American College of Mohs Surgery Annual Meeting to Highlight Advances in Skin Cancer Treatment, Reconstruction

Dermatologists, surgeons, pathologists, academics and others gather for compelling slate of scientific sessions.

BALTIMORE (PRWEB) April 25, 2019 -- The American College of Mohs Surgery (ACMS), an organization of more than 1,600 fellowship-trained skin cancer and reconstructive surgeons specializing in the Mohs micrographic surgical technique used to treat skin cancer, will hold its 51st Annual Meeting from Thursday, May 2 through Sunday, May 5 at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront.

Physicians will explore the latest advances in the treatment of skin cancer, discuss recent research findings in the field of Mohs micrographic surgery and cutaneous oncology, and address patient outcomes. At the Friday, May 3 Business Meeting, newly elected Board members, including incoming President Elizabeth Billingsley, MD, FACMS will be installed.

The Annual Meeting curriculum is a multifarious combination of hands-on workshops, plenary sessions, Morning-Mini sessions, and networking opportunities. New this year, seven guest speakers will present subject matter in three multi-session content blocks: “Focus on Innovation”, “Focus on Multidisciplinary Care” and “Focus on the Eye”.

- Keynote speaker Dr. Leonard D’Avolio will headline a mini-symposium on Information and Innovation. Dr. D’Avolio will discuss the use of machine learning and clinical informatics to improve patient care in a constantly changing healthcare environment.
- In “Focus on Multidisciplinary Care”, Dr. Scott Strome and Dr. Mohan Suntha will update the College on immunotherapy and radiation therapy. Dr. Strome, Dr. Suntha and Dr. Petr Hauser will offer perspectives as part of a multidisciplinary tumor board.
- “Focus on the Eye” will start with an anatomy overview by Dr. Nirusha Lachman. Dr. Nicholas Mahoney will discuss computer-assisted design for periorcular reconstruction and Dr. M. Reza Vagefi will share an oculoplastic approach to eyelid reconstruction.

For the past 15 years, Dr. Leonard D'Avolio's work has focused on how healthcare can use machine learning and related technologies to improve. His Keynote address, “Putting the Learning Back in Machine Learning,” will help attendees understand how to embed these new capabilities into their practices to improve care in meaningful ways, as well as what they will soon mean for the future of healthcare.

In addition to the five smaller concurrent sessions held from 7:00 – 8:15 am on Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings, three pre-conference workshops continue attract attendees. The pre-conference Hand & Nail workshop will provide useful experience to beginner, intermediate and advance nail surgeons within a small group setting, while the Hands-on Cutaneous Flap Workshop and the Mohs Histotechnology and Lab Set Up Workshop offer fellows-in-training valuable instruction and perspective. “The Morning Mini-Sessions allow attendees to tailor the curriculum to their particular interests”, said ACMS Scientific Program Committee Chair, Sarah T. Arron, MD, PhD, FACMS. “Topics such as flaps and grafts, Mohs lab operations, opioid prescribing, Merkel Cell carcinoma and much more will be available for attendees.”

ACMS members and fellows-in-training have the opportunity to take the online Diagnostic Quality Control
Self-Examination in which 10-12 real-life challenging Mohs slides and rare tumors are reviewed with the purpose of going beyond the “bread and butter” of surgeons’ routine practice. Through the exam, fellowship-trained Mohs surgeons are able to maintain their proficiency in reading tumor pathology and experience a unique method to advance their knowledge.

“The time we spend together during the Annual Meeting further develops not only our surgical skills, but also our body of knowledge, and renews our commitment to providing the best care for our patients” said ACMS President Barry Leshin, MD, FACMS. “The meeting allows us to reconnect with colleagues, recharge our minds, and re-engage with the important and timely issues facing our practices and our specialty.”

For details including the Program at a Glance, guest speaker bios, on-site registration information and more, visit mohscollege.org/annualmeeting.

About the ACMS
The American College of Mohs Surgery (ACMS) is a member organization of more than 1,600 fellowship-trained skin cancer and reconstructive surgeons specializing in the Mohs micrographic surgical technique used to treat skin cancer. The ACMS serves as the voice of the specialty, promoting and advancing the highest standards of patient care through fellowship training, research, education and public advocacy. The organization was founded in 1967 by Dr. Frederic E. Mohs, who pioneered the technique of removing skin cancer in stages, one tissue layer at a time, resulting in minimal damage to surrounding tissue. The ACMS is the only organization that requires members to have completed an extensive one- to two-year fellowship training program after completing their years of residency training. Learn more at mohscollege.org and skincancermohssurgery.org.
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