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Hawai'i Convention Center to Host the National Medical Association Annual Convention and Scientific Assembly for Third Time

The convention will feature several major presenters, including U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams

Honolulu, July 26, 2019 – The Hawai'i Convention Center is hosting the National Medical Association (NMA) Annual Convention and Scientific Assembly, running tomorrow through Wednesday. It is the third time the convention has been held at the Center, following meetings in 2007 and 2014, and it is expected to draw 2,000 attendees with an estimated \$9.4 million in statewide visitor spending.

The NMA has served as the collective voice for African American physicians and a force for parity and justice in healthcare since 1895. It is the first time that two major U.S. medical organizations are concurrently being led by African American women – Niva Lubin-Johnson, M.D., president of NMA; and Patrice A. Harris, M.D., M.A., president of the American Medical Association (AMA).

Conference highlights include:

- Jerome Adams, who has served as U.S. Surgeon General since September 2017, will be a special guest for the conference opening and awards ceremony tomorrow from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballrooms 4 and 5. The event is free and open to all conference attendees.
- The Council on Concerns of Women Physicians' Annual Muriel Petioni, M.D. Awards Program will be held Sunday from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Hawai'i Convention Center Kalakaua Ballroom B. The event is \$125 per person on-site and is open to all conference attendees. Melissa Harris-Perry, Maya Angelou presidential chair at Wake Forest University, TV host, author and political commentator, will give the keynote address.
- *Walk a Mile with a Child*, a free public event that promotes health and wellness for children and their families, will be held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Tapa Tower Tapa Ballroom and Waikiki Beach tomorrow from 7:30-11:30 a.m. The event features a limbo contest, relay run, exercise sessions, breakfast and more, organized by the nonprofit Mentoring in Medicine, Inc. To register, visit nma2019.eventbrite.com.
- The University of Hawai'i Cancer Center will be conducting a session on its Tomosynthesis Mammographic Imaging Screening Trial (TMIST), which addresses cancer disparities, on Tuesday from 7-9 a.m.

The above events are open to media by contacting Michael L. Peery at (312) 217-2260 or mlp@lengarmedia.com.

"The NMA's Specialty Sections have assembled excellent educational programs, which include the latest discoveries and advances in medicine," said Dr. Lubin-Johnson, the 119th president of the NMA. "This year, as always, is a dynamic, intellectually stimulating and compelling scientific program."

The conference, with a theme of "Continuing the Fight of Opioid Addiction through Prevention, Education, and Behavioral Therapies in African American Communities," will feature a variety of presentation theaters covering

specialized medical topics, as well as exhibit hall activities, continuing medical education programs, special workshops and general sessions. To register, visit www.mcisemi.com/nma2019.

“We are pleased to welcome the National Medical Association to Hawai‘i Convention Center for the third time,” said Teri Orton, general manager, Hawai‘i Convention Center, managed by AEG Facilities. “This premier national medical conference highlights the great importance of diversity in medicine and the many critical health topics that our country’s leading medical professionals will be working together to address.”

Other major medical and scientific meetings at the Center this year have included the American Stroke Association’s International Stroke Conference in February, the Society of Gynecologic Oncology’s 50th Annual Meeting on Women’s Cancer in March, and the American Roentgen Ray Society’s annual meeting in May. The Center also hosted the IUTOX International Congress of Toxicology (ICT) meeting earlier this month, and will host OceanObs’19 in September and the Health Span Hawaii Summit in November.

About the National Medical Association (NMA)

The National Medical Association is the collective voice of African American physicians and the leading force for parity and justice in medicine and the elimination of disparities in health. The NMA is the largest and oldest national organization representing African American physicians and their patients in the United States. The NMA is a 501(c) (3) national professional and scientific organization representing the interests of more than 50,000 African American physicians and the patients they serve. NMA is committed to improving the quality of health among minorities and disadvantaged people through its membership, professional development, community health education, advocacy, research and partnerships with federal and private agencies. Throughout its history the National Medical Association has focused primarily on health issues related to African Americans and medically underserved populations; however, its principles, goals, initiatives and philosophy encompass all ethnic groups. For more, visit nmanet.org.

About the Hawai‘i Convention Center

“Where Business and Aloha Meet,” the 1.1 million-square-foot Hawai‘i Convention Center provides a spacious, modern and flexible meeting space in the heart of Honolulu – all with an award-winning team and renowned aloha spirit. Conveniently located between East and West, the Center is a global leader for a diverse array of meetings and events, just steps from 30,000 hotel rooms in iconic Waikiki. The Center is a state-owned facility opened in 1998, and is managed by AEG Facilities. For more, visit HawaiiConvention.com.

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