

# THE DAPM HANDOFF

April 2023



## Message from the Chair

Hope everyone has been well during this rainy spring season. Welcome to the fourth edition of *The DAPM Handoff!*

This month, we honor the impact that womxn have had in medicine and education through the 2023 DAPM Annual Symposium: Womxn as Educators. We also celebrated the dedication of our patient specialty services technicians (PSSTs) on Anesthesia Tech Day.

Please read on for a recap of the 15th Annual DAPM Scientific Evening. Congratulations to CA-1 resident physician Varina Clark, MD, on earning the Leonard F. Walts MD Research Excellence Award. A special thank you to the judges and Thomas Vondriska, PhD, Soban Umar, MD, PhD, and Jennifer Scovotti for organizing the event.

I also commend Zhuang Fang, MD, MPH, and Mansi Sheth, MD, for their engagement with the arts! Dr. Fang's photograph "Good Morning, Matterhorn" and his poem "Rhythm" were selected for the *The UCLA BEAT*, DGSOM's literary and visual arts journal. Dr. Sheth also wrote an amusing obituary to alfentanil, a beloved drug to many people in our department.

Finally, please enjoy the profiles of Michael Sopher, MD, Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs, and Stephanie-Dee Sarovich, Clinical Research Coordinator, in our HumAnes of UCLA series. And congratulations to the DAPM members who ran the LA Marathon a couple weeks ago!

**Maxime Cannesson, MD, PhD**

Chair, Department of Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine at UCLA

## HumAnes of UCLA

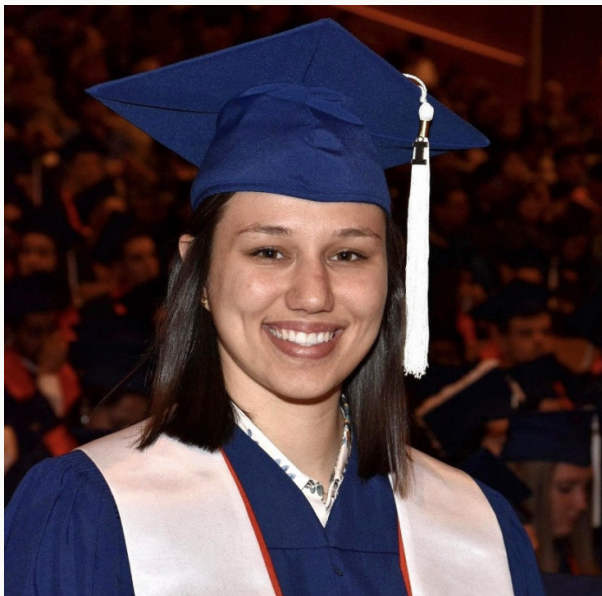


**Michael Sopher, MD**

*Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs*

"The funny thing about aging is that in many ways, our perception of ourselves stays the same. I still think of myself as that junior attending whom everyone called Michael instead of Dr. Sopher—there was something nice about that."

[Meet Michael >](#)



**Stephanie-Dee Sarovich**

*Clinical Research Coordinator*

"I am a first-generation American. My family is from Serbia, and I was raised Serbian Orthodox. Although I was born in Florida, I did not know any English until I went through ESL classes in elementary school. I have two older siblings."

[Meet Stephanie >](#)

[View HumAnes of UCLA site](#)

## Upcoming Events

Visiting Professor Grand Rounds:  
Cynthia Wong, MD



Professor, Chair and Department Executive  
Officer, Department of Anesthesia  
University of Iowa Health Care  
April 5 @ 7 AM  
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**DAPM Headshots Drop-In**  
RRUMC Conference Room 3309  
April 12 @ 6:30 AM - 9:30 AM  
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**Grand Rounds: Drs. Valeria Carcamo-Cavazos, MD, Pamela A. Chia, MD, MS, Benjamin Chu, MD, Elliott Higgins, MD, Shireen Nouri, MD, Richa Pardikar, MD**

"RAAPM Fellow Grand Rounds: A Review of Innovative Techniques and Anticoagulation Guidelines"

April 12 @ 7 AM

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**Grand Rounds: Eilon Gabel, MD and Theodora Wingert, MD**

"DAPM Informatics Update: What Does Informatics Do for You?"

April 19 @ 7 AM

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**DAPM JEDI Book Club**

April 24 @ 4:30 - 5:30 PM

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**Grand Rounds: Shalini Shah, MD, MBA**

Vice-Chair & Director of Pain Services, UC Irvine

"Cannabinoids in the Perioperative Period: Implications and ASRA Guidelines"

April 26 @ 7 AM

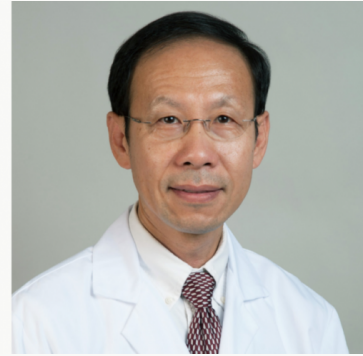
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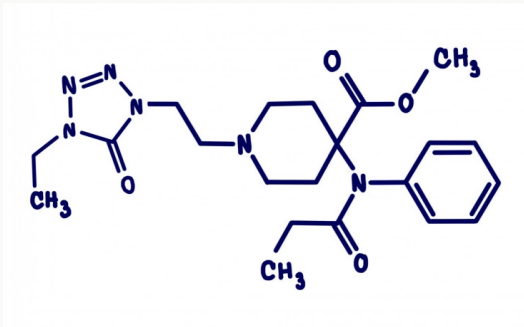
## 15th Annual DAPM Scientific Evening

Our research and clinical trainees shone during their presentations. James Eisenach, MD, served as our distinguished guest judge.



## The UCLA Beat Features Work by Zhuang Fang, MD, MPH

A photo and poem by Zhuang Fang, MD, MPH, were selected for the 2022-2023 issue of the DGSOM journal of literary and artistic expression.



## Alfentanil (1976-2023)

By Mansi Sheth, MD

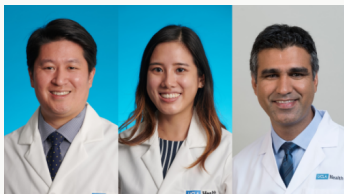
A heartfelt farewell to the recently discontinued medication alfentanil.



## DAPM Resident Physicians Run 2023 LA Marathon

By Emma Huebner, MD

Congratulations to Daniella Goñi, MD, Michael LoBasso, MD, Oliver Drewry, MD, and Adela Perez, MD, on conquering the LA Marathon!



## Article by Park et al. Featured in Pulmonary Hypertension News

A recent publication by John Park, MD, PhD, Justine Liang, MD, MS, and Soban Umar, MD, PhD, was highlighted in *Pulmonary Hypertension News*.



## 2023-2024 DAPM Chief Residents Selected

Congratulations to our newly elected 2023-2024 Chief Residents: Sara Arastoo, MD, Chase Barker, MD,



## Jordan Francke, MD, MPH, Awarded Resident of the Quarter

Congratulations to Dr. Francke on this wonderful achievement!



## "Good Morning, Matterhorn"

by Zhuang Fang, MD, MPH

### Recent DAPM Publications

- **David Boldt, MD, Eilon Gabel, MD:** Norepinephrine versus phenylephrine for treating hypotension during general anaesthesia in adult patients undergoing major noncardiac surgery. *British Journal of Anaesthesia*.
- **John Shin, MD, Tristan Grogan, MS, Jason Lee, MD, Elaine Liew, MD, Soban Umar, MD, PhD, Dong Ho Shin, Nir Hoftman, MD:** A novel negative pressure isolation device reduces aerosol exposure: A randomized controlled trial. *Trends in Anaesthesia and Critical Care*.
- **Christine Nguyen-Buckley, MD, Christopher Wray, MD:** International Liver Transplantation Society/Society for Advancement of Transplant Anesthesia Consensus Statement on Essential Attributes of a Liver Transplant Anesthesiologist. *Transplantation*.
- **Brittany Burton, MD, MAS, MHS, Danny Le:** Racial Differences in 30-Day Reintubation After Head and Neck Surgery. *Cureus*.
- **Jason Hirsch, MD, Pamela Chia, MD, MS:** Sugammadex: A Review of the Considerations for Women of Childbearing Age. *American Journal of Therapeutics*.
- **Parisa Partownavid, MD:** Permissive Hypotension in Rhinoplasty: A Literature Review of Therapeutics and Associated Outcomes. *Aesthetic Plastic Surgery*.
- **Nir Hoftman, MD:** Effect of Bilateral Cardiac Sympathetic Denervation on Burden of Premature Ventricular Contractions. *Circulation: Arrhythmia and Electrophysiology*.
- **Eran Halperin, PhD:** Effect of statins on the age of onset of age-related macular degeneration. *Graefe's Archive for Clinical and Experimental Ophthalmology*.
- **Victor Xia, MD:** Risk factors of serious postoperative outcomes in patients aged  $\geq 90$  years undergoing surgical intervention. *Heliyon*.

- **Maxime Cannesson, MD, PhD:** *MOVER: Medical Informatics Operating Room Vitals and Events Repository.*
- **Lorraine Lubin, MD:** *Congenital Heart Disease in Pediatric and Adult Patients: Second Edition.*
- **Jane Moon, MD:** *Dr. Silas Weir Mitchell: The Nightmare of War and the Death of Pain. Anesthesiology.*
- **Johnathan Pregler, MD, FASA:** *The Revenue Sky Is Falling – Are Hospitals the Safety Net? ASA Monitor.*
- **Daniel J. Cole, MD, FASA:** *Assessing Potentially Modifiable Factors Associated with the Development of Postoperative Delirium. ASA Monitor.*

## Anesthesia Tech Day 2023



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## Patient Safety Awareness Week: Recap

In honor of Patient Safety Awareness Week 2023 (#PSAW2023), the DAPM Quality Improvement and Safety team highlighted best practices in peripheral IV and central line management.



Here are the #PSAW2023 education highlights that were shared via email and DAPM social media channels:

- Day #1: Peripheral IV Management – **Drs. Disque, Cole, Wray, and Gloria Nakeyune, CRNA**
- Day #2: Pediatric Line Management - **Drs. Huebner, Ren, and Trieu**
- Day #3: Infection Prevention - **Drs. Brian Park and Christine Nguyen-Buckley**
- Day #4: IV Infiltration Management – **Drs. Christopher Little and Natalie Moreland**
- Day #5: Central Line Safety – **Drs. Christina Ma, Justine Liang, and Andrew Disque**

Thank you to the Anesthesiology faculty, trainees, and CRNAs who created these educational resources! And congratulations to the winners of the Patient Safety Awareness Week giveaway: **Drs. Nicholas Bacher, Adela Perez, Christine Nguyen-Buckley, Ben Icard, and Landon Cohen.**

[View the PSAW 2023 Resources](#)

## Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI)

### Annual Symposium in Honor of Womxn's History Month: Womxn as Educators

**Our Hosts:**

Jennifer Lucero, MD, MA | Olivia Vallejo

**Our Moderators:**

Mansoureh Eghbali, PhD | Judi Turner, MD, PhD

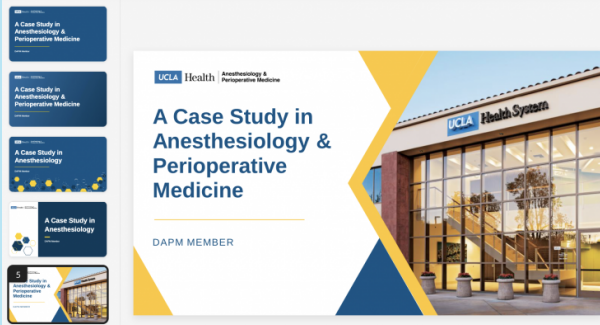
**Our Panelists:**

Betelehem Asnake, MD | Alyssa Borden, CRNA | Lucy Mendez | Rana Movahedi, MD

Christine Myo Bui, MD | Ashley Oliver, MD, MA | Brianna Ortals, CRNA | Sandra Sacks, MD

Jennifer Lucero, MD, MA, and Olivia Vallejo hosted an insightful conversation honoring the roles that womxn play in education and in paving the way for younger generations of womxn to succeed in academic medicine. Thank you to our hosts, moderators, and panelists for putting together this wonderful event!

Join our [DAPM Womxn in Anesthesia Listserv](#), which serves as a way for womxn in our department to connect with one another, provide and receive mentorship, notify one another about special events, and reach out about unique needs for all womxn.



We currently have logos, presentation slides, Zoom backgrounds, and research poster templates. You are not required to use them, but you are welcome to do so if you so choose.

The materials can be downloaded from Box below and will also be available on the new Intranet platform once it is launched.

[Access DAPM Brand Materials](#)

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

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