

FACULTY & SCIENTIFIC CONGRESS

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Friday, March 20, 2026

Time	Topic/Faculty
7:50 AM	Welcome Remarks Dr. Edwin Alicea, Governor
Bootcamp I: Moderator Dr. Francisco Merced	
8:00 AM	Cardiology Bootcamp <i>Faculty:</i> Dr. Claudia Rosales, Dr. Francisco Merced, Dr. Juan J. Nieves, Dr. Suely J. Roman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Amyloid Cardiomyopathy ▪ Cardiovascular Women’s Health ▪ Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction ▪ Heart Failure with Reduced Ejection Fraction ▪ Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy ▪ Resistant Hypertension
9:45 AM	Break
Bootcamp II: Moderator Dr. Edwin Alicea	
10:15 AM	Pneumology Bootcamp <i>Faculty:</i> Dr. Edwin Alicea, Dr. Ilean Lamboy, Dr. Ricardo Fernández <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Biologic Therapies for Bronchial Asthma ▪ Invasive Management of Lung Disease ▪ Vaping and Smoking ▪ Gene and Cell Therapies ▪ Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning
12:00	Lunch
Bootcamp III: Moderator Dr. Paola Mansilla	
12:45 PM	Obesity Bootcamp <i>Faculty:</i> Dr. Paola Mansilla, Dr. Milliette Alvarado, Dr. Stephanie Colón, Dr. Mary J. Rodríguez <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pharmacologic Management of Hypertension ▪ Compounded Medications vs. Brandname ▪ Safety Considerations ▪ Interdisciplinary Care for Weight Loss ▪ Obesity as a Systemic Disease
2:30 PM	Break
Controversies in Medicine	
3:00 PM	Evidence-Based Uses of Non-Traditional Medicine Dr. Adelaida Ortíz
3:45 PM	Debate: The Value of Physical Examination in the Era of Advanced Imaging Studies and Artificial Intelligence Dr. José J. Acevedo / Dr. Nicole Rassi
4:30 PM	Business Meeting & Award Ceremony

Saturday, March 21, 2026

Time	Topic/Faculty
7:50 AM	Welcome Remarks Dr. Edwin Alicea, Governor
Bootcamp IV: Moderator Dr. Alex González	
8:00 AM	Diabetes Bootcamp <i>Faculty:</i> Dr. Alex González, Dr. José Garcia Mateo, Dr. Michelle Mangual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Therapy Goals ▪ Newer Pharmacologic Strategies ▪ Use of Technology in Management ▪ Difficult-to-Control Patients ▪ Managing Complications
9:45 AM	Break
Advances in Pharmacologic Therapies	
10:15 AM	Advances in the Management of Alzheimer Disease Dr. Vanessa Sepúlveda
11:00 AM	Newer Antimicrobial Therapies Dr. Camille González
11:45 AM	GLP-1 Receptor Antagonists and SGLT-2 Inhibitor in Chronic Kidney Disease in the Non-Diabetic Patient Dr. Ileana Ocasio
12:30 PM	Lunch
Master Conference	
1:15 PM	Master Conference: Sleep Apnea Dr. William Rodríguez, MACP
Bootcamp V: Moderator Dr. José Rivera	
2:30 PM	Gastroenterology Bootcamp <i>Faculty:</i> Dr. José Martín, Dr. Víctor L Carlo, Dr. Hendrick Pagán, Dr. José Rivera <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inflammatory Bowel Disease ▪ Hepatitis C ▪ Non-Alcoholic Steatohepatitis ▪ Primary Biliary Colangitis
4:15 PM	Closing remarks



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