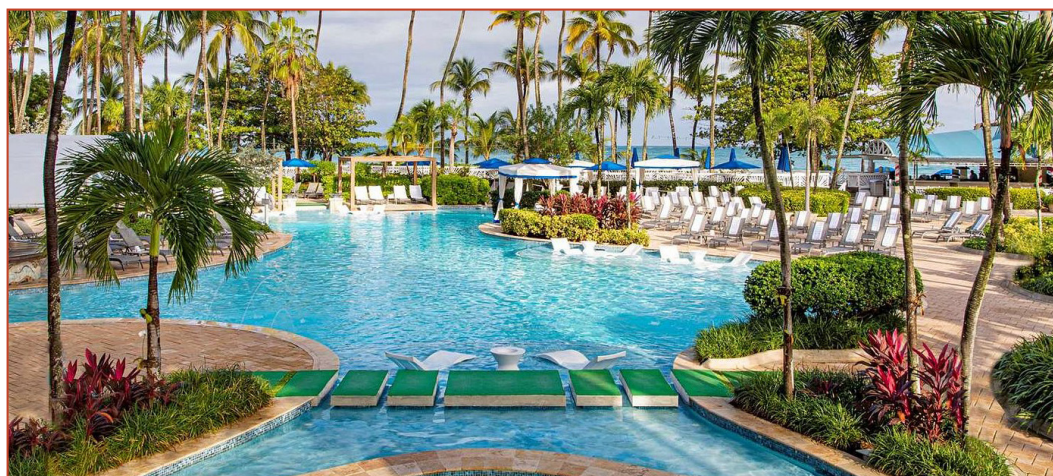


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# The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual International Symposium: Clinical Update in Anesthesiology, Surgery and Perioperative Medicine

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## Educational Objectives

The 42nd Annual International Symposium: Clinical Update in Anesthesiology, Surgery and Perioperative Medicine is designed to help busy professionals advance their knowledge and keep current by providing a review of innovations, recent advances and best practices in cardiothoracic, vascular, and general anesthesiology, surgery, perioperative medicine, and critical care. In addition, four workshops will be conducted for interested participants

At the conclusion of the symposium, participants will be able to:

1. Describe and implement new diagnostic modalities, therapeutic agents and management strategies in the fields of cardiothoracic, vascular, and general anesthesia, surgery, critical care and perioperative medicine.
2. Recognize and implement best practice anesthetic management of patients with significant comorbidities.
3. Discuss the current and future management of patients with cardiac, thoracic and vascular pathophysiology.
4. Four WORKSHOPS:
  - 1 – Echocardiography;
  - 2 – POCUS;
  - 3 – Ultrasound-Guided Regional Block;
  - 4 – Mock OSCE for the ABA Board Exam

## Target Audience

Anesthesiologists, cardiothoracic, vascular and general surgeons, cardiologists, intensivists, nurse anesthetists, physicians in-training, perfusionists, physician assistants, and nurses.

**Verification of attendance will be provided to all professionals.**

## Educational Methods

- Didactic lectures and discussions by recognized leaders in their field.
- Oral presentation of abstracts of relevant basic science research and interesting clinical cases.
- Workshops: Echocardiography, POCUS, Ultrasound-Guided Regional Block, Mock OSCE for the ABA Board Exam

## Accreditation Statement

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**PLEASE CIRCLE ONE**

Physicians	\$ 950	\$ 1050
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The Royal Sonesta San Juan  
5961 Isla Verde Avenue  
San Juan, PR 00979

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## JANUARY 17 – 22, 2027

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Information regarding location will be announced in  
Puerto Rico during the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Symposium

# Symposium Schedule

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

16:00 – 18:00	PREREGISTRATION (collection of slides).
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## MONDAY, JANUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

07:30 – 08:30	REGISTRATION
07:45 – 08:00	WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Menachem Weiner, <i>New York, NY, USA</i>

08:00 – 08:15	SPECIAL LECTURE
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**Introduction:**  
Menachem Weiner, *New York, NY, USA*  
**Lessons In Leadership: A Few Thoughts On Leadership, Professional Development, and Career Success**  
Randall Flick, *Rochester, MN, USA*

08:15 – 08:20	DISCUSSION
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08:20 – 10:10	UPDATE IN CARDIAC AND VASCULAR DISEASE, SURGERY, AND ANESTHESIA I
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**Moderators:**  
Peter Faries, *New York, NY, USA*  
Yianni Augoustides, *Philadelphia, PA, USA*

08:20 – 08:30	<b>Heart Transplantation: Is Donor Allocation Fair?</b> Richard Daly, <i>Rochester, MN, USA</i>
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08:30 – 08:40	<b>Current Status of Endovascular Repair of Aortic Aneurysms</b> Peter Faries, <i>New York, NY, USA</i>
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08:40 – 08:50	<b>Incorporating Regional Anesthesia In Cardiac Surgery</b> Himani Bhatt, <i>New York, NY, USA</i>
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08:50 – 09:00	<b>Minimally Invasive Ambulatory Vein Surgery</b> Martin Barsch, <i>Linz, Austria</i>
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09:00 – 09:10	<b>Interdisciplinary Collaboration Between Cardiac Surgery, Cardiology, and Vascular Surgery: How We Can Do So Much More Together.</b> Rami Tados, <i>New York, NY, USA</i>
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09:10 – 09:20	<b>The Power of Prophylactic IABP in High-Risk Cardiac Surgery</b> Lennart Muras, <i>Karlsburg, Germany</i>
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09:20 – 09:30	<b>The Benefits of Transcutaneous CO2 Monitoring In VA-ECMO Patients</b> Martin Dworschak, <i>Vienna, Austria</i>
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09:30 – 09:40	<b>Improved Healing After Cardiac Surgery: The Role of Fish Skin in Managing Wound Complications</b> Norman-Philipp Hoff, <i>Dusseldorf, Germany</i>
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09:40 – 09:50	<b>Bloodless Cardiac Surgery</b> Jitka Lomova, <i>Prague, Czech Republic</i>
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09:50 – 10:00	<b>Lactate Elevations in Cardiac Surgery: Rethinking the Wicked Witch</b> Albert Perrino, <i>New Haven, CT, USA</i>
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10:00 – 10:10	DISCUSSION
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10:10 – 10:25	SPECIAL LECTURE
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**Introduction:**  
Menachem Weiner, *New York, NY, USA*  
**From Fast Track to ERACS: 15 years Leipzig Experience**  
Joerg Ender, *Leipzig, Germany*

10:25 – 10:30	DISCUSSION
10:30 – 11:00	DISCUSSION & COFFEE BREAK

11:00 – 12:30	UPDATE IN PULMONARY DISEASE, THORACIC SURGERY, AND ANESTHESIA
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**Moderators:**  
Alessia Pedoto, *New York, NY, USA*  
Paul Waters, *Greenwich, CT, USA*

11:00 – 11:10	<b>ISHLT Guidelines On The Intraoperative Management of Lung Transplant Patients</b> Theresa Gelzinis, <i>Pittsburgh, PA, USA</i>
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11:10 – 11:20	<b>How To Design, Develop and Implement an ERAS Lung Transplant Program</b> Miklos Kertai, <i>Nashville, TN, USA</i>
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11:20 – 11:30	<b>Surgery For Myasthenia Gravis</b> Andrew Kaufman, <i>New York, NY, USA</i>
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11:30 – 11:40	<b>Anterior Mediastinal Masses and Anesthesia</b> Gregory Nuttall, <i>Rochester, MN, USA</i>
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11:40 – 11:50	<b>The Fallacy of PEEP Individualization</b> Marcelo Gama de Abreu, <i>Cleveland, OH, USA</i>
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11:50 – 12:00	<b>Analgesia and Cancer Recurrence: The Role of Genomics</b> Alessia Pedoto, <i>New York, NY, USA</i>
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12:00 – 12:10	<b>Lung Ultrasound</b> Stamatis Baronos, <i>Louisville, KY, USA</i>
12:10 – 12:30	DISCUSSION

12:30 – 12:40	DAILY DOSE OF REGIONAL ANESTHESIA
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**Three Regional Anesthesia/Pain Journal Articles That Have or Will Change My Practice in 2026!**  
Yan Lai, *New York, NY, USA*

12:40 – 13:00	SPECIAL LECTURE
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**Introduction:**  
Menachem Weiner, *New York, NY, USA*  
**Lessons Learned From 25 years of Being a Forensic Expert /Expert Witness in Anesthesiology and Intensive Care**  
Vladimir Cerny, *Prague, Czech Republic*  
DISCUSSION

13:00 – 13:15	DISCUSSION
16:00 – 18:00	COCKTAIL RECEPTION (LOCATION TBA)



# Symposium Schedule

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

07:30 – 09:30	REGISTRATION
07:45 – 08:55	WORKSHOP: ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY
	Joerg Ender, <i>Leipzig, Germany</i> ; Marc Stone, <i>New York, NY, USA</i> ; Benjamin Salter, <i>New York, NY, USA</i> ; Linda Shore-Lesserson, <i>Long Island, NY, USA</i> ; B.D. Woltersom-Zwierzynska, <i>Groningen, The Netherlands</i> ; Alexander Woltersom, <i>Skien, Norway</i> ; Bob Williams, <i>New York, NY, USA</i>
09:05 – 09:20	SPECIAL LECTURE
	<b>Introduction:</b> Menachem Weiner, <i>New York, NY, USA</i> <b>The Perfect Storm: Problems &amp; Perspectives In The Anesthesia Workforce Crisis</b> Yianni Augoustides, <i>Philadelphia, PA, USA</i>
09:20 – 09:30	DISCUSSION
09:30 – 09:45	MORNING DOSE OF INSPIRATION
	<b>Cardiac Surgery in Developing Nations</b> Adanna Akujuo, <i>Reading, PA, USA</i>
09:45 – 09:50	DISCUSSION
09:50 – 11:00	PRACTICE MANAGEMENT
	<b>Moderators:</b> Alan Sim, <i>Long Island, NY, USA</i> Christopher Troianos, <i>Cleveland, OH, USA</i>
09:50 – 10:00	<b>Block Time Allocation 101</b> Alan Sim, <i>Long Island, NY, USA</i>
10:00 – 10:10	<b>An Update for 2025 on the German Health Care System</b> Edwin Boelke, <i>Dusseldorf, Germany</i>
10:10 – 10:20	<b>Accreditation Process For Comprehensive Cancer Programs</b> Paul Waters, <i>Greenwich, CT, USA</i>
10:20 – 10:30	<b>Interstate Medical Compact</b> Lawrence Epstein, <i>New York, NY, USA</i>
10:30 – 10:40	<b>Leveraging Morbidity and Mortality Conference to Maximize Education and Patient Safety</b> Robert Owen, <i>Cleveland, OH, USA</i>
10:40 – 10:50	<b>Prehabilitation</b> Donna Greenhalgh, <i>Manchester, UK</i>
10:50 – 11:00	<b>Forward-Thinking Strategies For the Post-Discharge Period After Ambulatory Surgery</b> Jamie Hyman, <i>New Haven, CT, USA</i>
11:00 – 11:20	DISCUSSION & COFFEE BREAK
11:20 – 12:20	BEWARE MACHINES AHEAD: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN HEATHCARE
	<b>Moderators:</b> Davy Cheng, <i>Shenzhen, China</i> Jonathan N. Epstein, <i>New York, NY, USA</i>
11:20 – 11:40	SPECIAL LECTURE
	<b>Introduction:</b> Menachem Weiner, <i>New York, NY, USA</i> <b>AI in Healthcare and Medical Education: Are We Training the Right Genotype and Phenotype of Physicians?</b> Davy Cheng, <i>Shenzhen, China</i>

11:40 – 11:50	<b>Remote Monitoring and Artificial Intelligence: Outlook for 2050</b> Samuel DeMaria Jr., <i>New York, NY, USA</i>
11:50 – 12:00	<b>The Ethics of AI in Healthcare</b> Bozena Woltersom-Zwierzynska, <i>Groningen, The Netherlands</i>
12:00 – 12:10	<b>Why Physicians Should Develop AI in Healthcare</b> Alexander Woltersom, <i>Skien, Norway</i>
12:10 – 12:20	DISCUSSION
12:20 – 12:30	DAILY DOSE OF REGIONAL ANESTHESIA
	<b>Anticoagulation and Neuraxial Anesthesia: Update 2026</b> Michael Anderson, <i>New York, NY, USA</i>
12:30 – 12:40	DAILY DOSE OF CARDIAC ANESTHESIA
	<b>Normothermic Regional Perfusion for Heart Transplantation: Pros and Cons</b> Sachin Mehta, <i>Raleigh, NC, USA</i>
12:40 – 12:50	SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL SESSION
	<b>Perioperative Modulation of Inflammation</b> Anoushka Afonso, <i>New York, NY, USA</i>
12:50 – 13:10	Special Lecture
	<b>Introduction:</b> Menachem Weiner, <i>New York, NY, USA</i> <b>Pharmacokinetics – Why It Matters To Our Practice - 2026</b> Philippe Housmans, <i>Rochester, MN, USA</i>
13:10 – 13:15	DISCUSSION

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2026

07:30 – 09:30	REGISTRATION
07:45 – 08:55	WORKSHOP: POCUS
	Meg Rosenblatt, <i>New York, NY, USA</i> ; Stamatis Baronos, <i>Louisville, KY, USA</i> ; Yan Lai, <i>New York, NY, USA</i> ; Theresa Gelzinis, <i>Pittsburgh, PA, USA</i> ; Marc Sherwin, <i>New York, NY, USA</i> ; Malikah Latmore, <i>New York, NY, USA</i> ; Joshua Villar, <i>New York, NY, USA</i>
09:00 – 9:15	SPECIAL LECTURE
	<b>Introduction:</b> Menachem Weiner, <i>New York, NY, USA</i> <b>Patient Blood Management: What Does The Anesthesiologist Need To Know?</b> Linda Shore-Lesserson, <i>Long Island, NY, USA</i>
09:15 – 09:20	DISCUSSION
09:20 – 09:30	MORNING DOSE OF INSPIRATION
	<b>Scalpel and Shrapnel: Steady Hands in a Shaken World</b> Maryana Teufelsbauer, <i>Vienna, Austria</i>

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09:30 – 10:40	<b>ADVERSE EFFECTS OF ANESTHESIA</b>
	<b>Moderators:</b> Donna Greenhalgh, <i>Manchester, UK</i> Niki Dietz, <i>Rochester, MN, USA</i>
09:30 – 09:40	<b>Factors Related To Prolonged Emergence and Extubation Time</b> Atousa Deljou, <i>Rochester, MN, USA</i>
09:40 – 09:50	<b>Social Jet Lag and Sleep Deprivation: Taking Call Takes a Toll</b> Niki Dietz, <i>Rochester, MN, USA</i>
09:50 – 10:00	<b>Perioperative Ischemic Cardiac Events: From ST-Segment Detection to Current Practice Management</b> Benjamin Drenger, <i>Jerusalem, Israel</i>
10:00 – 10:10	<b>Intraoperative Neuromonitoring in Cardiac Surgery: A Path Toward Individualized Brain Protection</b> Ekaterina Patarai, <i>Vienna, Austria</i>
10:10 – 10:20	<b>Alcohol-Impregnated Caps for Infection Prevention: Effective or Ornamental?</b> Richard Beers, <i>Syracuse, NY, USA</i>
10:20 – 10:30	<b>Prevention of Postoperative Delirium</b> George Djaiani, <i>Toronto, Ontario, Canada</i>
10:30 – 10:40	<b>What Would You Do? The Ethics of Split-Second Decisions in Anesthesia</b> Ram Roth, <i>New York, NY, USA</i>
10:40 – 11:20	<b>DISCUSSION &amp; COFFEE BREAK</b>
11:20 – 11:50	<b>DOUBLE SPECIAL LECTURE</b>
	<b>Introduction:</b> Menachem Weiner, <i>New York, NY, USA</i>
11:20 – 11:35	<b>The History of Women in Anesthesia</b> Adri Vorster, <i>Capetown, South Africa</i>
11:35 – 11:50	<b>Gender Differences in Anesthesia Resident Assessment</b> Yvette Martin-McGrew, <i>Rochester, MN, USA</i>
11:50 – 12:00	<b>DISCUSSION</b>
12:00 – 12:50	<b>PAIN, PAIN, GO AWAY: UPDATES IN PAIN MANAGEMENT</b>
	<b>Moderators:</b> Meg Rosenblatt, <i>New York, NY, USA</i> Lawrence Epstein, <i>New York, NY, USA</i>
12:00 – 12:10	<b>What's New In Spinal Cord Stimulation For Intractable Pain Syndromes?</b> Chris Curatolo, <i>Dover, NH, USA</i>
12:10 – 12:20	<b>Perioperative Analgesic Management of the Patient with CRPS</b> Steven Halle, <i>New York, NY, USA</i>
12:20 – 12:30	<b>Certification For POCUS: Do We Need It?</b> Meg Rosenblatt, <i>New York, NY, USA</i>
12:30 – 12:40	<b>Cannabis Guidelines and Updates</b> Gary Schwartz, <i>Brooklyn, NY, USA</i>
12:40 – 12:50	<b>Nitrous Oxide for Labor Analgesia</b> Melissa Rocco, <i>New York, NY, USA</i>

12:50 – 13:15	<b>ANNUAL DR. GEORGE SILVAY MEMORIAL LECTURE</b>
12:50 – 12:55	<b>Introduction and Reflections:</b> Marc Stone, <i>New York, NY, USA</i>
12:55 – 13:10	<b>Impact of the Growing Elderly Population on the Practice of Anesthesiology</b> Christopher Troianos, <i>Cleveland, OH, USA</i>
13:10 – 13:15	<b>DISCUSSION</b>
<b>THURSDAY, JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2026</b>	
07:30 – 09:30	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
07:45 – 08:55	<b>WORKSHOP: Ultrasound-Guided Regional Block</b>
	Meg Rosenblatt, <i>New York, NY, USA</i> ; Michael Anderson, <i>New York, NY, USA</i> ; Yan Lai, <i>New York, NY, USA</i> ; Benjamin Salter, <i>New York, NY, USA</i> Bob Williams, <i>New York, NY, USA</i>
09:00 – 09:15	<b>SPECIAL LECTURE</b>
	<b>Introduction:</b> Menachem Weiner, <i>New York, NY, USA</i>
	<b>Sudden Cardiac Arrest Mortality in China: Analysis of National Surveillance Data From 2013 to 2021</b> Hushan Ao, <i>Beijing, China</i>
09:15 – 09:20	<b>DISCUSSION</b>
09:20 – 09:30	<b>MORNING DOSE OF INSPIRATION</b>
	<b>War Surgery</b> Viktoria König, <i>Vienna, Austria</i>
09:30 – 10:30	<b>UPDATES IN PHARMACOLGY AND HEMATOLOGY</b>
	<b>Moderators:</b> Ross Renew, <i>Jacksonville, FL, USA</i> Mark Smith, <i>Rochester, MN, USA</i>
09:30 – 09:40	<b>Perioperative Management of Direct Oral Anticoagulants: Practical Advice For Busy Clinicians</b> Mark Smith, <i>Rochester, MN, USA</i>
09:40 – 09:50	<b>Transfusion Reduction in Cardiac Surgery</b> Sharon McCartney, <i>Raleigh, NC, USA</i>
09:50 – 10:00	<b>Beyond Insulin and Metformin: Perioperative Implications of New Diabetes Treatments</b> Christopher Jankowski, <i>Milwaukee, WI, USA</i>
10:00 – 10:10	<b>The Latest in Neuromuscular Blockade Management</b> Ross Renew, <i>Jacksonville, FL, USA</i>
10:10 – 10:20	<b>GLP-1s and Anesthesia: What's Evolved in 2025</b> Ashley Fritz, <i>Jacksonville, FL, USA</i>
10:20 – 10:30	<b>Remimazolam: Overview and Applications</b> Oded Tal, <i>New York, NY, USA</i>

10:30 – 11:40	<b>UPDATES IN CRITICAL CARE AND TRAUMA</b>
10:30 – 10:40	<b>Introduction:</b> Tomas Drabek, <i>Pittsburgh, PA, USA</i> Harish Ramakrishna, <i>Rochester, MN, USA</i> <b>Drug Dosing During Continuous Kidney Replacement Therapy</b> Ilona Bobek, <i>Budapest, Hungary</i> 10:40 – 10:50 <b>Update on Trauma Anesthesia (and Research)</b> Tomas Drabek, <i>Pittsburgh, PA, USA</i> 10:50 – 11:00 <b>The Integration Of Regional Anesthesia in The Trauma Patient</b> Malikah Latmore, <i>New York, NY, USA</i> 11:00 – 11:10 <b>Frailty in Cardiac ICU Patients</b> Isabelle Michaux, <i>Yvoir, Belgium</i> 11:10 – 11:20 <b>Update on ARDS</b> Chaim Rube, <i>New York, NY, USA</i> 11:20 – 11:30 <b>TPCO<sub>2</sub> Gap in Intensive Care Medicine</b> Hynek Riha, <i>Prague, Czech Republic</i> 11:30 – 11:40 <b>SGLT-2 Inhibitors and Acute Kidney Injury After Heart Transplantation</b> Andrea Szekely, <i>Budapest, Hungary</i> 11:40 – 12:00 <b>DISCUSSION &amp; COFFEE BREAK</b>
12:00 – 14:00	<b>PRESENTATION OF INTERESTING &amp; COMPLEX CASES OR RESEARCH:</b>

by residents, fellows and junior attendings.  
**Deadline for abstract October 31, 2025 -**  
**E-mail: [Menachem.weiner@mounsinai.org](mailto:Menachem.weiner@mounsinai.org)**  
**(Powerpoint 6 min. presentation).**

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**Program TBA:**  
Prizes will be awarded to the three best presentations on Friday (before the coffee break).

## FRIDAY JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2026

07:30 – 09:30	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
07:45 – 08:55	<b>WORKSHOP: MOCK OSCE FOR THE ABA BOARD EXAM</b>  Benjamin Salter, <i>New York, NY, USA;</i> Oded Tal, <i>New York, NY, USA;</i> Marc Sherwin, <i>New York, NY, USA;</i> Robert Owen, <i>Cleveland, OH, USA;</i> Bob Williams, <i>New York, NY, USA</i>
09:00 – 09:20	<b>SPECIAL LECTURE</b>
09:20 – 09:30	<b>Introduction:</b> Marc Stone, <i>New York, NY, USA</i> <b>When Life Comes To a Standstill</b> Ehsan Natour, <i>Groningen, The Netherlands</i> <b>DISCUSSION</b>

09:30 – 11:00	<b>UPDATE IN PEDIATRIC ANESTHESIA</b>  <b>Moderators:</b> Vittoria Arslan Carlon, <i>New York, NY, USA</i> Alexander Mittnacht, <i>Westchester, NY, USA</i> 09:30 – 09:40 <b>Best Care Practices In Anesthetizing The Autistic Pediatric Patient</b> Ilana Fromer, <i>Minneapolis, MN, USA</i> 09:40 – 09:50 <b>Methadone Use for Pediatric Surgical Cases</b> Molly Herr, <i>Rochester, MN, USA</i> 09:50 – 10:00 <b>Nitrous Oxide and The Environmental Impact of Anesthesia in Pediatric Practice</b> Megha Patel, <i>Dallas, TX, USA</i> 10:00 – 10:10 <b>Pediatric Airway Foreign Body</b> Tracey Wester, <i>Raleigh, NC, USA</i> 10:10 – 10:20 <b>Medication Errors in Pediatric Anesthesia</b> Sarah Palsen, <i>New York, NY, USA</i> 10:20 – 10:30 <b>Premedication vs. Distraction vs. Parental Presence</b> Natalie Barnett, <i>Charleston, SC, USA</i> 10:30 – 10:50 <b>Time For a Fight: Pro-Con Debate Pediatric Regional Anesthesia: Should We Stay Central Or Go Out On a Limb?</b> Vittoria Arslan Carlon, <i>New York, NY, USA</i> John Hagen, <i>New York, NY, USA</i> 10:50 – 11:00 <b>DISCUSSION</b>
11:00 – 11:15	<b>SPECIAL LECTURE</b>
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