



American Osteopathic College of Anesthesiologists
Annual Convention & Conclave | October 21-24, 2026 | Las Vegas, NV

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

7:00 AM Registration & Breakfast | Milano Foyer

Session 1A: Obstetric Anesthesia - Concurrent (1.5 CME) | Milano 5

8:00 AM Intrathecal Catheters: A Safe Bet or a Russian Roulette? - *Suzanne Huffnagle, DO, FAOCA*
 8:30 AM Anesthesia during Pregnancy: A Cause of Autism or Just a Game of Chance? - *Jane Huffnagle, DO, FAOCA*
 9:00 AM Panel Review - Q&A

Session 1B: Global Health and Anesthesiology – Concurrent (1.5 CME) | Milano 8

8:00 AM Serving Those in Need: Global Health and Humanitarian Aid Work - *Drew Patterson, MD, PhD*
 8:30 AM Security Navigating High Conflict Environments for Global Health - *Brian Beetham, Command Sgt Major, US Army Special Forces*
 9:00 AM Panel Review - Q&A

Session 2: Keynote Session (1 CME) | Milano 5

9:30 AM Wearable Monitoring - Continuous Digital Signatures to Improve Patient Outcomes? - *Ashish Khanna, MD*

10:30 AM Break | Milano Foyer

Session 3A: Altered Appearances, Altered Judgment: A Patient Safety Perspective – Concurrent (1.5 CME) | Milano 5

10:45 AM If Looks Could Kill: Anesthetic Implications of Cosmetic Enhancements - *Melissa Byrne, DO*
 11:15 AM Physician Impairment - *Andrew Mendelson, DO*
 11:45 AM Panel Review - Q&A

Session 3B: – Concurrent (1.5 CME) | Milano 8

10:45 AM Induction is the Most Dangerous Time: A Cardiac Anesthesia Mindset - *Jacob Saks, DO*
 11:15 AM Patient Safety with the Shared Airway - *Dane Grenda, DO*
 11:45 AM Panel Review - Q&A

12:15 PM Partners & Guests Luncheon

Session 4A: Improving Recovery on L&D – Concurrent (1.5 CME) | Milano 5

1:15 PM Pain at Cesarean Section - *Julia Switzer, MD*
 1:45 PM ERAS for Obstetrics - *John Wenzel, MD*
 2:15 PM Panel Review - Q&A

Session 4B: Integrating Certified Anesthesiologist Assistants into Osteopathic Practice: A Practical Guide for the Anesthesia Care Team – Concurrent (1 CME) | Milano 8

1:15 PM *Emily Mycyk, CAA, MBA*
Jordan Aigner, CAA
Nicole Moore, CAA

2:45 PM Break | Milano Foyer



Session 5: Regional Anesthesia Pro/Con Debate (2 CME) | Milano 5

- 3:00 PM Is it Safe to Block Under General Anesthesia: Pro/Con - *Michael Mastria, MD*
- 3:30 PM Is it Safe to Block Under General Anesthesia: Pro/Con - *David Rubin, DO*
- 4:00 PM What Happens in the Block Bay Doesn't Stay in the Block Bay: Managing PONS After PNB - *Blaze Kelly, DO & Bryan Kerner, DO*
- 4:30 PM Panel Review - Q&A
- 5:00 PM President's Reception | Neopolitan 3-4

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

7:00 AM Registration & Breakfast | Milano Foyer

7:00 AM AOCA Book Club | Neopolitan 1

Session 1: – Concurrent (2 CME) | Milano 5

- 8:00 AM Trauma Induced Coagulopathy: The Invisible Gamble - *Goerge Koenig, DO*
- 8:30 AM Liver Transplant - *Adam Bodzin, MD*
- 9:00 AM Acute Head Injury - *Coleen Vernick, DO*
- 9:30 AM Panel Review - Q&A

AOCA & ACOEP Regional Workshop – Concurrent (3 CME) | Milano 7

8:00 AM *Blaze Kelly, DO*
Brittany Deiling, DO
Leon Grinman, DO
Amanda Shakal, DO, FAOCA

10:00 AM Break | Milano Foyer

10:15 AM **Session 2: Scientific Oral Abstracts (1.5 CME) | Milano 5**

12:00 PM **Session 3: AOCA Business Meeting with Lunch | Milano 5**

Session 4: ASA, AOA, and AOBA Updates (.75 CME) | Milano 5

- 1:00 PM ASA Update - *Jeffrey Mueller, MD, FASA*
- 1:15 PM AOA Update - *TBD*
- 1:30 PM AOBA Update - *TBD*
- 1:45 PM Panel Review - Q&A

Session 5: Keynote Session (1 CME) | Milano 5

- 2:00 PM Cross-Species Airway Management - *Marlene Siegel, DVM*
- 3:00 PM Break | Milano Foyer

POCUS Workshop (2 CME) | Milano 7

- 3:00 PM *Leon Grinman, DO*
Blake St Louis, DO
Melissa Byrne, DO
Jaime Baratta, MD

Conclave Ceremony & Celebration



7:00 PM Conclave Ceremony | Milano 5
 8:00 PM Conclave Celebration | Milano 6

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

7:00 AM Registration & Breakfast | Milano Foyer

7:00 AM Abstract Poster Session (1 CME) | Milano 8

Session 1: Cardiac Anesthesia – Concurrent (2 CME) | Milano 5

8:00 AM Reading the Cards Wrong: When Hemodynamics Deceive the Monitor - *Eric Feduska, DO*
 8:30 AM ECMO in Non-Cardiac Surgical Patients - *Danielle Pulton, MD*
 9:00 AM Perioperative Management of Pulmonary Hypertension - *Shelley Iverson, DO*
 9:30 AM Panel Review – Q&A

Emerging Professionals - Exploring Anesthesiology: Practice, Pathways, and the Future - Concurrent (2 CME) | Milano 8

8:00 AM From Pre-Op to PACU: Understanding OR Workflow for Future Anesthesiologists - *Elizabeth Gray, DO*
 8:30 AM From Pain to Perioperative Medicine: An Overview of Anesthesia Subspecialties - *Helen Bean, DO, FAOCA*
 9:00 AM Human First, AI Second: Responsible Use of AI in Residency Applications – *Melissa Byrne, DO*
 9:30 AM Panel review – Q&A

10:00 AM Break | Milano Foyer

Session 2A: Non-Operating Room Anesthesia - Concurrent (2 CME) | Milano 5

10:15 AM NORA or Slots What's More Risky? - *Sean Washek, DO, FAOCA*
 10:45 AM Complications in the EP Lab - *Regina Linganna, MD*
 11:15 AM Who Owns NORA? The Anesthesiologist's Role in 2026 - *Christopher Hoffman, DO*
 11:45 AM Panel Review - Q&A

Session 2B: Operations and Optimization-Playing the Cards Right – Concurrent (2 CME) | Milano 8

10:15 AM Operations: Negotiating a 'Hostile' Surgical Block Environment - *TBD*
 10:45 AM Fast Track Regional Anesthesia: More Blocks, No Problems - *Kristin Ondecho Ligda, MD*
 11:15 AM Anesthesia Staffing: Flexibility, Predictability, and Beyond - *Andrew Costandi, MD*
 11:45 AM Panel Review - Q&A

12:30 PM Lunch | Milano Foyer

12:30 PM Abstract Poster Session (1 CME) | Milano 8

Session 3: Keynote Session (1 CME) | Milano 5

1:30 PM Silence Isn't Safe: Healthy Ways to Resolve Conflict and Communicate with Courage - *Carol Resor*
 2:30 PM Break | Milano Foyer

Session 4: Pediatric Anesthesia (2 CME) | Milano 5

2:45 PM Sugammadex in Kids: Expanding Use, Under-2 Questions, and Hypersensitivity - *Robert Ricketts, DO*
 3:15 PM Remimazolam - *Joseph Tobias, MD*



- 3:45 PM "Bad Outcomes in Strange Times" Mitochondrial DNA Mutation In Specific Patient Population -
Raul Fernandez, MD
- 4:15 PM Panel Review - Q&A

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

6:30 AM Tim Ernst Walk

7:00 AM Registration & Breakfast | Milano Foyer

Session 1: Keynote Session (1 CME) | Milano 5

8:00 AM Addiction Medicine – *Dennis Goodstein, PharmD, BCPS*

9:00 AM Break | Milano Foyer

Session 2: Keynote Session (1 CME) | Milano 5

9:15 AM Brain Injury in Patients with ECMO Support – *Sung-Ming Cho, DO, MHS*

Session 3: Physician Well-Being (1 CME) | Milano 5

10:15 AM More Walk, Less Talk. Lessons on Implementing Through Influencing - *Rebecca Margolis, DO, FAOCA & Jason Cheng, DO*

Session 4: SNAP Year in Review (1.25 CME) | Milano 5

11:15 AM Updates in OB Anesthesia – *Suzanne Huffnagle, DO, FAOCA*

11:30 AM Neuraxial Anticoagulation Guidelines Update – *Stephen Goldberg, MD*

11:45 AM The Digital Co-Pilot: Leveraging AI for Precision Pediatric Anesthesia – *Ron Jasiewicz, DO*

12:00 AM Panel Review – Q&A

All presentations will be reviewed for conflicts and posted on the AOCA Annual Convention page

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