



UCLA Anesthesiology &
Perioperative Medicine

THE DAPM HANDOFF

February 2023



Message from the Chair

I am excited to welcome you to the February edition of The DAPM Handoff! This month began with the celebration of National CRNA Week, Physician Anesthesiologists Week, and National Women Physicians Day. It gave us an opportunity to celebrate the work that each of our clinicians do every day for our patients at UCLA and beyond.

I would also like to give a special congratulations to the members of our Critical Care Division for their success with the inaugural UCLA ECMO Symposium. It was attended by over 400 people, and the program was simply fantastic. In just a few years of existence, our multidisciplinary ECMO team has achieved world-class stature. And please see our latest "HumAnes of UCLA" profiles to learn about Dr. Nir Hoftman's background in karate and filmmaking and Miranda Le's love for food.

Maxime Cannesson, MD, PhD

Chair, Department of Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine at UCLA



UCLA ECMO Symposium 2023

The inaugural UCLA ECMO Symposium was a huge success! Dr. Vadim Gudzenko and Dr. Marisa Hernandez-Morgan co-directed the event with cardiac surgeon Dr. Peyman Benharash and ECMO Coordinator Weiting Chen.

[Read more >](#)

HumAnes of UCLA



Nir Hoftman, MD

Division Director of Thoracic Anesthesiology

"To this day, I am the only resident who voluntarily gave up two weeks of vacation so that I could practice intubation a little more—that is how low my confidence was. But over the years, I figured that if I was going to do this job, I had better give myself a chance. So for those residents who feel some days are a struggle, know that if I can make it, so can you!"

[Meet Nir >](#)



Miranda Le

Communications Coordinator

"I appreciate being part of a talented, yet open-minded team! I've met so many people here with diverse backgrounds, talents, and perspectives, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to showcase the amazing work our department members are doing for medicine and the community."

[Meet Miranda >](#)

[View HumAnes of UCLA site](#)

Upcoming Events

Grand Rounds: Kyan Safavi, MD, MBA (Zoom Only)
Assistant Professor of Anaesthesia, Massachusetts General Hospital
“The Electronic Safety Net: Harnessing Digital Information at the Bedside”

February 8

[Join Zoom Meeting >](#)



6th Annual UCLA Sleep Medicine Day Frisca Yan-Go Lectureship
February 11

[For More Information and To Register](#)

Grand Rounds: M&M – Chase Barker, MD, John Kleinman, MD, Colby Tanner, MD
“M&M - It Ain't Over 'Til It's Over: Emergence Hemodynamic Complications”

February 15

[Join Zoom Meeting >](#)

Deadline to Apply: DGSOM UCLA Intersessions Course - Faculty Instructor Recruitment

February 17

[Faculty Recruitment Form >](#)



Visiting Professor Grand Rounds:
Jennifer Hah, MD

Assistant Professor
Division of Pain Medicine
Department of Anesthesiology, Perioperative,
and Pain Medicine
Stanford University
February 21 - 22

[Join 2/22 Zoom Meeting >](#)

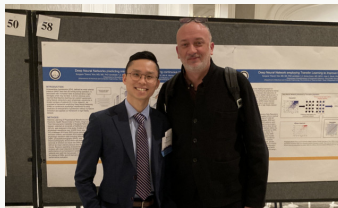
DAPM JEDI Book Club
February 23 @ 4 PM - 5 PM
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Dr. Jennifer Lucero Describes DEI Efforts in Anesthesiology

Jennifer Lucero, MD, MA, DAPM Vice Chair for JEDI, is featured in the ASA "Pathways to Anesthesiology" series.



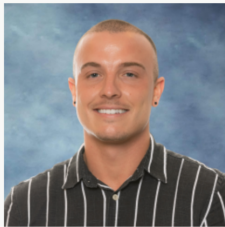
Dr. Danny Kim Presents at STA 2023

CA-1 Resident Physician, Danny Kim, MD, MS, presented two oral and poster presentations at the Society for Technology in Anesthesia 2023 Annual Meeting.



Dr. Emily Methangkool Discusses Non-OR Anesthesia

In *MedPage Today*, Emily Methangkool, MD, MPH, was quoted in an article on patient safety concerns with the growing use of anesthesia care outside the operating room.



Garrett Snyder Joins UCLA's AMG ProShare Program



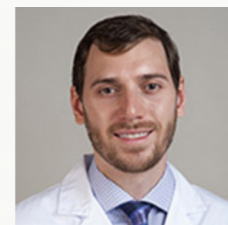
Quenesha Caballero Becomes Liaison for UCLA's AMG ProShare



Carla Gonzalez Elected Co-Chair of UCLA HEDI's La Comunidad Affinity Group

New Leadership Appointments

- **Joel Stockman, MD:** Chief of Staff, UCLA Santa Monica Medical Center



National CRNA Week 2023



Physician Anesthesiologists Week 2023



Recent DAPM Publications

- Douglas Chapski, PhD, Thomas Vondriska, PhD: [Unwind to the beat: chromatin and cardiac conduction.](#) *Journal of Clinical Investigation.*

- **Vadim Gudzenko, MD:** Implementation of a regional extracorporeal membrane oxygenation program for refractory ventricular fibrillation in out-of-hospital cardiac arrest. *Resuscitation*.
- **Linda Li, MD:** Thrombosis-related loss of arterial lines in the first wave of COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 intensive care unit patients. *Anesthesia & Analgesia*.
- **Betelehem Asnake, MD, MS:** Pulse oximeter provision and training of non-physician anesthetists in Zambia: a qualitative study exploring perioperative care after training. *BMC Health Services Research*.
- **Jane Moon, MD:** For science and humanity: vivisection and the rise of experimental physiology. *Anesthesiology*.
- **Zachary Paquette, MD:** Ulnar-distribution phantom limb pain after interscalene brachial plexus block. *Anesthesiology News*. Section Editor: Karen Sibert, MD
- **Emily Methangkool, MD, MPH:** Women Physicians Day, 2023: We have more work to do, but also a lot to celebrate! *CSA Online First*.
- **Maxime Cannesson, MD, PhD:** Artificial intelligence, patient safety, and achieving the quintuple aim in anesthesiology. *APSF Newsletter*.

[View all news](#)

Welcome to DAPM!



Ravi Pal, PhD
Postdoctoral Research Fellow



Jenna Varela
Administrative Specialist

Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI)



February is Black History Month

Let us celebrate [Black History Month](#) by remembering and honoring the past, present and future contributions that Black Americans have made to our institution, communities, country and world.

This year's national theme, "[Black Resistance](#)," acknowledges and examines various valiant acts against oppression, discrimination, racism and violence.

We encourage you to learn more about our institution's efforts to effect positive change in our organization and community with guidance from:

- [The Office of Health Equity, Diversity and Inclusion](#)
- [The Office of Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion](#)
- [The Health Equity Translational Social Science Research Theme](#)
- [The Anti-Racism Roadmap](#)
- [Student-Led Communities](#) and [Affinity Groups](#)

Be sure to check out the [calendar of events](#) celebrating Black History Month throughout Los Angeles!

Wellness Corner



On January 30th, 2023, the wonderful DAPM Administrative Team went out for a delicious lunch at Din Tai Fung! We thank Menchie and Carla for organizing this special event. As always, thank you to our amazing team for everything you do each day. We look forward to future outings together!



[Together for Wellness](#) is a website designed by multiple groups across the state who gather a set of ongoing digital resources (apps, websites, articles, and videos) that can help people through challenging times. Resources are free and available to use at the click of a button, so feel free to explore the topics that best fit you! Remember, we are all together in wellness.

[Visit the site >](#)

The DAPM Calendar
is LIVE on



The DAPM Calendar is now LIVE on the new TeamUp platform! This calendar will display lectures, events, and celebrations related to the department and DGSOM/UCLA Health.

To get started, [download the TeamUp app](#) on iOS and [view the video tutorial](#) on how to use it!

[Access the DAPM Calendar](#)

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And as always, please reach out to your respective assistant for any support you may need.

