



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 1: Obstetric Anesthesia (1.5 CME)

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 2: Keynote Session (1 CME)

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)

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 Lunch on Own

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

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 *Speakers TBD*

2:45 PM Break | Milano Foyer

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

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



All sessions will be held in Milano 5 unless noted differently

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

7:00 AM Registration & Breakfast | Milano Foyer

7:00 AM AOCA Book Club | Neopolitan 1

Session 1: – Concurrent (2 CME)

8:00 AM Trauma Induced Coagulopathy: The Invisible Gamble - *Goerge Koenig, DO*

8:30 AM Liver Transplant - *Adam Bodzin, MD*

9:00 AM Neurotrauma - *Coleen Vernick, DO*

9:30 AM Panel Review - Q&A

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

8:00 AM *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)**

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

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

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)

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



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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)

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 – 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 - *TBD*

9:30 AM Panel review – Q&A

10:00 AM Break | Milano Foyer

Session 2: Non-Operating Room Anesthesia (2 CME)

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

12:30 PM Lunch | Milano Foyer

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

12:30 PM Partners & Guests Luncheon

Session 3: Keynote Session (1 CME)

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)

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 Venezuelan Pediatric Basal Necrosis - *Raul Fernandez, MD*

4:15 PM Panel Review - Q&A



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

6:30 AM Tim Ernst Walk

7:00 AM Registration & Breakfast | Milano Foyer

Session 1: Keynote Session (1 CME)

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

9:00 AM Break | Milano Foyer

Session 2: Keynote Session (1 CME)

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

Session 3: SNAP Year in Review (1.25 CME)

10:15 AM Updates in OB Anesthesia – *Suzanne Huffnagle, DO, FAOCA*

10:30 AM Neuraxial Anticoagulation Guidelines Update – *Stephen Goldberg, MD*

10:45 AM Updates in Pain Management: Oliceridine & Suzetrigine – *Andrew Mendelson, DO*

11:00 AM Panel Review – Q&A

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

Program Subject to Change

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