



AOCA 2024 ANNUAL CONVENTION



SEPTEMBER 7-10, 2024

Westin Rancho Mirage | Palm Springs, CA

American Osteopathic College of Anesthesiologists

Annual Convention & Conclave/VAPOR | September 7-10, 2024 | Palm Springs, CA

Improving Perioperative Outcomes

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

07:00 AM Registration, Breakfast, and Abstract Poster Viewing

Session 1: General Anesthesia (Concurrent)

08:00 AM Legacy of AOCA - Examining the History of Improved Outcomes – Jason Haxton, DO and Jonah Jerabek

08:30 AM Novel Predictors of Difficult Airways – Dane Grenda, DO

09:00 AM Perioperative Care of ICU Patients...Tips for Generalists – Shelley Iverson, DO

09:30 AM General Anesthesia Presenters Review and Discussion

Emerging Professionals Program (Concurrent)

08:00 AM Everything You NEED to Know About ERAS and How to Have a Successful Match – Helen Bean, DO, FAOCA

09:00 AM How To Apply to Elective Rotations & Be Successful – Matthias Franzen, DO and Samantha Bunk, OMS-IV

09:30 AM How to Ace Your Interviews – Melissa Byrne, DO

10:00 AM Mentorship & Sponsorship: Career Advice for Trainees – Natalie Koons, DO

10:00 AM Break and Visit Vendors

Session 2: Keynote Speaker

10:30 AM Development and Testing of Medical Devices Designed to Improve Clinical Outcomes – Jeffrey Joseph, DO

11:30 AM Lunch and Abstract Poster Viewing
Lunch & Learn (*Optional Session*)

Session 3: Scientific Abstracts

12:30 PM Scientific Abstract Presentations

02:30 PM Break and Visit Vendors

Point-of-Care Ultrasound (POCUS) Workshop

02:30 PM POCUS Workshop – Elaina Lin, MD

Conclave

06:30 PM Conclave Ceremony

07:30 PM Conclave Event



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

07:00 AM Registration and Breakfast with Vendors / Presidential Breakfast with Students

Session 1: Ambulatory Anesthesia (Concurrent)

08:00 AM Aspiration and Propofol for Colonoscopy – Russell Woda, DO

08:30 AM Critical Considerations and Patient Selection in NORA (Non-Operating Room Anesthesia) – Guy Williams, DO

09:00 AM Organize, Optimize, Operate: An Overview of ASC Management - Kelsey Kukuruza, DO

09:30 AM Ambulatory Anesthesia Presenters Review and Discussion

OMT Refresher Workshop (Concurrent)

8:00 AM OMT Refresher Workshop – David Mason, DO, MBA, CPPS, FACOFP

10:00 AM Break and Visit Vendors

Session 2: Pediatric Anesthesia (Concurrent)

10:30 AM Pediatric Bariatric Surgery: Opportunities and Challenges – Victoria Saites, MD

11:00 AM Care of the Autistic Patient in the Perioperative Environment – Greta Duncan-Wiebe, MD

11:30 AM Congenital heart disease for the General Anesthesiologist – Amy Beebe, MD

12:00 PM Pediatric Anesthesia Presenters Review and Discussion

Session 2B: OB Anesthesia (Concurrent)

10:30 AM Post Dural Puncture Headaches - Sean Washek, DO

11:00 AM What's Behind Increasing Maternal Mortality?*

11:30 AM OB Anesthesia Presenters Review and Discussion

12:30 PM Lunch

Lunch & Learn (*Optional Session*)

Session 3: AOA, ASA, and AOBA Updates

01:30 PM AOA Updates – Teresa Hubka, DO

01:50 PM ASA Updates – Ronald Harter, MD, FASA

02:10 PM AOBA Updates – Raymond Depa, DO, FAOCA

02:30 PM Break and Visit Vendors

Session 4: Impact Public Policy – How to be an Effective Advocate for Your Practice and Profession

03:00 PM Todd Primack, DO; Paul Yost, MD; David Butler, IOM

Session 5: Advocacy and Political Involvement

04:00 PM State of Legislation Concerning Anesthesia Assistants – David Klingensmith, DO, FAOCA

04:30 PM Want to Sunset Your Career in a Small Town? An Introduction to Clinical, Professional, and Organizational Challenges Facing Rural Anesthesia Practice – Tanya Schnell, DO

05:00 PM Advocacy Overview and Panel Discussion



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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- 06:30 AM Timothy D. Ernst Memorial Walk/Run
- 07:00 AM Registration & Breakfast

Session 1: Resuscitation (Concurrent)

- 08:00 AM Cardiac Surgical Unit - Advanced Life Support – Jesse Lester, MD
- 08:30 AM Regional Resuscitation – Sang Le, MD
- 09:00 AM Perioperative Resuscitation and Life Support – Michael Lyaker, MD
- 09:30 AM Resuscitation Presenters Review and Discussion

ACLS/BLS/PALS Workshop (Concurrent)

Session 2: Chronic Pain (Concurrent)

- 10:15 AM Buprenorphine – Ashley Bailey Classen, DO
- 10:45 AM Improving Perioperative Outcomes for Posterior Spinal Fusion – Kaitlyn Pellegrino, MD
- 11:15 AM Chronic Pain Presenters Review and Discussion

Session 2B: Regional & Block Pain

- 10:15 AM Regional Techniques for Breast and Thoracic Surgery – Deepti Harshavardhana, DO
- 10:45 AM Excellence in Regional Anesthesia: Ensuring Safety and Quality – Melissa Byrne, DO
- 11:15 AM Regional & Block Pain Presenters Review and Discussion

Session 3: AOCA Annual Business Meeting & Lunch

- 11:45 AM AOCA Business Meeting – James Griffin, DO, FAOCA

Session 4: Keynote Speaker

- 12:45 PM Opioids – Karsten Bartels, MD

Session 5: Pre- And Post-Operative – Dealing with Common Complications

- 02:00 PM Medication Safety – Lauren Lobaugh, MD
- 02:30 PM GLP-1 Agonists – John Wenzel, MD
- 03:00 PM Improving Perioperative Outcomes for the Chronic Pain Patient – Redgy Fuller, DO
- 03:30 PM Pre- And Post-Operative Presenters Review and Discussion

President's Reception

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 07:00 AM Registration and Breakfast
07:00 AM AOCA Book Club Discussion – Ursula Landman, DO, FAOCA

Session 1: Year in Review – Snap Sessions

- 08:00 AM Cardiac - Kristen Holler, DO, FAOCA
08:15 AM The Year in Review: OB Anesthesia Snaps – Suzanne Huffnagle, DO, FAOCA
08:30 AM Regional – Amanda Shakal, DO, FAOCA
08:45 AM Critical Care – Jefferson Kyle Dryden, DO, FAOCA
09:00 AM Liver Transplant – Sean Washek, DO
09:15 AM General Anesthesia*

Session 2: Wellness & Professionalism

- 09:45 AM Dr. Heal Thyself: When the Physician is the Patient – Albert Yurvati, DO, PhD
10:30 AM How to Transition to Your Next Chapter: A Journey to Part-Time/Early Retirement – Grace Liu, DO, FAOCA

Program Subject to Change

*Speaker TBD