



### **Surgical Consortium on Adhesions Research (SCAR) Advisory Group**

The Surgical Consortium on Adhesions Research (SCAR) Advisory Group is committed to transforming the understanding, prevention, and treatment of surgical adhesions to enhance patient outcomes and strengthen healthcare systems worldwide. Operating under the guidance of Clifford Y. Ko, MD, MS, MSHS, FACS, FASCRS, and the Division of Research and Optimal Patient Care, the group serves as a collaborative platform that unites surgeons, researchers, bioengineers, policymakers, and other key stakeholders. Together, they tackle the complex challenges posed by adhesions, including their impact on patient quality of life, healthcare costs, and surgical outcomes. By fostering multidisciplinary collaboration, advancing cutting-edge research, and advocating for evidence-based solutions, the SCAR Advisory Group aims to drive meaningful change in adhesion care and establish a global standard for prevention and management.

#### **SCAR Advisory Group Values**

1. **Collaborative Excellence**
  - Foster partnerships among diverse stakeholders, including surgeons, researchers, bioengineers, and policymakers, to drive innovative solutions and create a unified approach to improving adhesion care.
2. **Patient-Centered Innovation**
  - Prioritize the development of treatments and prevention strategies that improve patient outcomes, enhance quality of life, and reduce the global burden of surgical adhesions.
3. **Scientific Rigor and Transparency**
  - Commit to advancing evidence-based practices through high-quality research and openly sharing knowledge, findings, and recommendations to benefit clinicians, patients, and the broader healthcare community.

#### **Members:**

- ❖ Melinda Maggard-Gibbons, MD, MSHS, FACS – *Co-Chair*
- ❖ Samuel Carmichael, MD, FACS – *Co-Chair*
- ❖ Tara Russell, MD, MPH, PHD - *Vice-Chair*
- ❖ Tess C. Huy, MD – *Executive Member*
- ❖ Mark Girgis, MD, FACS – *Founding Member*
- ❖ Jorge Hernandez, PhD – *Founding Member*
- ❖ Angela Bailey, MD, MS
- ❖ Aron Bercz, MD
- ❖ Isabel Eng, Medical Student
- ❖ J. Joshua Smith, MD, PhD, FACS
- ❖ Mark Girgis, MD, FACS – *Founding*
- ❖ Reid Christensen, Medical Student