**2024 Annual Membership Meeting Schedule**

**Embassy Suites Little Rock**

**May 17-18, 2024**

**Friday, May 17, 2024**

10:30 am – 5:00 pm **Registration**

11:00 am – 12:30 pm **50 Year Club Luncheon**

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm ***New 2022 CDC Clinical Practice Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Pain***

**Laura E. Cima, PharmD**

*Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Pharmacist,  
Center for Health Protection Injury Prevention and Control  
Arkansas Department of Health  
Little Rock, Arkansas*

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm **MEFFA Board Meeting**

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm ***Financial Headwinds Facing Today’s Physicians***

**Michael Jerkins, MD, MEd** *Co-Founder and President  
 Panacea Financial*

*Little Rock, Arkansas*

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm **ArkMed-PAC Board Meeting**

2:30 pm – 5:00 pm **Exhibit Hall Open**

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm **AMS Board of Trustees Meeting**

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm **Welcome Reception***Hosted by Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care*

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm **President’s Inaugural Gala & Awards Program**  
 **Honoring Incoming** **AMS President George Conner III, MD**

*Forrest City, Arkansas*

**Saturday, May 18, 2024**

7:00 am – 3:00 pm **Registration**

7:30 am – 8:45 am **Breakfast & Visit Exhibits**

8:45 am – 9:45 am ***AI: Ways to Integrate into Patient Care***

**Shannon Vogel, MS, FHIMSS**

*Associate Vice President, Health Information Technology*

*Texas Medical Association*

*Austin, Texas*

9:45 am – 10:15 am **Break with Exhibitors** *Hosted by Arkansas Surgical Hospital and Arkansas Spine*

10:15 am – 11:30 pm ***Obesity, Addiction and Mental Health:***

***Opioid Use, Pregnancy & Maternal Health***

***Facilitator:***

**Bala Simon, MD, DrPH, DipABOM, DipABLM, FAAFP**

*Deputy Chief Medical Officer,*

*State Chronic Disease Director*

*Arkansas Department of Health*

*Little Rock, Arkansas*

***Panel Members:***

**Patty Gibson, MD**

*Medical Director of Behavioral Health*

*Arkansas Blue Cross Blue Shield*

*Little Rock, Arkansas*

**Eduardo R. Ochoa Jr, MD**

*Vice Chair of Diversity and Health Equity, Associate Professor of Pediatrics*

*University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences*

*Arkansas Children’s Hospital*

*Little Rock, Arkansas*

**Abigail Richison, MD**  
*Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Associate Program Director, Addiction Medicine Fellowship  
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences*

*Little Rock, Arkansas*

11:30 am – 12:00 pm **Awards Program (if needed)**

12:00 pm – 12:45 pm **Lunch & Visit Exhibits**

12:45 pm – 1:45 pm ***Medication Errors in an Electronic Age***  
 1:45 pm – 2:15 pm **Break with Exhibitors**

2:15 pm – 3:00 pm **C*losing the Gap on Cancer Screenings***

**Issam Makhoul, MD**

*Medical Director, Clinical Research**Central Arkansas Radiation Therapy Institute  
Little Rock, Arkansas*

**Konstantinos Arnaoutakis, MD**

*Associate Professor, Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Hematology*

*and Oncology*

*Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences*

*Little Rock, Arkansas*

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm ***Cybersecurity Awareness***

**Rana McSpadden, FACMPE, CPC**

*Medical Practice Consultant  
State Volunteer Mutual Insurance Company  
Brentwood, Tennessee*