

2025

Colon and Rectal Symposium



Saturday, March 15, 2025

HCA Healthcare Simulation “SIM” Center
(The Aetna Building across from Sheraton Suites)
261 N. University Drive • Suite 600 • Plantation, FL 33324



Target Audience

The focus of this Colon and Rectal Symposium is to educate healthcare professionals involved with in the multidisciplinary colon and rectal care. Including but not limited to family practice, internal medicine, general surgery and gastrointestinal physicians, anesthesiologists, nurses, OR technicians and other healthcare professionals.

Colon and Rectal Symposium Objectives

At the conclusion of this program, the participants will have additional knowledge and guidance in these areas:

- Describe the benefits of SNS in treating fecal incontinence
- Discuss the impact of AI in colorectal practice
- Understanding the importance of TNT on treating patients with rectal cancer
- Identify signs and symptoms of early onset of colorectal cancer
- Explain impact of robotic approach to surgical intervention
- Define CT DNA and impact on treating colon cancer
- Outline treatment options for Diverticulitis
- Define what a Colorectal Surgeon is
- Update on medical management of IBD
- Discuss management of the colorectal cancer patient with liver metastasis

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7:30am - 7:55am	Registration and Breakfast Exhibitor Displays and Resident Poster Exhibit
8:00am - 8:10am	Welcome Drew Tyrer, CEO (HCA Florida Westside Hospital) Dr. Charles P Lago Sr. (HCA Florida Northwest, Woodmont, Westside Hospital) Associate Program Director General Surgery Residency Program, Westside/Northwest Hospitals
8:10am - 8:40am	How Are We Doing? New Developments in IBD Medical Management Dr. Ronen Arai (Broward Health)
8:40am - 9:10am	Artificial Intelligence in Our Medical Practice. How Do We Reconcile? Dr. Sergio Larach (Digestive and Liver Center of Florida, Orlando)
9:10am - 9:40am	TNT, How Did We Get Here? Dr. Carlos Ternent (University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha)
9:40am - 10:10am	Early Onset Colorectal Cancer Dr. Karina Cardenas (HCA Florida Westside and Northwest Hospital)
10:10am - 10:40am	Fecal Incontinence and SNS Dr. Alejandra Perez-Tamayo (Cook County Health and Hospital Systems) Assistant Professor of Surgery; General Surgery Associate Program Director University of Illinois at Chicago/UI Health Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery
10:40am - 11:00am	Break, Exhibitor Display, Poster Presentations, Awards
11:00am - 11:30am	Robots and Colorectal Surgery... Friend or Foe? Dr. Joseph Corallo, Jr. (HCA Florida Northwest, Woodmont and Westside Hospital) Immediate Past Chief of Staff-Westside
11:30am - 12 noon	CT DNA, Will It Save Lives? Dr. Harshad Amin (HCA Florida Westside and University Hospital)
12 Noon - 12:30pm	Diverticulitis... To Operate or Not Operate? That is the Question! Dr. Heidi Bahna (HCA Florida JFK Hospital)
12:30pm - 1:00pm	So, What is a Colorectal Surgeon? Dr. Floriano Marchetti (Associate Professor Clinical Surgery University of Miami Miller School of Medicine) Director, Colon and Rectal Surgery Residency Program
1:00pm - 1:30pm	Management of Liver Metastasis in the Colorectal Cancer Patient Dr. Aaron Pinnola (Broward Health)
1:30pm - 1:45pm	Poster Contest Winners, Wrap Up, Evaluations

2025 Presenters



Charles P. Lago, Sr. MD, *Colon and Rectal Surgery*

Graduate Degree-Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

Residency-General Surgery-University of Buffalo, NY

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Clinical Assistant Professor-Nova Southeastern University, Davie, FL

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