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**April 9 - 12, 2026**  
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**THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2026**

CSA Committee meetings (TBD)

**FRIDAY, APRIL 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**7.25 CME/MOCA total 7.25 hrs** 

6:00 AM - 5:00 PM Registration Open

7:00 - 8:00 AM Continental Breakfast

**7:15 AM - 12:00 PM Morning Sessions**

7:15 - 7:30 AM Welcome and Opening Remarks

7:30 - 9:15 AM **Elevating Perioperative Care (1.75 CME Total)** 

Moderator: Rakhi Dayal, MD

7:30 AM ***Methadone and Suboxone in Perioperative Care*** (0.5 CME) 

Rakhi Dayal, MD

8:00 AM ***Nerve Injuries Associated with Peripheral Nerve Blockade*** (0.5 CME) 

Michael Jung, MD

8:30 AM ***Ethical Implications of DNR, Palliative Surgery, and Assisted Dying*** (0.5 CME) 

Ioana Pasca, MD

9:00 AM ***Panel Discussion with audience interaction*** (0.25 CME) 

9:15 - 9:30 AM Morning Break

**9:30 - 11:15 AM Innovations in Cardiac Anesthesia (1.75 CME Total)** 

Moderator: Melissa McCabe, MD

9:30 AM ***Managing Carotid Stenosis*** (0.5 CME) 

Milad Sharifpour, MD

10:00 AM ***Myocardial Injury After Noncardiac Surgery and Anesthesia for Patients with Elevated Troponins*** (0.5 CME) 

Melissa McCabe, MD, MSCR, FASA

10:30 AM ***Hemodynamic Decompensation for the private practitioner*** (0.5 CME) 

Omar Durra, MD

11 - 11:15 AM ***Panel Discussion with audience interaction*** (0.25 CME) 

**11:15 AM - 12:15 PM Lunch in the Exhibit Hall (provided)**

**Optional Roundtable Discussion: *Integrating Integrative Medicine into Your Perioperative Practice*;**  
**Jennifer Norenberg MD**

**12:15 - 4:30 PM Afternoon Sessions**

**12:15 - 1:45 PM Blood Management & Cutting - Edge Topics (1.5 CME)** 

Moderator: Julie Fowler, MD

12:15 PM ***Massive Hemorrhage Management AND POC testing*** (0.75 CME) 

James Littlejohn, MD

1:00 PM ***How to Create a PBM Program Using PDSA for Anemia: The Kaiser Experience*** (.5 CME) 

Jennifer Noerenberg, MD and Mark Thoma, MD

1:30 PM ***Panel Discussion with audience interaction*** (0.25 CME) 

1:45 PM

Afternoon break

2:15 - 4:30 PM	<b>Patient Safety and Future Threats (2.25 CME Total)</b> 
	Moderator: Jennifer Noerenberg, MD
2:15 PM	<b>Safety in Non - OR Anesthesia (0.5 CME)</b> 
	Ben Beal, MD
2:45 PM	<b>Patient Safety and Artificial Intelligence - Promises and Perils (0.5 CME)</b> 
	Jason Cheng, DO
3:15 PM	<b>How ERAS Programs Can Cut Costs and Improve Safety (0.5 CME)</b> 
	Jennifer Noerenberg, MD
3:45 PM	<b>APSF Priorities &amp; Future Focus (0.5 CME)</b> 
	Emily Methangkool, MD, MPH
4:15 PM	<b>Panel Discussion with audience interaction (0.25 CME)</b> 
4:30 PM	Session ends
4:30 - 6:30 PM	<b>GASPAC Reception, Sleeping Beauty Pavillion</b>
<b>SATURDAY April 11, 2026</b>	
<b>6.0 CME without workshops/4.5 MOCA without workshops. Maximum for workshops non - overlapping 7.25 CME/6.0 MOCA</b>	
6:30 - 7:30 AM	Breakfast in exhibit hall/poster session
7:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Registration Open
<b>Optional Workshops</b>	
7:30 - 9:00 AM 1.5 CME 	<b>POCUS: Certified Mentors for ASA POCUS Certification</b> (Separate registration) Faculty: Engy T. Said, MD Omar Durra, MD Emily Methangkool, MD, MPH Rana Movahedi, MD, FASA
9:30 - 11:30 AM 2.0 CME 	<b>Regional Anesthesia's Newest Blocks: Clevipectoral, Erector Spinae, Serratus Anterior, Quadratus Lumborum, iPACK, PENG, and Beyond</b> (Separate Registration) Faculty: Engy T. Said, MD Baber Boctor, MD Pamela Chia, MD, MS Rana Movahedi, MD, FASA Trevor Whitwell, MD

## Main Session

### 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM Morning Sessions

7:30 - 8:30 AM	<b>The Vision of ASA and CSA Leadership: Meet the ASA and CSA President</b> Moderator: Christina Menor, MD, FASA, President, California Society of Anesthesiologists Kraig de Lanzac, MD, MBA, FASA, First Vice President, American Society of Anesthesiologists
8:30 AM	<b>Leffingwell: Beyond the Comfort Zone: My Journey to Finding the Leader Within (0.75 CME)</b> Narendra Trivedi MD, FASA
9:15 AM	<b>Panel Discussion; audience interaction with Leaders</b>
9:45 - 10:15 AM Morning Break in the exhibit Hall	
<b>10:15AM - 12:15PM Thinking Beyond Traditional Anesthesia Boundaries (1.75 CME Total)</b> Moderator: Eugenia Ayrian, MD	

- 10:15 AM **EEG Monitoring and Dreaming Under Anesthesia**  
Harrison Chow, MD, FASA (0.5 CME)
- 10:30 AM **Perioperative Management of Patients with TBI and Intracranial Hemorrhage**  
Martin Krause (0.5 CME) 
- 11:15 AM **From Basics to Barriers: Evoked Potential Monitoring for Neuro Anesthesiologists**  
Eugenia Aryian (0.5 CME) 
- 11:45 - 12:00 **Panel Discussion with audience interaction** (0.25 CME)

**12:00 - 1:30 PM Lunch in the Exhibit Hall (Provided)**

Optional Roundtable discussion:

**Publication and Research Advice from the Experts - Manuscript Review and Mentorship**

John Brock - Utne MD, PhD

**1:45 - 5:45 PM Afternoon Sessions**

**1:45 - 3:00 PM Clinical Conundrums (1.75 CME Total)** 

Moderator: Vanessa Henke, MD

- 1:45 PM **Managing Pulmonary Embolism and Pulmonary Hypertension** (0.5 CME)   
Vanessa Henke MD
- 2:15 PM **Managing Septic Shock in the Operating Room** (0.5 CME)   
David Stahl, MD
- 2:45 PM **Managing Aortic Stenosis** (0.5 CME)   
Vanessa Henke MD
- 2:45 - 3:00 PM **Panel Discussion with audience interaction** (0.25 CME) 

**3:00 - 4:00PM Afternoon break in exhibit hall**

**4:00 - 5:45 PM Obstetrics (1.75 CME)** 

Moderator: Mark Zakowski, MD, FASA

- 4:00 PM **Maternal Mortality - How Can We Make a Difference** (0.5 CME)   
Mark Zakowski, MD, FASA
- 4:30PM **Combined Spinal Epidural and Dural Puncture Epidural and Additives** (0.5 CME)   
Leonard Soloniuk and Kenneth Nguyen, DO
- 5:00 PM **Sedation Supplementation During Cesarean Delivery Daniel Conti** (0.5 CME)   
Daniel Conti, MD
- 5:30 - 5:45 PM **Panel Discussion with audience interaction** (0.25 CME) 

**6:00 - 7:00 PM Reception in the Exhibit Hall**

**SUNDAY APRIL 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**8:00 AM - 3:30 PM (4.0 CME/3.0 MOCA without workshop; 6.0 CME/5.0 MOCA with workshop)** 

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Continental Breakfast and First Poster Session

7:00 AM - 12:00 PM Registration Open

**8:00 - 9:00 AM Innovations in Pediatric Anesthesia (1.0 CME)**   
Moderator: Rita Agarwal, MD

- 8:00 AM **Pediatric Regional Anesthesia: Which Block, For Whom, and When** (0.5 CME)   
Carole Lin, MD

8:30 AM **Expanding Horizons: Innovations in Pediatric Non - Operating Room Anesthesia (0.5 CME) M<sup>o</sup>CA**  
Karen Flotides, DO, FAOCA

9:00 - 10:00 AM Break/Second Poster Session

**10:00 - 11:00 AM Student Oral Competition (1.0 CME) M<sup>o</sup>CA**

**11:00 - 12:30 PM The Future is now.... or is it? (2.0 CME)**

11:00 AM **Preoperative Risk Prediction Using AI (0.5 CME) M<sup>o</sup>CA**  
Justin Calvert, MD

11:30 AM **If only we would have known this yesterday...  
Predictive Analytics in Perioperative Medicine (0.5 CME) M<sup>o</sup>CA**  
Brad Cohn, MD, FASA

12:00 PM **Scenarios and economics of automation (AI) for scheduling and staffing optimization (0.5CME)**  
Christine Doyle, MD, MBI, FASA

12:30 PM **Panel Discussion: Am I Going to be Out of a Job?  
Future Directions of AI in Anesthesiology (0.5 CME)**  
Justin Calvert, MD, Brad Cohn, MD, Christine Doyle, MD, MBI, FASA, and Jeff Kwok, MD, MBA

1:00 - 3:30 PM Lunch (Provided) Optional Roundtables

**Personal Finance Building Blocks, Jeff Kwok MD**

**Mock Orals: sign up required (no additional fee) Vanessa Henke MD and others.**

1:00 PM CSA Board of Directors Meeting

**1:30 - 3:30 PM Optional Airway Workshop**

1:30 - 3:30 PM <b>M<sup>o</sup>CA</b>	<b>Airway Management in Anesthesia: Applying the ASA Algorithm and Advanced Techniques in Airway Management Workshop (Separate Registration)</b> Faculty: Ioana Pasca, MD Alvaro "Andres" Macias MD, MHA, FASA Pariza Rahman, MD Peter Cheng, DO
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#### **Global Educational Learning Objectives:**

1. Delineate options for anesthesia management in patients with chronic pain conditions or substance use disorders.
2. Outline factors contributing to nerve injury related to peripheral nerve blockade.
3. Understand the ethical implications related to anesthesia and ICU management in patients nearing end of life.
4. Develop safe management plans for patients with cardiovascular diseases including carotid stenosis, MINS, and unstable hemodynamic states.
5. Identify optimal situations in which POC coagulation monitoring facilitates appropriate transfusion therapy.
6. Outline steps needed to develop a center - specific PBM program.
7. Discuss key patient safety areas including concerns specific to NORA and ERAS
8. Recognize the role EEG and processed EEG have in anesthesia and critical care patient management.
9. Explain safe management strategies for patients with pulmonary embolism, septic shock, or aortic stenosis.
10. Delineate key aspects of peripartum management that contribute to safe, patient centric anesthesia care.
11. Differentiate pediatric patients for whom regional anesthesia will be beneficial.
12. Evaluate innovations in pediatric NORA care.
13. Explore the evolution of Artificial Intelligence (AI) use in preoperative risk evaluation.
14. Examine AI - based preoperative tool use in the real - world.
15. Identify practical applications of AI in anesthesiology, across short and longer time horizons, in the context of the current healthcare workforce and economic climate.
16. Understand how AI may impact different practice models uniquely and similarly, and why.

## **Faculty, Moderator and Program Committee Listing**

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