

Thursday, February 19, 2026

Location: Jaime Benitez Amphitheater

12:00-1:00pm **Registration**
1:15pm Welcoming Remarks
 Kervin Arroyo, MD, FACS
 President
 Yamil Castillo, MD, FACS
 Scientific Program Chair
 ACS Puerto Rico Chapter

UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO ACS PR CHAPTER GRAND ROUNDS

1:30pm *General Surgery Grand Round*
 Gezzer Ortega, MD
2:15pm *ENT Grand Round*
 Andrew Shuman, MD
3:00pm *Urology Grand Round*
 Lori Lerner, MD
3:45pm *Research Grand Round*
 Edna Mora, MD

4:30pm Closing Remarks

4:30-6:00pm *Welcome Reception*

Friday, February 20, 2026

Location: Embassy Suites Ballrooms

7:00am *Registration and Continental Breakfast
at Exhibit Room*

7:30am Welcoming Remarks
 Kervin Arroyo, MD, FACS
 President
 Yamil Castillo, MD, FACS
 Scientific Program Chair
 ACS Puerto Rico Chapter
 Reynold López, MD, FACS
 Raffucci Forum Chair

7:45 – 11:00am **F.L. Raffucci Memorial Lecture, Forum
& Award**

Lecture: **Cutting Through Complexity: The Surgical Scientist's
Journey**

Speaker: **Keila E. Torres, MD**

Lecture: **Aging, sarcopenia, and healthy longevity**

Speaker: **Walter Frontera, MD**

SESSION 1

11:00am Ethics of Surgery
 Andrew Shuman, MD

11:30am *Exhibit Viewing*

12:00 pm *Lunch*

SESSION 2

1:00pm Past, Present and Future of Melanoma
 Pablo Mojica, MD
1:30pm Mohs Surgery and its importance for
 surgeons
 Hiram Ruíz, MD
2:00pm Immunotherapy, what we know now
2:30pm Palliative Medicine for Surgeons
 Mirelis Acosta MD
 Maria Ramos, MD

3:00pm *Coffee Break and Exhibit Viewing*

SESSION 3

3:30pm Robotics in minimally invasive surgery
 Sofia Marciano, MD
4:00pm Advanced Robotic Partial nephrectomy:
 Pushing the envelope
 Ronald Cadillo, MD
4:30pm Colorectal Surgery for malignancy, what is
 new?
 Jetsen Rodriguez, MD
5:00pm Evaluation and Management of Adrenal
 lesions
 Texel Longoria, MD

5:30-7:00pm *Meet & Greet Reception @ Exhibit Area*

Saturday, February 21, 2026

Location: Embassy Suites Ballrooms

7:00-8:00am *Registration and Continental Breakfast
Past President Breakfast*

8:00am Welcoming Remarks
 Kervin Arroyo, MD FACS
 President
 Yamil Castillo, MD FACS
 Program Chair

8:00am Interesting Cases Session
 Resident & Student Presentations
 Moderator: Jorge Zequeira, MD, FACS

10:00 am *Coffee Break and Exhibit Viewing*

SESSION 4

10:30am Complex Wound Care in an ambulatory
 setting
 Marian Baez, MD
11:00am The continued role of surgery in the
 management of obesity
 Yaret Robles, MD
11:30am Advanced technologies and modalities
 used in Bariatric Surgery
 Natan Zundel, MD

12:15 pm *Lunch*

SESSION 5

1:15pm Advocacy
 Megan Tracci, MD
1:45pm Updates in management of breast cancer
 Zuleika Diaz Negron, MD

2:15pm *Coffee Break and Exhibit Viewing*

SESSION 6

2:45pm Evaluation and management of nocturia
 Lori B. Lerner, MD
3:15pm Public Health applications in General
 Surgery
 Gezzer Ortega, MD
3:45pm Questions & Answers
4:00pm Closing Remarks

4:30-6:00 pm *Business Meeting ACS Puerto Rico Chapter*

**15 CME Credits were requested to the Ponce Medical School Foundation*



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