Dear SESC Members,

I hope you will find time to enjoy family and friends this holiday season. Come February, I look forward to seeing all of you at The Westin Charlotte, NC for the SESC 2019 Annual Meeting. I would like to thank CME Chair Michael Meyers and the CME Committee for their hard work and planning for what promises to be an outstanding meeting. Registration is now open!

In addition to riveting named lectures, carefully planned special sessions outlined below, the American College of Surgeons luncheon and session, social events and more, we are looking forward to the interesting science being presented in over 70 original research podium presentations plus videos, and Quickshot Orals.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your SESC President. Enjoy your holidays, and I’ll see you in Charlotte!

Kevin Behrns MD | SESC President
SPECIAL SESSIONS:

**State of the Art Lecture – Colorectal Cancer**
Monday 2/25 8:00am – 8:50am
David Shibata MD | University of TN

**Pro-Con Debate – Breast Cancer**
Monday 2/25 3:10pm – 4:10pm
Christine Laronga MD | Moffit Cancer Center
Laura Witherspoon MD | University of TN

**Trauma Session**
Tuesday 2/26 9:00am – 10:00am
Jose Diaz MD | University of Maryland
Eric A. Toschlog MD | Brody School of Medicine
Michael Shurr MD | Mountain Area Health
William Dutton MD | Charleston, SC

**Resident Forum & Luncheon**
Saturday 2/23 9:00am - 1:00pm
Moderators & Speakers:
**How to Manage Difficult People**
Melina Kibbe MD | UNC

**Workplace Bullying Among U.S. Surgeons**
Kevin Pei MD | TTUHSC

American College of Surgeons Luncheon & Session
Sunday 2/23

**ACS Luncheon**
Opening Remarks & ACS Update | David B. Hoyt, MD, FACS
Outcomes | Frank Opelka, MD, FACS
Simulation | Ajit K. Sachdeva, MD, FRCSC, FACS Discussion/Q&A

**ACS Session**
Moderator: Kevin Behm, MD
Introduction | David B. Hoyt, MD, FACS
The Aging Surgeon – Do I Have Enough to Retire? | R. Phillip Burns, MD, FACS
Programs for Young Surgeons/ACS in Social Media | Patricia L. Turner, MD, FACS
Hurricane Disaster Response | William Hope, MD, FACS
Stop the Bleed | Panel Discussion

Committee Luncheons
Sunday 2/23 | 12:30pm - 2:00pm

**Surgical Practice Luncheon**
Career Transitions: A Surgeon’s Tale
Don Nakayama MD | University of North Carolina
Susan Hoover MD | Moffitt
Elizabeth Dreessen MD | University of North Carolina
Bryant Wilson MD | Piedmont Hospital Atlanta
Gene Brannum MD | Rockingham, VA

**Fellow, Resident, Medical Student Luncheon**
Moderator: Sunil Geeverghese MD | Vanderbilt
Resiliency & Wellness
Wayne Sotile PhD | Sotile Center for Resilience, Center for Physician Resilience
System-wide Approach to Wellness and Resilience
Julie Freischlag MD | Wake Health
Panelists: Wayne Sotile PhD, Julie Freischlag MD, John Green MD, John Porterfield MD

Don’t miss Resident Jeopardy!® and SESC Feud®
Sunday 2/23 4:30pm – 6:30pm
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