOM-South GA

**Ivanna Ward** was born and raised in Mobile, Alabama, where she graduated in the top ten percent of her high school class. She went on to matriculate at The Tuskegee University where she obtained her Bachelors of Science in Nursing while participating in research, community service and academic advancement. She then went to the University of Florida to complete the PreHealth Post-Baccalaureate Program. She is currently a rising second year medical student with the hopes of becoming a nephrologist and opening several clinics in marginalized communities.

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**Kala Hurst**

PCOM-Suwanee

Kala Hurst is a 4<sup>th</sup> year medical student at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Georgia campus. She originally hails from Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where she graduated high school and quickly transitioned to Atlanta, Georgia. Hurst received her BA in Sociology from Emory University, and MS in Biomedical Science from PCOM GA. Ms. Hurst is the current Region IV Director of the Student National Medical Association (SNMA). In this role, she presides over SNMA and MAPS (Minority Association for Premedical Students) chapters in Alabama, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, and the Caribbean. She also sits on the national board of directors to voice the concerns of her region. She has had previous experience as SNMA chapter president at PCOM Georgia, where she led programming for high school and college pipeline programs, and advocated for diversity, equity, and inclusion within the DO program.

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**Ogechukwu Ariwodo**

PCOM-South GA

**OgechuKwu Ariwodo (nickname is ARI)** and I just finished my 1st year of medical school at PCOM South Georgia. I'm from Lagos Nigeria, graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma with a Bachelor's in Biology. I served as a medic in the Army before starting medical school. I love soccer, the outdoors, art and eating.

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**Rick Bowens**

Mercer

**Rick Bowens.** I am originally from Albany, GA but moved at an early age to Lawrenceville, GA in Gwinnett County where I spent majority of my life until college. I attended the University of Georgia for my undergraduate degree where I majored in Neurobiology with a public health minor. I also continued my education and received an MBA from Mercer University and a MS in Medical Physiology from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH. I currently am a rising second year at Mercer University School of Medicine in Savannah, GA.

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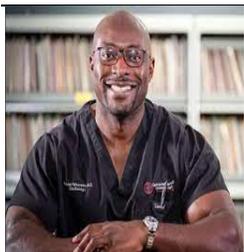
**Omolayo Dada**

Morehouse School of Medicine

**Omolayo Dada** is an MD3 Student at Morehouse School of Medicine. She's Nigerian but grew up in Aurora, Colorado. She hopes to specialize in Emergency Medicine and practice in a community setting in the SouthEast. She also Co-authored a Pre-Medical Journal called The Student Doctor Pre-Medical Journal for all students interested in pursuing medicine.

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## Special Session



**Foluso Fakorede, MD** grew up in Nigeria and immigrated to America as a young

teenager. He attended college in New Jersey where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts in biology and a minor in economics from Rutgers University. Dr. Fakorede received his medical degree from UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in Camden, New Jersey. He completed internship and residency in internal medicine at New York Presbyterian Weill Cornell Hospital. In 2018, as part of a congressional delegation, Dr. Fakorede testified on Capitol Hill in Washington D.C., regarding the epidemic of peripheral arterial disease and spearheading a “sprint to zero amputation campaign” with policy actions proposed to stop unnecessary amputations. Dr. Fakorede considers his title M.D. as apron of humility, as a patient advocate and a community champion in his daily plight to be the voice of the voiceless.