

National Medical Association Region III & Region V Conference

April 9–12, 2026 | Southern University
Baton Rouge, LA

*Reconstructing Health: Aligning Patients,
Providers, and Policy for a Healthier Future*

All times are in Central Standard Time

Pre-Conference

Thursday, April 9, 2026

7:45 - 8:30 AM | *Doors Open - Breakfast*

8:30 - 10:30 AM | *HBCU Leadership Roundtable:
HBCU Healthcare Workforce Pipeline*

(Invitation Only)

Location: *Valdry Philanthropy Center*

11:00 - 11:45 AM | *Coffee and Chat: Missed
Opportunities for HIV Prevention in Adolescents*

Location: *Valdry Philanthropy Center*

NOON - 4:00 PM | *PrEP Rally: Student Career
and Wellness Fair*

Location: *Southern University Welcome Center
707 Harding Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70807.*

7:00 - 8:30 PM | *Moving from Health
Disparities to Health Equity in Asthma Care,
Dinner Program, NON-CME*

Edith Smith Rayford, MD, MBA, (Moderator)
Southwest Director of Clinical Services
Central MS Health Services, Inc.

Stephanie (Smith) Rogers, PharmD, MS,
Senior Medical Science Liaison on the Respiratory
Team at GlaxoSmithKline

Location: *Leon R. Tarver II Cultural and Heritage
Center, Southern University Campus*

General Sessions

Friday, April 10, 2026 | *SU Welcome Center*

7:30 AM – 4:00 PM | *Registration Open*

7:45-9:00 | *Breakfast Opens*

8:00 | *Greetings*

Mrs. Mavis Parkman James, MBA

President of the Auxiliary to the
National Medical Association (ANMA)

8:00 – 9:00 AM | *Advocacy in Action: Rebuilding
Stronger Communities Through Environmental
Justice, Food Security, and Technology Access*

Cheryl Holder, MD, (Moderator)
Internal Medicine, Florida State Medical Association

Marla Dickerson, MS, JD, PhD

Community advocate/Environmental Justice champion

**Brianna Yvonne Clark, DO, MPH,
CNPM, CLC, IBCLC**

Physician-Scientist | Breastfeeding Medicine | Climate
and Health Equity
Sunflower Lactation and Health Education

Tiffany Franklin, PhD

Vice Chancellor for Extension and Outreach at the
Southern University Agricultural Research and
Extension Center, Southern University

Alexis Motley, MS, RDN, LDN

Dietetic Internship Director, College of Agricultural,
Family and Consumer Sciences, Southern University

9:00– 9:50 AM | *Technology and Healthcare
Innovation: Reconstructing the Care Delivery
System*

Pamela Foster, MD, (Moderator)
Preventive Medicine/Public Health Physician

Leslie Amonoo, MD
Physician Scientist | Founder | Life Science Enthusiast

Timothy Butts, Sr. MSIS, CPHIT, CAPM, CAP®
Founder, Principal Consultant, TEBTECH

Cheryl Lynn Walker-McGill, MD, MBA, MD, FAAAAI
Physician Consultant and Allergist-Immunologist

Chad Evans
Machine Learning Engineer, Cardiovascular Research
Institute at Morehouse School of Medicine

9:50-10:40 AM | *Reconstructing Payment
Reform: Advancing Value-Based Care for Better
Alignment Between Patients and Providers*

Derick Young, MD, (Moderator)
Medical Director, United Healthcare
NMA Region V Chair

Melissa Walker, DO
Assistant Professor of Family Medicine
UIW School of Osteopathic Medicine
NMA Region V Trustee

Brian Shackelford, MD
Chief Medical Officer
KINDRED HOSPITAL GREENSBORO

Ann Kay Logarbo, MD, FAAP
CMO, Aetna Better Health, Louisiana

Philip Burton
Co-Founder, Healthtech Center
For Impactful Innovation

10:40-10:55 AM | *Break & Exhibit Hall*

10:55 -11:45 AM | *Strengthening Collaboration
with HBCUs for the Future of Healthcare
Workforce: Patients, Providers & Policy in
Partnership*

Maurice Sholas, MD, PhD (Moderator)
NMA Region V Trustee, Southern University Graduate

**Sandra C. Brown, PhD, APRN, FNP-BC,
CNE, ANEF, FAANP, FAAN**

Dean and Professor, College of Nursing and Allied
Health, Southern University and A&M College

Marguerite Giguette, PhD,
Provost and Sr. Vice President
for Academic Affairs, Xavier University

Preston J. Castille, Jr.
President & CEO, Helix Community Schools & Helix
Global Foundation | District 8 Member of Louisiana
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education | Adjunct
Law Professor | Attorney | Former Ad Hoc Judge

State Senator Larry Selders (invited)
Democrat District 14

11:45 -1:00 PM | *The New Reconstruction:
Mobilizing Healthcare Justice for a New America
– Our Patients, Providers and Policy.” Luncheon &
Fireside Chat*

with **Roger Mitchell, Jr., MD**
National Medical Association President

Rani Whitfield, MD, (Moderator)
Family Physician & (CAQ) in Sports Medicine

Roger Mitchell, Jr., MD
126th President, National Medical Association

1:00-2:30 PM | *Governance vs. Groundwork: Can
Community Care Survive Southern Policy? –
Policy Mini-Symposium*

1:00-1:45 PM | *Policy Philosophies and Structural
Factors That Have Shaped Medicaid Access
Across the Region*

Shantel Hebert-Magee, MD, MPH (Moderator)
Chief Medical Officer, Medicaid,
Louisiana Department of Health

Andrew K. Sanderson, II, MD, MPH, FASGE
Associate Professor, Clinical Medicine, Lewis Katz
School of Medicine at Temple University

**Kolynda Brooks Parker, MHS, MLS(ASCP)CM,
CPHQ, CLSSBB**
Deputy Assistant Secretary,
Louisiana Department of Health

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1:45-2:30 PM | *Community-Driven Strategies to Bridge the Southern Coverage Gap*

Shantel Hebert-Magee, MD, MPH (Moderator)
Chief Medical Officer, Medicaid,
Louisiana Department of Health

Takeisha Charles Davis, MD, MPH
Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and President of the
New Orleans East Hospital

Kyra Roby, ESQ
Principal, Chase Gen Strategy Consultants, LLC

Kevin Krejci
Chief Capitalization Officer,
Gulf Coast Housing Partnership

2:40 -3:30 PM | *Immunizations Update: Evidence, Trust, and Clinical Practice in a Changing Vaccination Landscape*

Cheryl Holder, MD (Moderator)
Internal Medicine, The Medical Society
Consortium on Climate and Health (Consortium)

Shayna Roaf, MD
Flourish Pediatrics, Owner-Operator

**Margot Savoy, MD, MPH,
FAAFP, FABC, FAAPL, CPE, CMQ**
Chief Medical Officer at American Academy
of Family Physicians

3:30-4:20 PM | *Bridging Social Determinants of Health and Community Development*

Nikeshia Rodrigue (Moderator)
Lead Director, Marketing & Community Development,
Aetna, a CVS Health Company

Brooke Wyatt, DrPH
Director of Health Equity Data Strategy, Louisiana
Healthcare Connections

Stephanie McGee, MD, MPH, DABOM
Co-Medical Director, Primary Care of the Wendy
Novak Diabetes Institute

Daphne Byrd, MEd
CEO & Executive Director, Southeastern Primary
Care Consortium & Atlanta Health Education Center
(AHEC), ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, Morehouse School
of Medicine, Dept. of Community Health & Preventive
Medicine

Brittany Howard, MPA
Project Manager for the Southern University
Agricultural Research and Extension Center's
Center of Excellence for Nutrition, Health,
Wellness, and Quality of Life

6:30 -7:00 PM | *NMA Region III & Region V President's Reception*

7:00 -8:30 PM | *Cancer Mini-Symposium (Non-CME)*

Cancer Advocacy Spotlight
Sonja Hughes, MD,
VP, Community Health, Susan G. Komen

Colon Cancer Dinner Program

Tracy-ann Suleiman
Regional Marketing Leader, SE, Exact Sciences

Travelle Ellis, MD
Principal Screening Medical Officer,
Abbott Cancer Diagnostics

General Sessions

Saturday, April 11, 2026 | SU Welcome Center

7:30 – 9:00 AM | *Registration & Breakfast Opens*

8:00 – 9:00 AM | *2025-2030 Dietary Guidelines for Americans and NMA Supplement Findings Breakfast*

Winston Price, MD
VP of Education & Technology for the W. Montague
COBB/NMA Health Institute
President, National Medical Association 2004-2005

Briana Butler, MCN, RDN, LD
Lead Dietitian, Co-Owner, Stef & Bri Wellness

9:00-9:45 AM | *Men's Health Matters Too: Elevating Prevention, Early Detection, and Engagement*

Perisco Wofford, MD, (Moderator)
Nephrologist & Internal Medicine

Steven Kelley, MD
Interventional Cardiologist and Partner at Baton Rouge
Cardiology Clinic

CJ Marbley, BS, MBA
Chief Nursing Officer - University Medical Center New
Orleans and New Orleans East Hospital, LCMC Health

Gary Sheppard, MD
Internal Medicine, Southwest Memorial Physician
Associates

9:45 -10:00 AM | *Exhibit Break*

10:00 -10:30 AM | *The Truth About Wound and Limb Preservation: Evidence, Access, and Action*

Ann-Gelle Carter, MD, (Moderator)
Medical Director, Grady Health System

Denardo Dunham, DPM
Podiatrist

Gregory Crenshaw, MD
Vascular Surgeon
LCMC Health

10:30-11:30 AM | *HIV and Subspecialty: The Significance of Routine Testing*

Keith Rawlings, MD
Internal Medicine & Infectious Disease

Nada Fadul, MD
Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs. Professor of
Medicine & Infectious Diseases, University of
Nebraska Medical Center College of Medicine

11:30-12:55 PM | *Solutions to Resolve the Women's Health Care Gap Luncheon*

Yolanda Lawson, MD, FACOG (Moderator)
Executive Medical Director,
Health Care Service Corporation
124th President, National Medical Association

Melissa Simon, MD, MPH, FACOG
Founder and Director, The ELEVATE Lab, Founder
and Director, Center for Health Equity Transformation,
Northwestern University - The Feinberg School of
Medicine

Veronica Gillispie-Bell, MD, MAS, FACOG
System Medical Director of Health Outcomes,
Ochsner Health

Erika Seth Davis
CEO, Rhia Ventures

***Celebrating Joia Crear-Perry, MD
2026 Recipient of the transforming Justice
in maternal health award***

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12:55-2:05 PM | *Cardiovascular Mini-Symposium*

– 12:55 - 1:05 PM | *CDC Preamble- Beating Hypertension (Invited)*

– 1:05 - 1:35 PM | *Balancing the Capacity of Primary Care Providers in LDL- C Management Let's Beat HCM! Improving Screening, Diagnosis, and Management of HCM among at-risk Blacks*

Simbo Chiadika, MD, MPH, FACC, CMQ

Professor The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth Houston)

– 1:35-2:05 PM | *Enhancing LDL-C management to Promote Cardiometabolic Health in Cardiology Deserts*

Benjamin Pickard, MD

Advanced Heart Failure & Transplant Fellow, Tulane School of Medicine

2:05-2:20 PM | *Exhibit Break / Product Theater*

2:20- 3:05 PM | *The Burden of the Feed: Addressing Digital Vicarious Trauma and Racial Battle Fatigue*

Nicole Washington, DO, MPH, (Moderator)

Chief Medical Officer at Elocin Psychiatric Services, PLLC

Rahn Bailey, MD, FAPA, ACP

Chairman of Psychiatry & Assistant Dean of Diversity/Community Engagement LSUHSC-NEW ORLEANS

Shamalon Johnson, MD

Psychiatrist, President, New Orleans Medical Association

Rochelle Dunham, MD

Executive Director and Medical Director, Metropolitan Human Services District (MHSD)

3:05-4:05 PM | *APOLI, African Ancestry and Kidney Disease: Implications for Providers and Patient Outcomes*

Itunu Owoyemi MD

Staff Nephrologist Department of Kidney Medicine Medical Specialty Institute, Cleveland Clinic

Adetokunbo Odunaiya, MD, MS

Clinical Assistant Professor Division of Nephrology, Stanford University

Perisco Wofford MD

Board Certified Nephrologist Perisco Wofford MD PLLC Practice

4:05 -5:05 PM | *Nephrology II: Living With Lupus Nephritis - The Patient and Clinician Perspective*

Itunu Owoyemi MD

Staff Nephrologist Department of Kidney Medicine Medical Specialty Institute Cleveland Clinic

Kevin Hackshaw, MD

Rheumatologist & Professor, Dell Medical School at the University of Texas at Austin

Adetokunbo Odunaiya, MD, MS

Nephrology and Internal Medicine, Stanford Medicine

Evening Sessions/Events

Saturday, April 11, 2026 | Leon Tarver Center

6:30-7:00 PM | *NMA Region III & V Chair's Reception*

Location: *Leon Tarver Center*

7:00-8:30 PM | *Rare Diseases in Black Communities: Closing the Awareness and Treatment Gap Symposium: Lupus, Sickle Cell, and Rare Kidney Disease (Non-CME)*

Kristin Lynch-Grimes, MD (Moderator)

Chief Executive Officer The Louisiana Center for Health and Wellness

– (7:05 PM - 7:25 PM) *Lupus Spotlight Camille Campbell, PharmD, RPh*

Lead, Health Equity & Clinical Innovation, Biogen

– (7:25 -7:45 PM) *Sickle Cell Spotlight Bridgette Pierre, APRN, MSN, FNP-BC*

U.S. Medical Director, Sickle Cell Disease, Pfizer

– (7:45 - 8:05 PM) *APOLI-CMKD Spotlight Margaret B. Collins, MD, FASH, Medical Director,*

Global Medical Affairs-Kidney Diseases, Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated

Rare Diseases in Black Communities: Closing the Awareness and Treatment Gap Symposium: Lupus, Sickle Cell, and Rare Kidney Disease (8:05-8:35 PM)- Panel Discussion (Non-CME)

Kristin Lynch-Grimes, MD (Moderator)

Chief Executive Officer The Louisiana Center for Health and Wellness

Tameka Webb-Detiege, MD

Rheumatologist Ochsner Medical Center

Rodney Reid, MD

Rheumatologist

Shaletha Jones, MD

Hospitalist OUACHITA COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER

Robert S. Hoover, MD, FASN, FAHA

The Dr.A. Rudolph and Ruth Ryder Huberwald Chair, Section Chief of Nephrology and Hypertension, Professor of Physiology, Tulane School of Medicine

The Finale: BLACK OUT SOIREE

Attire : All-Black Cocktail Chic

9:00 PM- MIDNIGHT

Location: *The 121 | 121 Convention Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70801*

Sunday, April 12, 2026

8:00 – 10:30 AM | *Regional Business Meetings*

Location: *Raising Canes River Center 275 S River Rd | Baton Rouge, LA 70802*