



American Osteopathic College of Anesthesiologists

Annual Convention & Conclave | September 6-9, 2025 | Savannah, GA

Old Dogma, New Tricks

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

7:00 AM Registration and Breakfast with Vendors / Presidential Breakfast with Students

Session 1: Regional Anesthesia (Concurrent)

8:00 AM PBLD Regional Anesthesia – *David Rubin, DO and Stephen Goldberg, MD*

9:30 AM Presenters Review and Discussion

Emerging Professionals Program (Concurrent)

8:00 AM How to be Competitive for Residencies – *David Cooper, DO, MBA*

10:00 AM Break and Visit Vendors

Session 2: Keynote Session

10:30 The Development of the Quantitative Administration of Anesthesia: From Handkerchief to Early Vaporizer in the Era – *James Heitz, MD*

11:30 AM Lunch on Own and Visit Vendors

Session 3: Scientific Abstracts

1:00 PM Scientific Abstract Presentations

Moderators: Sean Washek DO; Jane Huffnagle DO; Suzanne Huffnagle DO; Mario Gonzalez DO

3:00 PM Break and Visit Vendors

Session 4: Cardiac Anesthesia

3:30 PM Cardiac Anesthesia – *Reginna Linganna, MD*

4:00 PM Sedation for the Patient With pHTN – *Lucas Giunta, DO*

4:30 PM ICU Anesthesia – *Eric Feduska, DO*

5:00 PM Presenters Review and Discussion

President's Reception & Poster Abstract

5:30 PM President's Reception with Poster Abstract Viewing (for CMEs)

Moderators: Sean Washek DO; Jane Huffnagle DO; Suzanne Huffnagle DO; Mario Gonzalez DO

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- 6:30 AM Timothy D. Ernst Memorial Walk/Run**
7:00 AM Registration and Breakfast with Vendors

Session 1: Obstetrics Anesthesia

- 8:00 AM Air vs Saline, "Air is Awesome!" – *H. Jane Huffnagle, DO, FAOCA, FASA*
8:30 AM Air vs Saline, "Saline is Superior" – *Suzanne Huffnagle, DO, FAOCA, FASA*
9:00 AM New Techniques for Epidurals – *Katherine Dillon, DO*
9:30 AM Presenters Review and Discussion

10:00 AM Break and Visit Vendors

Session 2: Obstetrics Pro/Con Debate

- 10:30 AM PIEB vs PCEA – *Suzanne Huffnagle, DO, FAOCA, FASA and H. Jane Huffnagle, DO, FAOCA, FASA*
11:30 AM Presenters Review and Discussion

12:30 PM Lunch on Own and Visit Vendors

Session 3: AOA, ASA, and AOBA Updates

- 1:30 PM AOA Updates
1:45 PM ASA Updates
2:00 PM AOBA Updates
2:15 PM Presenters Review and Discussion

3:00 PM Break and Visit Vendors

Session 4: Point-of-Care Ultrasound (POCUS) Workshop

- 3:00 PM POCUS Workshop – *Leon Grinman, DO*

Conclave Ceremony & Celebration

- 6:30 PM Conclave Ceremony
7:30 PM Conclave Celebration



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

7:00 AM Registration and Breakfast with Vendors

7:00 AM AOCA Book Club Discussion

Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil: A Savannah Story *by John Berendt*

Haunted Savannah: America's Most Spectral City *by James Caskey*

Moderators: *Allan Escher, DO, FAOCA & Ursula Landman, DO, FAOCA*

Session 1: Improving Outcomes in Surgery

8:00 AM Regional vs General Hip Surgery – *Jaime Baratta, MD and Brittany Deiling, DO*

9:00 AM ERAs for Spine Surgery – *Deepti Harshavardhana DO*

9:30 AM Presenters Review and Discussion

10:00 AM Break and Visit Vendors

Session 2: Pediatrics, Sedation, and Pain Oh My

10:30 AM Pediatrics Anesthesia - *Ron Jasiewicz, DO, MBA, FAAP*

11:00 AM Advances in Pain Management – *Andrew Mendelson, DO*

11:30 AM NPO Guidelines and Ozempic – *John Wenzel, MD*

12:00 PM Presenters Review and Discussion

Session 3: AOCA Business Meeting with Lunch

12:30 PM AOCA Business Meeting – *Ursula Landman, DO, FAOCA*

1:30 PM Break

Session 4: Keynote Session

1:45 PM Equine Anesthesia Recovery: When Your Patient is a 500kg Toddler on Stilts – *Klaus Hopster, DVM, PhD, DECVA*

2:45 PM Break

Session 5: General Anesthesia

3:00 PM Neurasthenia for the Stroke Patient – *Ken Ebede, MD*

3:30 PM The Shared Airway – *Dane Grenda, DO*

4:00 PM "So You're Telling me I'm Going to be Awake for my Brain Surgery" – *Coleen Vernick, DO*

4:30 PM Presenters Review and Discussion

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

7:00 AM Registration and Breakfast

Session 1: Practice Management

8:00 AM Residency Management – *Chris Hoffman, DO*

8:45 AM Practice Management – *Mike Green, DO*

9:30 AM Presenters Review and Discussion

10:00 AM Break

Session 2: Year in Review SNAP Talk

10:15 AM Machine Perfusion – *Sean Washek, DO*

10:30 AM OB Updates – *Suzanne Huffnagle, DO, FAOCA, FASA*

10:45 AM Implantable Devices and Surgery, What Gives? – *Deepti Harshavardhana, DO*

11:00 AM Face Blocks – *John Wenzel, MD*

11:15 AM Pediatric Anesthesia – *Brendan Gallagher, DO*

11:30 AM TBD

11:4 AM Presenters Review and Discussion

Program Subject to Change