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- The goal of this activity is to implement a forum for the latest information regarding clinical practice and research in the field of surgery.
- Attendees will identify cutting-edge treatment for surgical issues, both general and subspecialty.

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Visit the posters on Saturday. CME credit can be claimed for the in-person Poster Session. Make sure to also view the Virtual Poster Session and vote for your favorite!



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Exhibits

We extend our sincere appreciation to companies that have supported this conference. All refreshments will be served in Salon E.

Play to Win Raffle

At registration, attendees will be given a "Play to Win" game card. Visit all of the vendors to get a signature from each one. We will raffle off two Amazon gift cards! The raffle will be held on Saturday after the final networking break.

Bourbon Tastings

The Chapter has booked bourbon tasting sessions at 4:00 & 5:00 p.m. on Saturday with Tarnished Truth Distilling Company located in the Cavalier Hotel & Beach Club. _____ Pre-registration is required.

Exit the Marriott and take the crosswalk across Atlantic Avenue. Follow the brick pathway on the right side of the hotel (not brick stairs) up to the building until you are underneath the front entrance & valet. Enter the double doors to the lower level of the Cavalier. The entrance to the Tarnished Truth retail store is the second right down the hallway.

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GUEST SPEAKER

HOW TO LEAD BEYOND THE OPERATING ROOM

Joseph V. Sakran, MD, MPH, MPA

Associate Professor of Surgery, Johns Hopkins Medicine

Dr. Joseph V. Sakran is a trauma surgeon, coalition builder, policy advisor, public health expert, and nationally recognized advocate for gun violence prevention. He is currently Director of Emergency General Surgery, Associate Professor of Surgery, and Associate Chief of the Division of Acute Care Surgery at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland.

A survivor of gun violence himself, Dr. Sakran's interest in medicine and trauma surgery began after a stray bullet nearly killed him during his senior year of high school. He has subsequently dedicated his life to treating the most vulnerable, reducing health disparities among marginalized populations, and advancing public policy that alleviates structural violence in low-income communities.

In addition to being an active clinician, Dr. Sakran is widely known for building diverse coalitions and advocacy efforts within public health and policy communities. Following a 2018 comment by the National Rifle Association that doctors should "stay in our lane" with regard to gun violence prevention, Sakran launched This is Our Lane, a community of medical professionals dedicated to reducing firearm injuries and deaths.

Internationally, Dr. Sakran has delivered care and sustainable solutions throughout numerous countries in Southeast Asia, the Middle East, and Africa, with a focus on long-term interventions and capacity building that reduce the global burden of surgical disease. He has responded to a number of international disasters including the Asian Tsunami in 2004, and the Haitian Earthquake in 2010.

Dr. Sakran has been recognized for his public health expertise, specifically on firearm injury prevention. He has been honored by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and Academy Health, and he is a 2020 recipient of Johns Hopkins' Catalyst Award for pioneering research on physicians' role in educating patients on safe gun storage. In 2019, Dr. Sakran was named a Presidential Leadership Scholar in which he furthered his research on safe gun storage. Selected by the National Academy of Medicine to be a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellow, he was honored to serve in the U.S. Senate in the office of New Hampshire Senator Maggie Hassan of New Hampshire, where he worked on health policy and regulatory issues from 2019-2020.

Dr. Sakran makes frequent appearances in print and on television. He has written numerous opinion pieces for The Atlantic and [CNN.com](https://www.cnn.com), and his work has been featured on NPR's Fresh Air with Terry Gross, MSNBC, CNN, The Israeli Times, O Magazine, and The Pell Center's Story in the Public Square. He has also testified multiple times in front of Congress on gun violence prevention.

Dr. Sakran is an active leader in the medical and gun violence prevention communities. He serves on the governing council of the Young Fellows Association of the American College of Surgeons (ACS), and he is vice-chair of ACS's International Subcommittee for Operation Giving Back. He served on the board of The Brady Campaign from 2018-2019 and frequently collaborates with other gun violence prevention organizations.

Dr. Sakran received his medical degree from The Medical School for International Health in Israel, a unique collaboration between Ben-Gurion and Columbia University. He completed his general surgery training at Inova Fairfax Hospital, and later completed a fellowship in Traumatology, Surgical Critical Care, and Emergency General Surgery at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. He also holds a Masters in Public Health from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and a Masters of Public Administration from Harvard Kennedy School of Government. Dr. Sakran earned his undergraduate degree from George Mason University, where he first trained as a medic and firefighter. He is a first-generation Arab-American, has lived and worked throughout the United States, Israel, Africa, and India, and speaks Arabic and Hebrew.



GUEST SPEAKER

CHANGING THE PARADIGM FOR ADVANCED MELANOMA

Jeffrey M. Farma, MD, FACS

Chair, Department of Surgery

Fox Chase Cancer Center | Temple Health

Dr. Jeffrey M. Farma, MD, FACS, is a distinguished surgical oncologist and the Chair of the Department of Surgery at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia. Since joining Fox Chase in 2009, Dr. Farma has held several key leadership roles, including Chief of the Division of General Surgery, President of the Medical Executive Committee, Surgical Director of the Melanoma and Skin Cancer Program, and previous Program Director of the Complex General Surgical Oncology Fellowship Program.

Dr. Farma specializes in treating complex malignancies such as sarcomas, melanomas, and gastrointestinal cancers. He is proficient in traditional surgeries, regional therapies, and minimally invasive techniques, including laparoscopic and robotic procedures. He also has expertise in minimally invasive inguinal lymph node dissections and isolated limb infusion for melanoma and sarcomas.

An accomplished academic, Dr. Farma has authored 125 peer-reviewed publications and more than 20 book chapters. He has presented nearly 200 scientific abstracts and is a sought-after speaker at national conferences.

Dr. Farma's contributions have been recognized with numerous accolades, including the 2024 Pennsylvania Impact Award, Philadelphia Top Doctors and the Melanoma Research Foundation Wings of Melanoma Humanitarian Award. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons Academy of Master Surgeon Educators and serves as the Pennsylvania State Chair of the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer. He is the past president of the Philadelphia Metropolitan Chapter of the ACS and the Treasurer for the Philadelphia Academy of Surgery. He has served on committees with the American College of Surgeons, Society of Surgical Oncology, Association of Academic Surgeons, Society of University Surgeons and the Transatlantic Australasian Retroperitoneal Society Working Group.

A Philadelphia native, Dr. Farma, earned his medical degree from Temple University's Lewis Katz School of Medicine and completed his general surgery residency at Temple University Hospital. He pursued fellowships in surgical oncology at Moffitt Cancer Center and the National Cancer Institute.

Beyond his clinical and academic roles, Dr. Farma is actively involved in community outreach, leading Fox Chase teams in events like the Colon Cancer Coalition's Get Your Rear in Gear and the Melanoma Research Foundation's Miles for Melanoma.

Dr. Farma's dedication to patient care, education, and research continues to advance the field of surgical oncology and improve outcomes for cancer patients regionally, nationally and internationally.

AGENDA

FRIDAY, MAY 30

COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

3:00 – 3:55 pm	Virginia Chapter, ACS Council Meeting <i>Goodman Room</i>
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Committee on Trauma Meeting <i>Calloway Room</i>
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Committee on Cancer Meeting <i>Goodman Room</i>
5:00 - 6:00 pm	Global & Humanitarian Surgery Committee Meeting <i>Kaye Room</i>
5:00 - 6:00 pm	Military Surgery Committee Meeting <i>Dorsey Room</i>
5:00 - 6:00 pm	Committee on Applicants Interviews <i>District 1- Fitzgerald Room</i> <i>District 2 - Miller Room</i> <i>District 3 - Sinatra Room</i>

SOCIAL EVENTS FOR ALL MEETING ATTENDEES

6:15 - 7:30 pm	Welcome Reception <i>Meeting Attendees, Guests, and Vendors welcome!</i> Raleigh Loggia Cavalier Hotel & Beach Club
7:30 - 9:00 pm	Sponsored Dinner Castle Biosciences <i>Meeting Attendees and Guests</i> Individualizing the Management of Patients with Melanoma and Squamous Cell Carcinoma using Gene Expression Profiling Michael Guenther, MD Surgical Oncologist, St. Elizabeth Physicians Goodman Room Marriott

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SATURDAY, MAY 31

7:00 am

Registration Opens

Seaside Registration Desk

7:00 - 7:55 am

Breakfast with Exhibitors | Poster Session

Salon E

7:00 - 7:55 am

Association of Women Surgeons, Virginia Chapter Breakfast

Kaye Room | Breakfast available in Salon E

7:00 - 7:55 am

Committee on Trauma Breakfast

Goodman Room | Breakfast available in Salon E

Presentations:

COT 3rd Place Winner: Are Social Determinants of Health being Captured and Utilized by Trauma Registries?

Lauren Carroll, MD | University of Virginia

COT Student Winning Presentation: Get Real About Choices and Consequences For You (GR-ACY): Outcomes of A Hospital-Based Community Program Designed to Decrease Risky Behaviors and Unsafe Driving Practices

Rebecca Deitch, BS | VCU

MAIN SESSION | SALON D

8:00 - 8:05 am

Welcome Remarks

Charles M. Friel, MD, FACS

Virginia Chapter, ACS President

8:05 - 8:50 am

Guest Speaker

How to Lead Beyond the Operating Room

Joseph V. Sakran, MD, MPH, MPA

Associate Professor of Surgery

Johns Hopkins Medicine

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8:50 - 9:00 am

Trauma Paper Winner – First Place

Should We Utilize Regional Anesthesia for Traumatic Rib Fracture Patients? A TQIP Based Study

Brandy L. Edwards, MD | Carilion Clinic - Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine

9:00 - 9:10 am

Trauma Paper Winner – Second Place

The Role of Follow-up Imaging After Chest Wall Trauma

Madison Herin, MD | Inova Fairfax Medical Campus

9:10 - 9:30 am

What's New at the Department of Surgery | VCU

Jaime Bohl, MD, FACS, FASCRS

Professor of Surgery

Vice Chair, Department of Surgery

Chair, Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery

9:30 - 10:00 am

Break with Exhibitors | Poster Session

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Salon E

10:00 - 10:45 am

Guest Speaker

Changing the Paradigm for Advanced Melanoma

Jeffrey M. Farma, MD, FACS

Chair, Department of Surgery

Fox Chase Cancer Center | Temple Health

Philadelphia, PA

10:45 - 10:55 am

Cancer Paper Winner – Basic Science

Flower Monoclonal Antibody Works Synergistically with Standard Chemotherapy to Reduce Growth and Metastasis of Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma

Vignesh Vudatha, MD, MS | Virginia Commonwealth University

**Arunima Punjala, MD presenting*

10:55 - 11:05 am

Cancer Paper Winner – Clinical Research

The Pre-operative Window of Endocrine Therapy to Inform Radiation Therapy Decisions (POWER) Trial

Prisca Obidike, MD | University of Virginia

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| 11:05 - 11:10 am | Local and National Trends in Emergency Presentation of Colon and Rectal Cancer
<i>Sarah Martey, BS Virginia Commonwealth University</i> |
| 11:10 - 11:15 am | Analgesic Impact of the Erector Spinae Plane Block in Bilateral DIEP Flap Breast Reconstruction
<i>Eileen Wen, BS University of Virginia</i> |
| 11:15 - 11:25 am | Chapter Fund Update
Beth White Carona, CFRE
<i>Director, American College of Surgeons Foundation</i> |
| 11:25 - 11:40 am | Business Meeting |
| 11:40 - 12:20 pm | Boxed Lunches Visit Exhibitors Poster Session
Salon E
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MAIN SESSION | SALON D

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| 12:20 - 12:40 pm | Development of the Trauma System in Virginia
<i>Leonard J. Weireter, MD, FACS</i> |
| 12:40 - 12:50 pm | Bigger – Lehman First Place Winner
Using Human Factors Engineering to Enhance New Trauma Bay Effectiveness
<i>D. Ben Scarboro, MD Carilion Clinic - Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine</i> |
| 12:50 - 1:00 pm | Bigger – Lehman Second Place Winner
Multipeptide Vaccines for Melanoma in the Adjuvant Setting: Long-term Survival Outcomes and Post-hoc Analysis of a Randomized Phase II Trial
<i>Emily Ninmer, MD University of Virginia</i> |
| 1:00 - 1:05 pm | Obesity Modulates Resistance to BRAF/MEK Targeted Therapy in Melanoma
<i>Mackenzie Mayhew, MD University of Virginia</i> |

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1:05 - 1:10 pm	Forgoing the Follow-up: Could Patient Symptoms Guide Decision Making on When to Obtain Follow-Up Delayed-Phase Imaging after High-Grade Renal Trauma? <i>William Rice, BS Eastern Virginia Medical School</i>
1:10 - 1:15 pm	How Timing of Regional Anesthesia Impacts Outcomes In Traumatic Rib Fracture Patients: A TQIP Based Study <i>Taneen Maghsoudi, MD Carilion Clinic - Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine</i>
1:15 - 1:35 pm	Legislative Update <i>Emma Zimmerman, Senior Congressional Lobbyist ACS Division of Advocacy & Health Policy Washington, DC</i>
1:35 - 2:00 pm	Break with Exhibitors Poster Session <i>Visit exhibitors for a chance to win an Amazon gift card!</i> Salon E
2:00 pm	Play to Win Raffle – two winners announced!
2:00 - 2:45 pm	Surgeon-led Advocacy: How to Advance Patient-centric Legislation in the Face of Political Controversy Panel Discussion Moderator: William Ward, MD, FACS Panelists: Joseph Sakran, MD, FACS, Jessica Burgess, MD, FACS, Leonard Weireter Jr., MD, FACS, Margaret Tracci, MD, FACS, Katherine Davenport, MD, FACS
2:45 - 3:30 pm	Transitioning from Learner to Educator: A Discussion of Approaches to Teaching Resident Panel Discussion Moderator: Caitlin Tallant, MD Panelists: Jeffrey Farma, MD, FACS, Charles Friel, MD, FACS, Timothy Platz, DO, FACS, Alexa Shaw, MD, FACS, Leonard Weireter Jr, MD, FACS
3:30 pm	Final Announcements Adjourn
3:30 - 4:30 pm	Resident Reception <i>Goodman Room</i>
4:00 & 5:00 pm	Bourbon Tasting Sessions Tarnished Truth Reservations required

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Female Surgical Chiefs: Navigating Academic and Professional Challenges in an Underrepresented Role

Aracelia Aldrete, MS | Eastern Virginia Medical School at Old Dominion University

Glycan-Targeted Therapy with Triplatin for Effective Treatment of Pancreatic Cancer

Vashti Bandy, MD | Virginia Commonwealth University

Novel Pre-Clinical Model for Peritoneal Metastasis Utilizing Cross-Polarization Imaging for Independent Scoring

Vashti Bandy, MD | Virginia Commonwealth University

An Intersectional Approach to Civilian versus Inmate Access to Care in Treatment of Colorectal Cancer

Vashti Bandy, MD | Virginia Commonwealth University

Postoperative Chemotherapy may not Confer Survival Benefit for Patients who Experience Pathologic Complete Response in Treatment of Stage I Gastric Cancer

Siqi Brough, MD | Inova Fairfax Medical Campus

A Case of Acute Abdominal Pain: Unmasking Ovarian Torsion Complicated by Small Bowel Obstruction

Julianne Corcoran, DO | Naval Medical Center Portsmouth

A Case Report of Mycotic Aortic Aneurysm after Endoscopic Drainage of Pancreatic Pseudocyst

Andrew DiNapoli, DO | Naval Medical Center Portsmouth

Led Astray: Dueling Volvuli

Daniel Ferman, MD | Naval Medical Center Portsmouth

Appendicitis or Inguinal Hernia? Why not both?

Amol Kamat, MD | Naval Medical Center Portsmouth

A Rare but Increasing Threat: An Evaluation of Regional and Single-Institution Trends in Merkel Cell Carcinoma

Megan Kolbe, BS | Virginia Commonwealth University

Does Preoperative Breast MRI Assist in Identification of Axillary Lymph Node Metastases

Maura Morgan, MD | Inova Fairfax Hospital

Disproportionate Decline in Cardiovascular Health Amongst Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma Patients

Arunima Punjala, MD | VCU Health

Delayed-Phase CT in High-Grade Renal Trauma: Impact on Complications and Urological Procedure Rates

William Rice, BS | Eastern Virginia Medical School at Old Dominion University

Beyond Breslow Depth: Examining Adherence to Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy Recommendations in Thin Melanomas

Emily Tocco, BS | University of Virginia

800 Dialysis Fistulas: Anatomy Predicts Maturation, Diabetes Inconsequential

Gear Vincent, MS | Eastern Virginia Medical School at Old Dominion University

Bridging the Gap in Breast Reconstruction: Does Primary Care Engagement Reduce Surgical Infection Risks?

Hibo Wehelie, BS | University of Virginia

Assessing Health Literacy as a Predictor of Outcomes in Autologous Breast Reconstruction Patients with Varying Comorbidity Burden

Hibo Wehelie, BS | University of Virginia

Breast Reconstruction Outcomes After Implant Loss

Eileen Wen, BS | University of Virginia

VIRTUAL POSTERS

Reconstructive Approaches for Scalp and Calvaria following Pediatric Decompressive Craniectomy: A Case Report and Literature Review

Aracelia Aldrete, MS | Eastern Virginia Medical School at Old Dominion University

A Retrospective Review of the Outcomes of Seymour Fractures at a Level 1 Pediatric Trauma Center

Gabriella Adams, BS | Eastern Virginia Medical School at Old Dominion University

Quadratus Lumborum Myonecrosis as a Rare Etiology of Rhabdomyolysis

Sarah Cook, BS | Virginia Commonwealth University

Recurrent Umbilical Pilonidal Sinus: An Uncommon Condition Successfully Treated with Omphalectomy and Umbilicoplasty

Lud Eyasu, MD | Virginia Commonwealth University

Evaluating the Impact of Race on Clinical Outcomes of Patients with Acral Lentiginous Melanoma

Andrew Francis, MD | Virginia Commonwealth University

The Evolution of Transplant Surgery in Virginia: Key Milestones and Contributions

Dylan Flood, MD | Carilion Clinic - Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine

Amyand's Hernia and the Implications of Mesh Placement with Appendectomy

Tania Gupta, BS | Virginia Commonwealth University

Use Of Circular Frame Fixation For Offloading In Lower Extremity Reconstruction: A Case Series

Ryan Mancoll, BS | Eastern Virginia Medical School at Old Dominion University

Preoperative Feeding Modality Does Not Impact the Occurrence of Bone Healing Complications in Mandibular Distraction Osteogenesis

Alejandro Mendoza, BS, BA | University of Virginia

Activation of Mechanoreceptor Piezo1 Inhibits Enteric Neuronal Growth and Migration in Vitro

Chioma Moneme, MD, MBA | University of Virginia

Active or Resolved COVID Infection and Risk of Postoperative Complication in Cleft Palate Repair

Sarah Park, MS | Eastern Virginia Medical School at Old Dominion University

Beauty is in the Eye of the Beholder: Cosmetic Outcomes After Precision Breast IORT

Maria Reyes-Matos, MD | University of Virginia

Impact of Stiffness on Enteric Neural Progenitor Cells

Michal Sobstel, BS | University of Virginia

From Neighborhood to Operating Room: Evaluating Impact of Area Deprivation on Autologous Tissue Breast Reconstruction Outcomes

Hibo Wehelie, BS | University of Virginia

Risk Factors for Complications in Immediate Tissue Expander Breast Reconstruction across Different BMIs

Eileen Wen, BS | University of Virginia

Understanding Successful Crowdfunding for Cleft and Craniofacial Mission Trips

Margaret West, BA | Eastern Virginia Medical School at Old Dominion University



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