



**Georgia State Medical Association, Inc. (GSMA)**

**Combined with the**

**Tennessee State Medical Association**

**Virtual Convention and Scientific Assembly**

**June 18-19, 2021**

**PROGRAM**

***Letter from the 2021 Planning Committee***

**Welcome to the 2021 virtual conference of the Georgia State Medical Association, Inc. (GSMA) combined with the Tennessee State Medical Association, both affiliate organizations of the National Medical Association (NMA). Your belief that physicians must play a leading role in addressing the many health crisis that face the African American community has been demonstrated by your participation in the programs, events and activities that the COVID-19 pandemic has laid bare and compounded the daunting tasks of the pre-existing epidemic of health disparities and achieving optimal health for all.**

**Our program this year will focus on addressing the social determinates of health that contribute to poor health outcomes. We will examine factors that can prevent and mitigate the co-morbidities that have enabled COVID-19 to take such a devastating toll on our communities. This year, amidst the coronavirus pandemic, we will address first and foremost:**

- **Clinical Trials and the Importance of Representation**
- **The Medical Education Pipeline, Discrimination, 5-year Plan**
- **Diseases that Disproportionately Affect People of Color**
- **Environmental Justice, Climate Health Equity and Climate Change Solutions**
- **The Future of the Practice of Medicine**

**We urge our members to present webinars and podcasts, visit policy makers, write op-ed pieces; letters to the editor and articles that influence health policy.**

**Thank you for your continued support and commitment to protect the health of our patients. We do make a difference!**

**We appreciate your continued support and participation.**

**Humbly,**

***Ericka Russell-Petty, MD, GSMA President, 2020-2022***

***Lawrence Sanders, MD, MBA***

***Paul L Douglass, MD, MACC, FSCAI***

***Winston Price, MD***

***Kimberly Williams, PhD***

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## **SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM**

**Morehouse School of Medicine**

### **Mission Statement:**

**Founded as an organization to give a voice to African Americans and other minority physicians in the state of Georgia, Georgia State Medical Association (GSMA) is a non-exclusive organization which works to represent its membership in all medical scientific, legislative, public health and related affairs. Membership in the Association is open to all reputable and legally qualified physicians in the State of Georgia and is an affiliate of The National Medical Association (NMA). The NMA is the nation's oldest and largest organization representing African American physicians and health professionals in the United States. Established in 1895, the NMA is the collective voice of more than 35,000 African American physicians and the patients they serve.**

### **EDUCATION**

**GSMA is dedicated to keeping its members abreast of the many rapidly occurring advances across the various medical specialties and the changes affecting medical practice. GSMA hosts an Annual Convention and Scientific Assembly recognized as one of the finest statewide forums on African American health and medicine.**

### **ADVOCACY**

**GSMA advocates on behalf of disadvantaged and underfunded communities in the fight for equitable, effective healthcare and benefits with a presence at the State and Federal Capitols. GSMA partners with local, state and federal organizations to amplify its voice on key health issues and issues relevant to physicians' scope of practice.**

### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

**GSMA is steadfast in its commitment to the elimination of health disparities and the promotion of healthy lifestyles among African Americans and other underserved populations. GSMA partners with numerous organizations to conduct consumer education programs on COVID-19, cancer, cardiovascular disease, sickle cell, diabetes, HIV, women and men's health, asthma, smoking cessation, immunization, clinical trials, environmental justice, as well as other issues that impact the lives of our patients.**

### **RECOGNITION**

**Georgia State Medical Association, Inc. honors outstanding members and other professionals who have made significant contributions in medicine nationwide and toward the work of the GSMA itself.**

### **Needs Assessment:**

Each year at the close of the Georgia State Medical Association (GSMA) Annual Convention, the members of the of the convention planning convene a series of meetings to review all speaker evaluations and to compile a list of potential topics for the next year. These meetings serve as the framework for the needs assessment for the next scientific program. After the 2019 scientific meeting, potential topics for the 2020, which then became the 2021 Annual Meeting, included diseases and conditions with recent advances in treatment such as physician burnout, climate change, addiction and misuse, smoking cessation, mental health, sickle cell, allergies, immunizations, and diabetes treatment updates. Also, the list included diseases and conditions occurring disproportionately among the patients care for by GSMA members and other attending the scientific program. Obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular disease and hypertension remain at the top of this list. However, due to the pandemic, COVID-19 became our priority, causing us to pause and reprioritize. With the continued progression toward quality payment programs, limited progress on Medicaid expansion in the state, impacting physicians and their patients, the planning committee identified a diverse range of topics as educational needs for the 2021 convention program along with an ability to facilitate virtually.

The Members of the Georgia State Medical Association Convention Planning Committee include Drs. Paul Douglass, Lawrence Sanders, Winston Price, and Ericka Russell-Petty. The GSMA executive director, Dr. Kimberly Williams works closely with the planning committee. Morehouse School of Medicine Office of Extended Professional Education works collaboratively with the planning committee to ensure compliance with ACCME guidelines.

**Program Objectives:**

GSMA Annual Convention Scientific program is intended for physicians, nurse practitioners, allied health professionals, medical school students, and physicians in graduate medical education programs. After participation in this program, participants should be able to:

1. Recognize the effects of socioeconomic factors, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, and other patient characteristics on health inequities and discover opportunities to improve patient outcomes.
2. Explain the significance of diversity, equity, and inclusion in clinical trials.
3. Identify medical education opportunities and challenges to ensuring a diverse future work force for health care.
4. Review the impact of COVID-19 infections in Georgia communities and neighborhoods.
5. Understand factors that impact the future of medical practice.

**Cardiology:**

**Heart Failure**

1. Understand the clinical approach to the management of Heart Failure with reduced Ejection Fraction and the strategies for reducing Sudden Cardiac Death.

**2. Describe key findings from Randomized Clinical Trials in chronic heart failure that are most relevant for evidence-based management.**

**Take Heart: Empa – Reg Outcome**

**1. Understand the mechanisms responsible for reducing mortality with SGLT2i in patients with heart failure.**

**Target Audience:**

This program is intended for practicing physicians, medical educators, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, allied health professionals and physicians in graduate medical education programs. The program focuses on disease and conditions that occur disproportionately among African Americans. Primary care and specialty physicians are invited to participate in this program.

**Accreditation:**

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of the Morehouse School of Medicine and the Georgia State Medical Association. The Morehouse School of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

**Credit for Physicians:**

The Morehouse School of Medicine designates this educational activity for a maximum of 7.75 hours in AMA PRA Category 1 credit(s). Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

**CME Certification Registration:**

To receive credits, each participant must scan the QR Code or use the link in the chat to complete the evaluation and receive their CME certificate.

**Disclaimers:**

Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) in accordance with the ACCME guidelines requires instructors, planners, managers, and other individuals who are in a position to control the content of this activity, to disclose to the audience, any real or apparent conflicts of interest they may have as related to the content of this activity. Full disclosure of speaker relationships will be made at the activity. Those expecting to discuss “off-label” drugs must identify that portion of the presentation as being related to “off-label” drugs. All identified conflicts of interest are thoroughly vetted by MSM for fair balance, scientific objectivity of studies mentioned in the materials or used as the basis for content, and the appropriateness of patient care recommendations.

Morehouse School of Medicine and Georgia State Medical Association, Inc. their staff and consultants are not responsible for injury or illness resulting from the uses of medications or modalities discussed, during this educational activity.

\*All speaker disclosures are available at [www.gsmanet.org](http://www.gsmanet.org).

Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>

6:00 PM EST

Welcome

Ericka Russell-Petty, MD

Georgia State Medical Association, Inc. (GSMA) President

Opening Prayer

Pastor Kenneth Rouche

Savannah

Greetings

Lisa Perry-Gilkes, MD

Medical Association of Georgia (MAG) President

Cornelius Mance, MD

Volunteer State Medical Society- President

*Opening Plenary*

6:05 – 6:45 PM

Moderator: Lawrence Sanders, MD, MBA, NMA Past President

**Advancing Diverse Inclusion in Medical Device Studies: Driving Actionable Solutions**

Michelle Tarver, MD, PhD

U.S. Food and Drug Administration

**Future of Medical Education: Undergraduate and Graduate**

Yolanda Wimberly, MD

Morehouse School of Medicine

Q&A

6:50 – 7:40 PM

Moderator: Winston Price, MD, NMA Past President

**Navigating Medical School in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

Bria Carrithers, MD – Moderator

Rick Bowens- Mercer Medical College

Kala Hurst – Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) Suwanee

Brian Johnson – Medical University of the Americas

Allison Lewis- Medical College of Georgia & SNMA Chapter President

Ogechukwu Ariwodo- Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM)

South GA

Ivanna Ward - Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) South GA

7:45 – 8:00 PM

**Addressing Diversity in Medical Education: 5-year Strategic Plan at PCOM**

Adrienne Jones, MLS

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM)

8:00 – 8:10 PM

Q&A

8:15 – 8:45 PM

2021 Presidential Awards Program

Ericka Russell-Petty, MD

2020 Presidential Commendations – Shelby R. Wilkes, MD, MBA  
Dr. George A. Johnston, Sr. Community Service Award – Paul L. Douglass, MD  
2021 Presidential Commendations – Ericka Russell-Petty, MD  
2021 Distinguished Service Medallion – Paul L. Douglass, MD

\*Full Award Descriptions available at [www.gsmanet.org](http://www.gsmanet.org)

**Saturday, June 19th**

8:00 AM EST

Greetings  
Ericka Russell-Petty, MD  
GSMA President

8:05 – 8:30 AM

Moderator: Paul L. Douglass, MD, MACC, FSCAI

Heart Failure  
Sean Payman Javaheri, MD  
Augusta University Medical Center  
Q&A

8:35 – 9:00 AM

Community Health Centers: What is the Future?  
David Williams, MD  
Southside Medical Center CEO  
Q&A

9:05 – 9:35 AM

Moderator: Winston Price, MD

Addressing Healthcare Gaps for Women of Color Before and After Birth  
Nkenge Jackson, MD  
Compassion Care for Women  
Heidi Altman, Georgia Moms  
Q&A

9:40 – 10:10 AM

New Treatments for Sickle Cell Disease  
Nnenna Badamosi, MD, MPH  
Augusta University, Medical College of Georgia  
Q&A

10:15 – 10:45 AM

“Prevention, Access, Early treatment” COVID-19 cases  
Edward K. Bass, MD, GSMA President Elect  
Phoebe Putney Health System  
Q&A

- 10:50 – 11:35 AM Moderator: Paul L. Douglass, MD, MACC, FSCAI
- Non-CME Presentation**  
**Take Heart: Empa – Reg Trial Outcome**  
 Robert J. Chilton, DC, FACC, FAHA,  
 FSCAI University of Texas, San Antonio  
 Q&A
- 11:40 – 11:50 AM Sterling Seacrest
- 11:50 – 12:00 PM **BREAK**
- 12:00 – 12:30 PM Moderator: Winston Price, MD
- Alignment between Climate Change and African American Health:  
 We are Already Feeling the Heat**  
 Yolanda Whyte, MD  
 GA Clinicians for Climate Action (GCCA)  
 Q&A
- 12:35 – 1:05 PM **All of Us Clinical Trials/COVID-19/Portal**  
 Maisha Standifer, PhD, MPH  
 Satcher Health Leadership Institute (SHLI)  
 NMA Cobb Institute  
 Q&A
- 1:10 – 1:40 PM Moderator: Adrienne Atkinson-Sneed, DPM  
**Amputation Prevention in the Black Community**  
 Foluso Fakorede, MD  
 R&S Health Consultants
- 1:45 – 2:15 PM Moderator: Lawrence Sanders, MD, MBA
- Future of Medical Practice: What Does it Look like for Physicians?**  
 Bethany Sherrer, JD, Medical Association of Georgia (MAG)  
 Kevin E. Woods, MD, MPH, Atlanta Medical Association President  
 Paul L. Douglass, MD, MACC, FSCAI  
 Lisa Perry-Gilkes, MD, Medical Association of Georgia (MAG) President  
 Q&A
- 2:20 – 2:55 PM **Building a Framework for Health: Legislative Session**  
 Senator Dr. Lester Jackson  
 Savannah Mayor Van Johnson  
 Senator Raphael Warnock’s office (invited)  
 Donni Turner, JD, Legislative Director, Senator Ossoff’s office
- 3:00 PM Closing/Adjourn  
 Ericka Russell-Petty, MD



## 2021 Moderators and Speakers List

### Moderators

Adrienne Atkinson-Sneed, DPM  
Bria Carrithers, MD  
Paul L Douglass, MD, MACC, FSCAI  
Ericka Russell-Petty, MD  
Winston Price, MD  
Lawrence Sanders, MD, MBA

### Speakers

Michelle Tarver, MD, PhD  
Yolanda Wimberly, MD  
Sean Payman Javaheri, MD  
Edward K. Bass, MD  
Robert J. Chilton, DC, FACC, FAHA, FSCAI  
Bethany Sherrer, JD,  
Kevin E. Woods, MD, MPH  
Paul L. Douglass, MD, MACC, FSCAI  
Lisa Perry-Gilkes, MD  
David Williams, MD  
Adrienne Jones, MLS  
Maisha Standifer, PhD, MPH  
Yolanda Whyte, MD  
Nkenge Jackson, MD  
Nnenna Badamosi, MD, MPH  
Heidi Altman  
Senator Dr. Lester Jackson  
Mayor Van Johnson, Savannah  
Donni Turner, JD

### Medical Student Panel

Kala Hurst	PCOM-Suwanee
Allison J. Lewis	MCG
Brian Johnson	MUA
Ivanna Ward	PCOM-South GA
Ogechukwu Ariwodo	PCOM-South GA
Rick Bowens	Mercer

### Special Session

Foluso Fakorede, MD

\*Speaker bios available at [www.gsmanet.org](http://www.gsmanet.org)

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(Atlanta)

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(Atlanta)

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### GSMA Past Presidents

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Henry M. Collier, Jr., MD	1961 - 1962	Charlie Humphries, Jr., MD	1996 - 1998
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### Distinguished Service Medallion Recipients

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