

# 73<sup>rd</sup> ACS PUERTO RICO CHAPTER CONVENTION

## FEBRUARY 22

Jaime Benítez Amphitheater  
University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine

## FEBRUARY 23 & 24

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This program is designed for physicians.

**Need Assessment**

As time runs, especially with recent global events, is necessary a rapid evolution of the surgeon role in the management of patients with medical and surgical conditions. As part of that evolution, new technologies and knowledge to improve the diagnosis, management and treatment of these conditions and their complications are developed. As part of our mission as the Puerto Rico Chapter of the American College of Surgeons we are committed to provide education to our surgical community to maintain adequate competency. It's for that reason, that this year we developed and ambitious and comprehensive program tailored to provide a diverse range of topics to fulfill our community educational needs. Through this meeting, our Chapter will be able to serve one of our most important missions of being surgical educators within our community.

## Objectives

At the end of the activity, the participant should be able to:

- Advocacy: Improve overall surgeon well-being developing new strategies that support residents and maintain a productive training and learning environment.
- The learners will be exposed to ideas as to how to improve our practices through technology-based education.
- Improved the exposure of the surgical practice through social media.
- Understand the importance of a lifelong approach to physical, mental, and emotional wellness for personal and professional well-being.
- Minimally Invasive Surgery/Hernias: The learners will learn new techniques and strategies on laparoscopic and robotic surgeries.
- Improve the decision-making process in the management of colorectal emergencies.
- Trauma/Vascular: The learners will learn how to manage vascular emergencies and will get an update of endovascular options in the treatment of aortic arch pathologies.
- Understand the care and treatment of Burns patient in Puerto Rico
- Describe new concepts that change the surgical management of patients in urologic, ENT, breast cancer patients.
- Adapt concepts and quality measures in support of research advancements.
- Enhance the quality of patient care.

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Fellows of the College and other participants are required to register at:

### **Thursday February 22, 2024**

University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences  
Campus, Jaime Benítez Amphitheater  
12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

### **Friday February 23 and Saturday February 24, 2024**

Embassy Suites Hotel  
7:00 am to 4:00pm

## REGISTRATION FEES

**Members: \$300**

**Non-Members: \$550**

Free of Charge: Residents, Interns and Medical Students with appropriate identification are cordially invited to attend the Scientific Session. Required approval letter from Director of Program (This allows the registrant to participate only in the scientific program)

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San Juan, PR

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2024**

**Location:** Jaime Benitez Amphitheater UPR  
Medical Sciences Campus

- 12:00-1:00pm Registration
- 1:00pm Welcoming Remarks  
**Kervin Arroyo Torres, MD, FACS**  
ACS Puerto Rico Chapter  
Scientific Program Chair
- 1:10 pm Presidential Address  
**Jorge Zequeira, MD, FACS**  
ACS Puerto Rico Chapter President

**GUEST LECTURERS**

- 1:30 pm ***Urology Grand Round***  
*Moderator: Dr. Marcos Pérez Brayfield*  
Surgical alternatives to continent  
urinary reconstruction  
**Pramod Reddy, MD**
- 2:15 pm ***ENT Grand Round***  
*Moderator: Dr. Carlos González Aquino*  
The role of allotransplantation in head and  
neck reconstruction  
**Eric Genden, MD**
- 3:00 pm ***General Surgery Grand Round***  
*Moderator: Dr. Viviana Negrón*  
Moral Injury in Surgery  
**Mary L. Brandt, MD**
- 3:45 pm Closing Remarks
- 4:00-6:00 pm *Welcome Reception*

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## FRIDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2024

**Location:** Embassy Suites Hotel, Isla Verde, Carolina

- 7:00 – 8:00 am      *Registration and Continental Breakfast at Exhibit Room*
- 8:00 - 8:15 am      Welcoming Remarks  
**Kervin Arroyo Torres, MD, FACS**  
ACS Puerto Rico Chapter  
Scientific Program Chair  
**Reynold López, MD, FACS**  
Raffucci Forum Chair
- 8:15 – 8:45 am      **F. L. Raffucci Memorial Lecture**  
Development of a basic science program as a young surgeon: lessons learned, pitfalls avoided, and traps sprung  
**Reynold Lopez Soler MD, FACS**
- 8:45 – 8:50 am      Introduction to the Forum  
**Norma Cruz MD, FACS**  
Raffucci Forum Moderator
- 8:50 - 10:30 am      Research Presentations (6 minutes each)
- 8:50 – 8:56  
**Complications of Breast Reduction Surgery in Patients with a BMI  $\geq$ 40**  
Norma I. Cruz, MD  
Plastic Surgery Div, Dept of Surgery, School of Medicine, University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR.
- 8:56 – 9:02  
**Frequency of Cancer Cases in the Surgical Workload of UPR-Affiliated Hospitals**  
Norma I. Cruz, MD, Elvis Santiago, MS,  
Paola López-Dones, MD  
Dept of Surgery, School of Medicine, University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR.

9:02 – 9:08

**In-Patient Rehabilitation of Trauma Patients in Puerto Rico**

María E Barreras-Torres, BS; Ediel O Ramos-Meléndez, DrPH, MPH; Lourdes Guerrios, MD, MSc; Pablo Rodríguez-Ortiz, MD, FACS, FCCM, FACP, FCCP

Trauma Surgery Div., Dept. of Surgery, School of Medicine, University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus, San Juan, PR.

9:08 – 9:14

**Influence of Parenteral and Early Enteral Nutrition in Distinct Monocyte Subpopulations and Plasma Cytokines During and After Sepsis in Polytraumatized Patients**

Lorivette Ortiz-Valentin, BS<sup>1,2</sup>; Yamil Gerena, PhD<sup>1,2</sup>; Diego A. Rodriguez-Guerrios BS, MS<sup>1,2</sup>; Ediel O. Ramos Meléndez, MPH, DrPH<sup>2,3</sup>; Lourdes Guerrios Rivera, MD<sup>2,3</sup>; Pablo Rodríguez Ortiz, MD, FACS, FCCM, FACP, FCCP<sup>2,3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup>Puerto Rico Trauma Hospital, PO Box 2129, San Juan, PR.

9:14 – 9:20

**Vascular Surgery Workforce and Wellbeing Survey in Puerto Rico**

Luis M. Perez-Portocarrero, MD, MS; Paola Figueroa-Solano, BS; Gabriel Pereira-Torrellas, MD; Jorge Martinez-Trabal, MD; Rafael Santini-Dominguez, MD<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Ponce Health Sciences University School of Medicine, Ponce, Puerto Rico; St Lukes Medical Center, Ponce, PR.

9:20 – 9:26

**Bypass Surgery as a Viable Option for Chronic Limb-Threatening Ischemia Patients with Chronic Kidney Disease**

Noash Marie Julia Rios, MD; Kristian Leonel Calderon Garcia, MD; Krystell Ceballos, MS<sup>2</sup>; Camilla Perez, UGS; Fabian Ramirez, MPH; Gabriel Pereira Torrellas, MD; Jorge Martinez Trabal, MD, FACS; Rafael Santini-Dominguez, MD, FACS

Noash Marie Julia Rios, MD, PGY-4; PGY-4 Saint Lukes Medical Center, Ponce PR, Kristian Leonel Calderon Garcia, MD, PGY-1; PGY-4 Saint Lukes Medical Center, Ponce PR, Krystell Ceballos Alvarez, MS<sup>2</sup>; PHSU Camilla Perez, UGS; Universidad de Puerto Rico Recinto Rio Piedras, Gabriel Pereira Torrellas; Vascular Surgeon Saint Lukes Medical Center, Ponce PR, Jorge Martinez Trabal; Vascular Surgeon Saint Lukes Medical Center, Ponce PR, Rafael Santini-Dominguez; Vascular Surgeon Saint Lukes Medical Center, Ponce PR.

9:26 – 9:32

**Endovascular Revascularization Outcomes in Octo- & Nonagenarians with Critical Limb-Threatening Ischemia from a Single Vascular Surgery Care Center in Puerto Rico**

Authors: Ortiz-Fullana, José L. MD, MPH1; Rivé-Lockwood, Diego MSc2; Álvarez-Olivieri, Gisela RN, BSc3; Pagán, Pedro MDc; Pérez-Portocarrero, Luis MD1; Mulero-Soto, Patricia MD1; Soler, Carolina MDc3; Perez, Johniel MDc3, Valentin, Mario MDc3 Martínez-Trabal, Jorge L. MD, FACS, RPVI1; Santini-Dominguez, Rafael MD, FACS, RPVI1; Pereira-Torrellas, Gabriel MD1

1St. Luke's Memorial Hospital Ponce PR; Dept. of Vascular Surgery, 2Universidad Central del Caribe Bayamon PR; School of Medicine, 3Ponce Health Sciences University; School of Medicine.

9:32 – 9:38

**Epidemiological and Clinical Characteristics of Craniomaxillofacial Traumas in Puerto Rico**

Raúl Y. Ramos-Sánchez1, Elvis Santiago-Rodríguez1, Hermes Aponte1, Claudia Sotomayor1, Arnaldo Figueroa1, Francisco Del Valle1, José López-Fontanet1, Francisco Biaggi1, Daniela Bresciani1, Carlos Viera1, Julián Zayas-Vélez1, Gabriela Pomales-Díaz1, Guillermo López1, David Pérez2, Jan Ruiz-Núñez3, Miciely Aponte-Reyes1, Ángel Rivera-Barrios1.

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9:38 – 9:44

**Underrepresentation of Hispanic Ethnicity and Asian Race Among Database Studies on Primary Liver Tumors and Gastric Cancers Respectively**

Marcel Grau Rodríguez, BS1, Patrick L. Quinn, MD2, Kunika Chahal, MPH3, Shah Saiyed, BS2, Goutam Gutta, BS2, Connor Hannon, MHI2, Angela Sarna, BS2, Alex Kim, MD, PhD2, Mary Dillhoff, MD2, Jordan M. Cloyd, MD2, Timothy M. Pawlik, MD, MPH, PhD2, Aslam Ejaz, MD, MPH2

1Universidad Central del Caribe School of Medicine, Bayamón, PR, 2The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio, 3SUNY Downstate College of Medicine, Brooklyn, NY.

9:44 – 9:50

**The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Colorectal Patients: A Comparative Analysis**

Alexandra C. Schoene-Ruiz MD; Amanda Z Juliá-Ríos, MD; Gabriel Dieppa-Barnes, MD; Juan Medina-Morell MD; Victor Rodriguez-Rapale MD, ABCRS. Alexandra C. Schoene-Ruiz MD, PGY4; PGY-4 Saint Luke’s Episcopal Med Center, Ponce PR, Amanda Z Juliá-Ríos, MD; UAG, Gabriel Dieppa-Barnes, MD PGY-5; PGY-5 Saint Luke’s Episcopal Medical Center, Ponce PR, Juan Medina-Morell MD PGY-2; PGY-2 Saint Luke’s Episcopal Medical Center, Ponce PR, Victor Rodriguez-Rapale; Colorectal Surgeon Ashford Medical Center, San Juan PR.

9:50 – 9:56

**Unveiling Disparities: Head and Neck Cancer Presentation and Healthcare Access in Puerto Rico**

Andrés Gorbea, BS, Giovanni Perez, MD, Shayanne Lajud, MD School of Medicine, Universidad Central del Caribe and Otolaryngology Section, School of Medicine, University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR.

9:56 – 10:02

**Factors Associated with Return to Sports in Patients Undergoing ACL Surgery: A 20-Year Analysis at a Tertiary-Care Children’s Hospital**

Rafael A. García Andújar, Nazgol Tavabi, James A. Pruneski, Harsev Singh, Mininder S. Kocher, Benton E. Heyworth, Ata M. Kiapour Dept. of Orthopaedic Surgery, Boston Children’s Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA.

10:15 -10:30 am Awards to the best presentations & Closing remarks

10:30 am *Coffee Break and Exhibit Viewing*

### **SESSION 1 EDUCATION / LEADERSHIP**

*Moderators: Dr. Yvonne Baerga & Dr. Antonio Pavía*

11:00 am Educating the Next Generation of Physicians and Surgeons: A New Paradigm

**Henri R. Ford, MD**

ACS President

ACS Advocacy

11:25 am

**Catherine Hendricks**

11:50 am

Is it Time to Quit Operating ... or is it Ageism?

**Mary L. Brandt, MD**

12:10 pm

Social Media and Surgical Hernia Education

**Brian Jacob, MD**

12:35 pm

The use of video review for trauma performance improvement

**Marc De Moya, MD**

1:00 pm

*Lunch*

### **SESSION 2 UROLOGY AND RENAL TRANSPLANT**

*Moderator: Dr. Elizabeth Perazza*

2:00 pm Lessons in Teamwork and Politics: Starting a New Renal Transplant Program at the Hines VA Medical Center

**Reynold Lopez Soler, MD**

2:25 pm Contemporary management of Neurogenic bladder

**Pramod Reddy, MD**

2:50 pm

Evolution in the Surgical Practice

**Jorge Luis Martinez Trabal, MD**

3:15 pm

*Coffee Break and Exhibit Viewing*

### **SESSION 3 GENERAL SURGERY**

*Moderator: Dr. Juan C. López de Victoria*

3:45 pm Workup and management of chronic groin pain

**Brian Jacob, MD**



- 4:15 pm      Fluorescence guided surgery applications  
in general surgery  
**Emanuele Lo Menzo, MD**
- 4:50 pm      Advances in Robotic Surgery  
**Carlos Ortiz, MD**
- 5:30-7:00    *Meet & Greet Reception at the Exhibit Area*

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2024**

**Location:** Embassy Suites Hotel, Isla Verde, Carolina

- 7:00-8:00    Registration and Continental Breakfast  
Past President Breakfast
- 8:30 am      Interesting Cases Session Resident & Student  
Presentations  
Moderator: **Jorge Zequeira, MD, FACS**

**CASES**

1. **Castleman’s Disease - A rare disease presenting as a pancreatic mass with associated splenic infarct**  
Madeline Forouhi
2. **Centrally Thrombosed Renal Angiomyolipoma: A COVID-Induced Pathology?**  
Adrian A. Naoun
3. **Granulomatous Mastitis: A Reconstructive Approach**  
Juan C. Bonilla Robles
4. **Whispers in the Windpipe: Tracheal Lipomas and the Symphony of Stridor**  
Giovanny Pérez Ortiz, MD
5. **Recurrent pancreatitis from hepatic artery aneurysm communicating with a pancreatic cyst**  
Madeline Forouhi
6. **A Case Report of a 17cm Retropharyngeal Well-Differentiated Liposarcoma with Bilateral Neck Extension**  
Ana L. Melero Pardo

7. **Complete glottic erosion from prolonged intubation**  
Clariliz Munet-Colón, MD
8. **The Subacromial Balloon Spacer in irreparable Rotator Cuff Tear Management: A Case Report**  
Gerardo Rodriguez Matias
9. **Acute gangrenous appendicitis complicated by postoperative refractory hypoxic respiratory failure requiring venovenous extracorporeal membrane oxygenation**  
Daniel Alligood, MD
10. **Severe ulcerative laryngitis from chronic cough**  
Clariliz Munet-Colón, MD
11. **Rare case of image-guided excision of a retained foreign body in the breast post-motor vehicle collision**  
Daniela Bresciani
12. **Splenic rupture following prone lateral discectomy and arthrodesis: a case report**  
Alexandra Echevarria
13. **Acute transient sialadenitis after a laparoscopic cholecystectomy**  
Ana L. Melero Pardo

10:00 am

*Coffee Break and Exhibit Viewing*

10:20 am

**ACS PR Chapter**  
**Lifetime Achievement Award**  
**Marino Blasini Rivera, MD FACS**

**SESSION 4****BREAST CANCER***Moderator: Dr. Viviana Negrón*

10:30 am

Intraoperative Radiotherapy  
for breast cancer**Bolívar Arboleda, MD**

11:00 am

Insights for treatment decision making with the Oncotype  
DX Breast Recurrence Score® test and the RSclin®  
Educational Tool**Jennifer Racz, MD**

11:30 am

Social Factors Influencing High-Risk Patients in Choosing to  
Undergo Prophylactic Mastectomy**Carolyn De La Cruz, MD****SESSION 5****COLORECTAL***Moderator: Dr. José S. Reyes*

12:00 pm

Laparoscopic Lavage, Stoma, or Primary Anastomosis for  
Diffuse Peritonitis from Diverticulitis?**Marla Torres Torres, MD**

12:30 pm

*Satellite Symposium followed by Lunch*  
*Non-CME Activity***LECTURE:***A Treatment Option for Patients With Certain Types  
of Triple-Negative Breast Cancer (TNBC)***SPEAKER:***José Lozada Costas, MD*Sponsored by **Merck****SESSION 6****VASCULAR / TRAUMA***Moderator: Dr. Fernando Joglar*

1:30 pm

Management of aortovisceral occlusive Disease

**Luis Sánchez, MD**

2:00 pm

Updates and controversies in Management  
of Traumatic Hemothoraces**Marc De Moya, MD**

2:30pm

The Increasing Role of Endovascular devices for the  
management of aortic arc pathologies**Luis Sánchez, MD**

3:00 pm

*Coffee Break and Exhibit Viewing*

# FINAL PROGRAM

## **SESSION 7**

### **PLASTIC SURGERY**

*Moderator: Dr. Ricardo Jiménez Lee*

3:30

Lymphatic Surgery for treatment of Lymphedema  
**Carolyn De La Cruz, MD**

## **SESSION 8**

### **BURNED PATIENTS**

*Moderator: Dr. Angel Rivera Barrios*

4:00 pm

Surgical Care for Burns patient in PR, primary evaluation and when to transfer?  
**Amin Jaskille, MD**

## **SESSION 9**

### **SURGICAL ONCOLOGY**

*Moderator: Dr. Pedro Hernández*

4:30 pm

The line between curative surgery and functional unresectability: the different factors which may impact surgical decision-making in head and neck surgery  
**Yamil Catillo Beauchamp, MD**

5:00 pm

***Business Meeting***

## 3RD ACS PUERTO RICO CHAPTER MEDICAL STUDENTS PROGRAM

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University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine

### THURSDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2024

**Location:** Jaime Benitez Amphitheater UPR Medical Sciences Campus

12:00-1:00pm	Registration
1:00pm	Welcoming Remarks <b>Kervin Arroyo Torres, MD, FACS</b> ACS Puerto Rico Chapter Scientific Program Chair
1:10 pm	Presidential Address <b>Jorge Zequeira, MD, FACS</b> ACS Puerto Rico Chapter President

### GUEST LECTURERS

1:30 pm	<b>Urology Grand Round</b> <i>Moderator: Dr. Marcos Pérez Brayfield</i> Surgical alternatives to continent urinary reconstruction <b>Pramod Reddy, MD</b>
2:15 pm	<b>ENT Grand Round</b> <i>Moderator: Dr. Carlos González Aquino</i> The role of allotransplantation in head and neck reconstruction <b>Eric Genden, MD</b>
3:00 pm	<b>General Surgery Grand Round</b> <i>Moderator: Dr. Viviana Negrón Moral</i> Injury in Surgery <b>Mary L. Brandt, MD, MDiv</b>
3:45 pm	Closing Remarks

# MEDICAL STUDENT PROGRAM

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024**

**Location:** University of Puerto Rico - Medical Sciences Campus  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Amphitheater, B-103

- 8:00 AM**            **Welcoming Remarks**  
Moderator - **Dr. Jaime Aponte**  
Chair – ACS PR Chapter Ad Hoc Committee for  
Medical Student and Resident Affairs
- 8:20 AM**            **Surgical Residency Specialty Presentations**  
Dr. Viviana Negrón – General Surgery Residency  
Program Director  
Dr. Marcos Pérez-Brayfield – Urology Residency  
Program Director  
Dr. Carlos González-Aquino – Otolaryngology  
Head & Neck Surgery Residency Program Director  
Dr. Keimari Méndez – Obstetrics & Gynecology  
Residency Program Director  
Dr. Antonio Otero – Orthopaedic Surgery  
Residency Program Director  
Dr. Samuel Estronza – Neurosurgery Residency
- 10:00 AM**            **Q&A Surgical Residency Program Directors**
- 10:30 AM**            **Break**
- 10:45 AM**            **What makes a medical student standout  
in sub-internship rotations?**  
**Dr. Jaime Aponte**  
Chair – ACS PR Chapter Ad Hoc Committee for  
Medical Student and Resident Affairs
- 11:05 AM**            **Chief Residents Panel – Q&A**
- 11:30 AM**            **LUNCH**
- Navigating Residency Application Session**  
Moderator – **Dr. José Sorrentino**  
Past ACS PR Chapter Governor and UPR  
Surgery Clerkship Director
- 12:30 PM**            **Interview Resources for Surgical Residency  
Applicants**  
Dr. Yailis Medina  
Associate Professor, UPR School of Medicine,  
Interim Director Curriculum Office

# MEDICAL STUDENT PROGRAM

**1:10 PM**

**Smart Match**

Dr. Hilton Franqui  
Associate Professor, UPR School of Medicine,  
Past Dean of Academic Affairs

**1:50 PM**

**Optimizing your opportunities with an engaging personal statement and thorough CV**

Dr. Joalex Antongiorgi  
Past Associate Dean of Student Affairs –  
UPR School of Medicine

**2:30 PM**

**Utilizing your network: The Power of Mentorship  
PRE-RECORDED**

Dr. Gezzer Ortega, MD  
Assistant Professor, Brigham and Women's Hospital,  
Co-Founder Latino Surgical Society

**3:10PM**

**Closing Remarks**

## **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024**

**Location:** University of Puerto Rico – Medical Sciences Campus  
10<sup>th</sup> Floor Surgical Simulation Center

**8:50 AM**

**Welcoming Remarks**

Facilitator - **Dr. Adel Gonzalez**  
Assistant Professor – General Surgery –  
UPR School of Medicine

**9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Group A Surgical Skills Workshop**

Laparoscopy Station – PEG transfer  
Laparoscopy Station – Precision cutting  
Laparoscopy Station – Rubber band placement  
Suturing Lab  
Knot tying Lab

**1:00 – 4:00 PM**

Facilitator - **Dr. Karla Ruiz**

Assistant Professor – Colorectal Surgery –  
UPR School of Medicine

**Group B Surgical Skills Workshop**

Laparoscopy Station – PEG transfer  
Laparoscopy Station – Precision cutting  
Laparoscopy Station – Rubber band placement  
Tissue suturing Lab  
Knot tying Lab

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## ADMINISTRATIVE PROGRAM

**Saturday February 24, 2024**

7:00 – 8:00 am

**Past Presidents Breakfast**

5:00 pm

**ACS Puerto Rico Chapter Business Meeting**  
Embassy Suites Ballroom

## SOCIAL PROGRAM

**Friday February 23, 2024**

5:30 – 7:00 pm

**Meet & Greet Reception at the Exhibit Area**  
Embassy Suites Ballroom Foyer



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