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## **Innovation, Insight, and Impact Take Centre Stage at 67th Annual Scientific Symposium**

**Kingston, Jamaica, 19 May 2026** — Jamaica's medical community converged at the UWI Regional Headquarters in Mona for the 67th Annual Scientific Symposium hosted by the Association of Surgeons in Jamaica, where innovation, collaboration, and the future of surgical care took centre stage.

Held under the theme "*Jamaican Innovation*," the two-day symposium brought together leading surgeons, healthcare professionals, researchers, and stakeholders in an environment charged with intellectual exchange and forward-thinking solutions aimed at strengthening healthcare delivery across Jamaica and the wider Caribbean.

The symposium served as more than a medical conference. It became a powerful reflection of Jamaica's growing capacity for innovation, resilience, and excellence within the healthcare sector. From emerging surgical techniques to discussions surrounding patient care, research, and technology, the event highlighted the critical role medical professionals continue to play in shaping healthier communities and a stronger nation.

As an intermediate sponsor, CIBC Caribbean used the opportunity not only to support the advancement of healthcare, but also to engage and empower the professionals driving that progress every day.

Representing the bank, P. Alicia Linton-Brown, Relationship Manager, Platinum Banking, underscored the importance of providing meaningful financial support tailored to the demanding lifestyles of medical professionals.

"Healthcare professionals dedicate their lives to improving and saving the lives of others, often under immense pressure and responsibility," said Linton-Brown. "At CIBC Caribbean, we believe they deserve financial solutions that work just as hard for them. Our goal is to provide products and services that offer convenience, flexibility, security, and lifestyle benefits that complement their success and ambitions."

During the symposium, attendees were introduced to an exclusive pre-approved offer for the CIBC Caribbean Mastercard Black Credit Card, designed to provide enhanced financial flexibility alongside premium lifestyle and travel privileges. The offer includes increased spending power, complimentary airport lounge visits, travel insurance, purchase protection, and access to the bank's My Rewards Programme, where cardholders earn points redeemable for travel, accommodations, online purchases, and more.

The initiative formed part of the bank's wider commitment to supporting professionals through personalised banking solutions that evolve alongside their careers and aspirations. Downen Allen reinforced the significance of the bank's partnership with the symposium and the healthcare sector overall.

"Supporting the Annual Scientific Symposium is about investing in the people who are shaping the future of healthcare in Jamaica," Allen shared. "Innovation in medicine changes lives, and when healthcare professionals are empowered through knowledge, collaboration,

and strong support systems, the benefits extend far beyond the walls of hospitals and clinics into families, communities, and the wider society.”

As the symposium concluded, one message resonated clearly throughout the halls of Mona: Jamaica’s healthcare sector continues to evolve through innovation, expertise, and partnership. Through its support of initiatives like the Annual Scientific Symposium, CIBC Caribbean continues to play its part in fostering the professional excellence and forward-thinking leadership that will help shape the future of healthcare in the region.

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*Sponsor representatives CIBC Caribbean's Juliette Itriago Blair (left), Sales Specialist and P. Alicia Linton-Brown (right), Relationship Manager Platinum Banking present a token to Dr. Leo-Paul Powell, President, Association of Surgeons in Jamaica (ASJ) at the Association's 67th Annual Scientific Symposium at The UWI Regional Headquarters, May 16 - 17, 2026.*



*P. Alicia Linton-Brown, Relationship Manager Platinum Banking addressing participants at the Association of Surgeons in Jamaica (ASJ) 67th Annual Scientific Symposium at The UWI Regional Headquarters, May 16, 2026*

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