

## Message from the Chair

Happy New Year! Welcome to the January 2024 issue of *The DAPM Handoff*. As we are just starting 2024, we are still reflecting on the work and achievements of our Department members in 2023. I hope many of you get the chance to take some time off and relax with family, friends, and loved ones during the Holiday break, and I look forward to your growth and accomplishments in 2024.

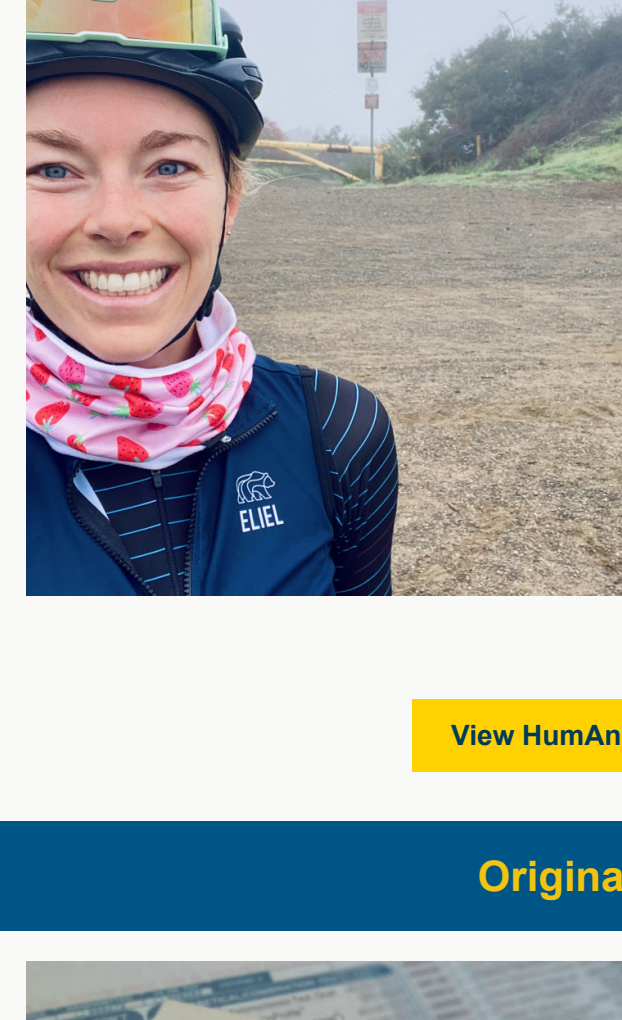
Please read on for the following highlights:

- HumAnes profiles of Neil Shaw, MD, and Emma Huebner, MD
- Q&A with the new Ronald Reagan Regional Anesthesia Service
- Informatics Update: "The UCLA Health Conundrum"
- Soban Umar, MD, PhD, appointed the Thomas M. Grove Term Endowed Chair in Anesthesiology
- Launch of the MOVER database to advance research in surgical outcomes
- Career Development & Mentoring 1:1 Meetings for DAPM Faculty
- Language Proficiency Assessments

**Maxime Cannesson, MD, PhD**

Chair, Department of Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine at UCLA

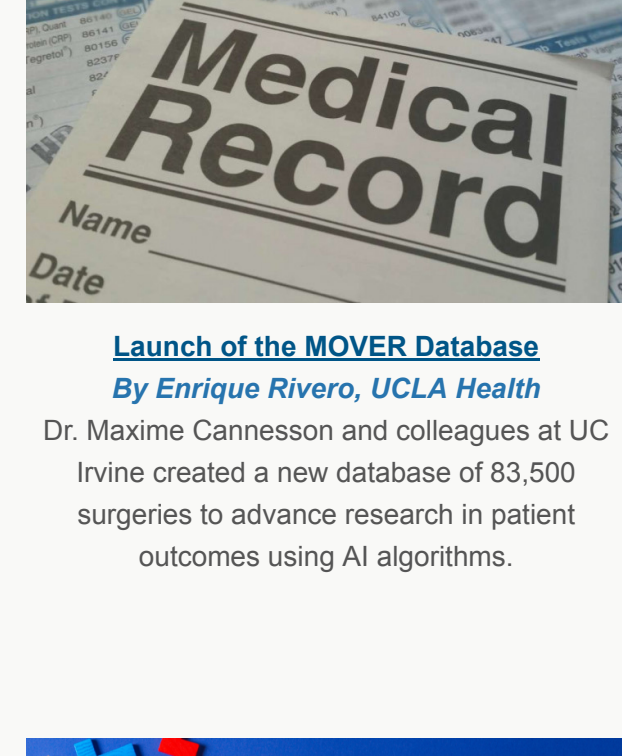
## HumAnes of UCLA



**Neil Shaw, MD**  
Assistant Clinical Professor

"Given my love for orthopedics, I enjoyed learning about the musculoskeletal and nervous systems, memorizing muscle function and innervation. When I discovered regional anesthesia in residency, it was the perfect combination of my interests in orthopedics and anesthesia. It also came with the joy of alleviating pain for patients and improving their overall perioperative experience!"

[Meet Neil >](#)



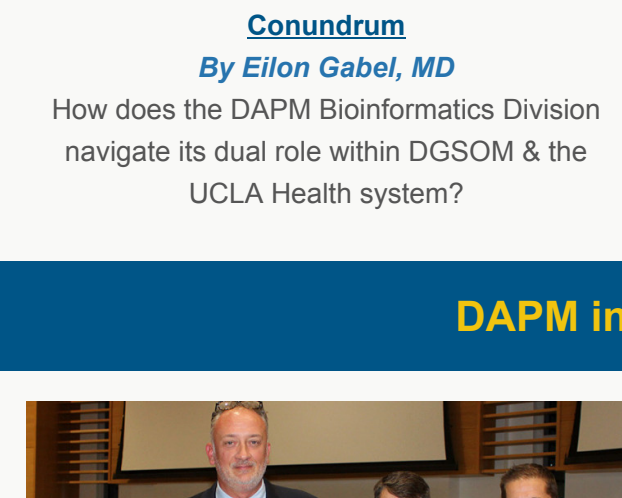
**Emma Huebner, MD**  
Resident Physician, CA-3

"I grappled with the decision to pursue either anesthesiology or emergency medicine, and after receiving wise counsel from physicians who remain steadfast mentors to this day, I settled on anesthesiology. I struggled with this decision during my CA-1 year; the learning curve in anesthesia is steep, and the OR environment took me a while to get used to. As I progressed in training, however, I enjoyed my job more and more with each passing month, and I am so grateful that my career found me the way that it did."

[Meet Emma >](#)

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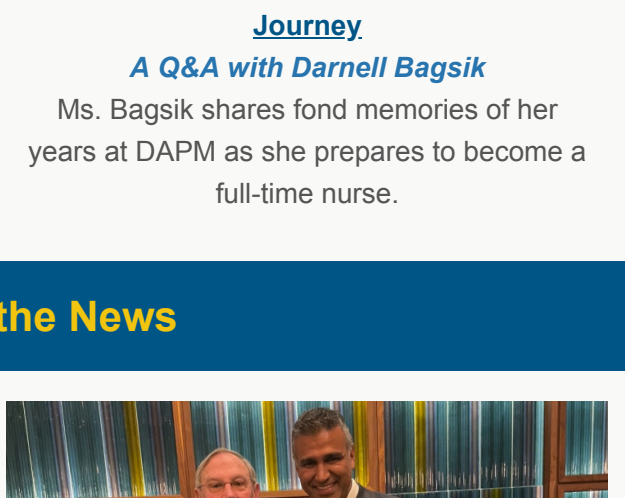
## Original Articles



### Launch of the MOVER Database

By Enrique Rivero, UCLA Health

Dr. Maxime Cannesson and colleagues at UC Irvine created a new database of 83,500 surgeries to advance research in patient outcomes using AI algorithms.



### The New Regional Anesthesia Service at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center

By John W. Patton, MD, MBA, Benjamin Chu, MD, and Valeria Carcamo-Cavazos, MD

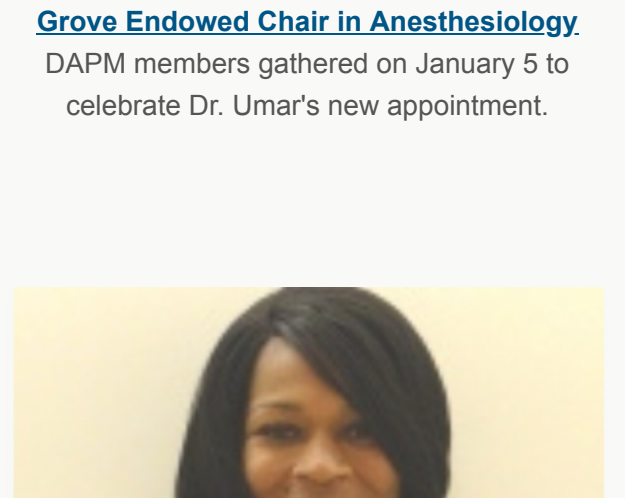
The RRR Regional Anesthesia Service has enjoyed early success and continues to work toward its goals.



### Informatics Update: The UCLA Health Conundrum

By Elton Gabal, MD

How does the DAPM Bioinformatics Division navigate its dual role within DGSOM & the UCLA Health system?

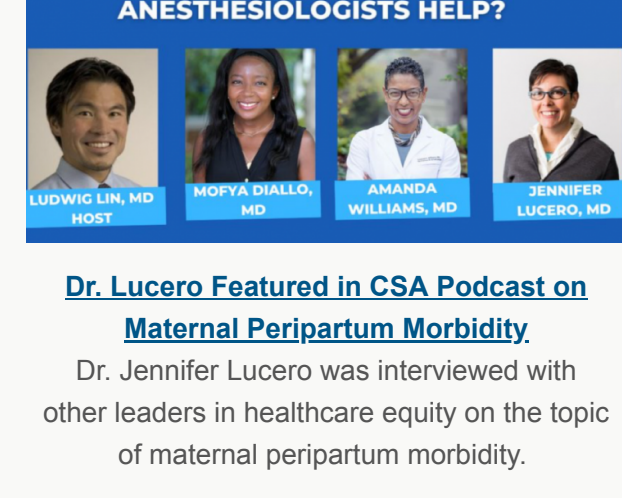


### Celebrating Darnell Bagsik's DAPM Journey

A Q&A with Darnell Bagsik

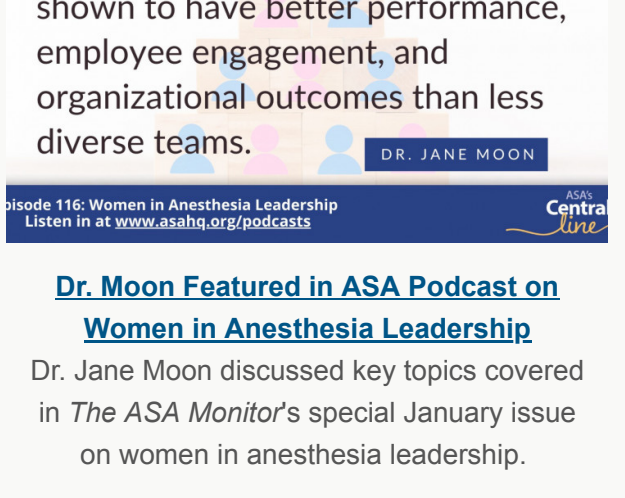
Ms. Bagsik shares fond memories of her years at DAPM as she prepares to become a full-time nurse.

## DAPM in the News



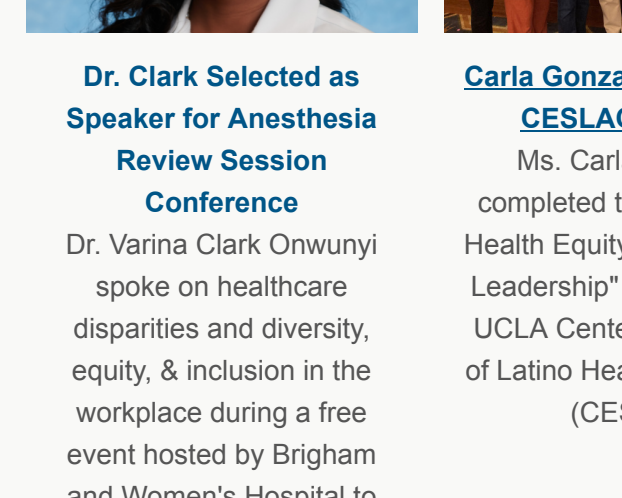
### Dr. Cannesson Gives Modell-Shah Lecture at the University of Florida

Dr. Maxime Cannesson gave a prestigious annual lecture for the UF Department of Anesthesiology on "Artificial Intelligence and Autonomous Systems in Anesthesiology."



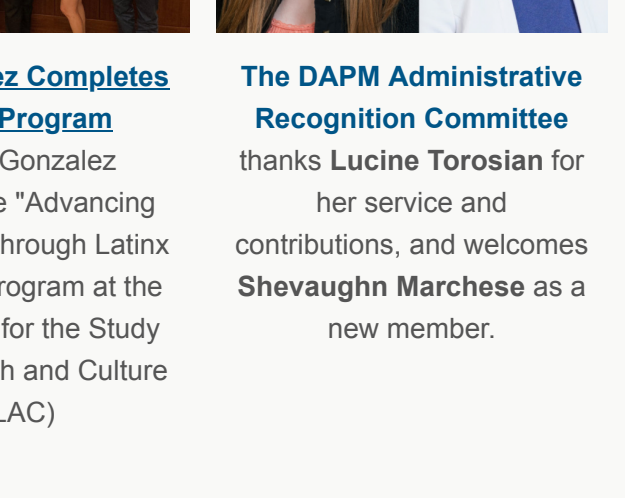
### Soban Umar, MD, PhD, Named Thomas M. Grove Endowed Chair in Anesthesiology

DAPM members gathered on January 5 to celebrate Dr. Umar's new appointment.



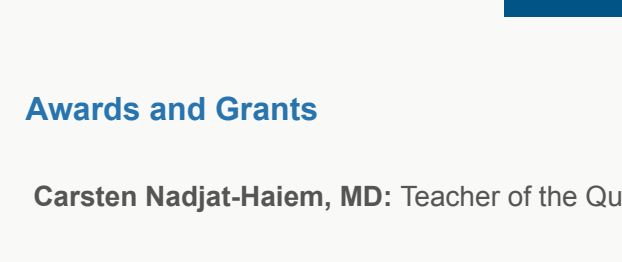
### Dr. Higgins Delivers ASBA Live Webinar

Dr. K. Elliott Higgins spoke on "Compassion and Care for the LGBTQ+ Patient and Colleague" on December 12 for the American Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine.



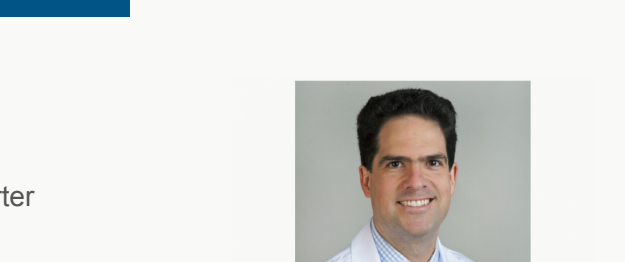
### Dr. Nwajaku Appointed to VA Federal Advisory Committee

The Secretary of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently appointed Dr. Patricia Nwajaku to a national committee to help optimize Veteran-centric care at the West Los Angeles VA.



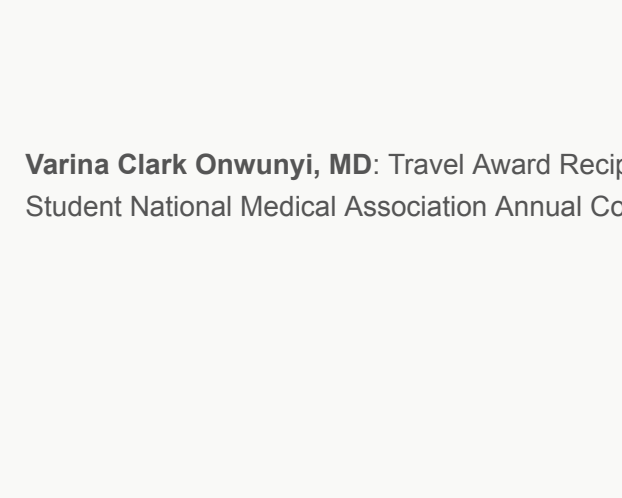
### Dr. Lucero Featured in CSA Podcast on Maternal Perinatal Morbidity

Dr. Jennifer Lucero was interviewed with other leaders in healthcare equity on the topic of maternal perinatal morbidity.



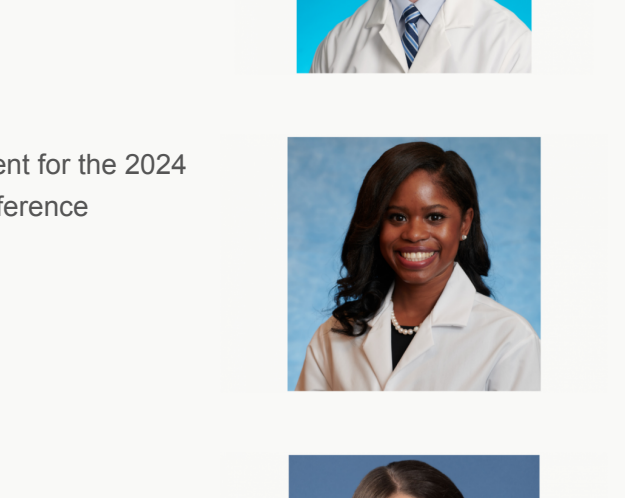
### Dr. Moon Featured in ASA Podcast on Women in Anesthesia Leadership

Dr. Jane Moon discussed key topics covered in The ASA Monitor's special January issue on women in anesthesia leadership.



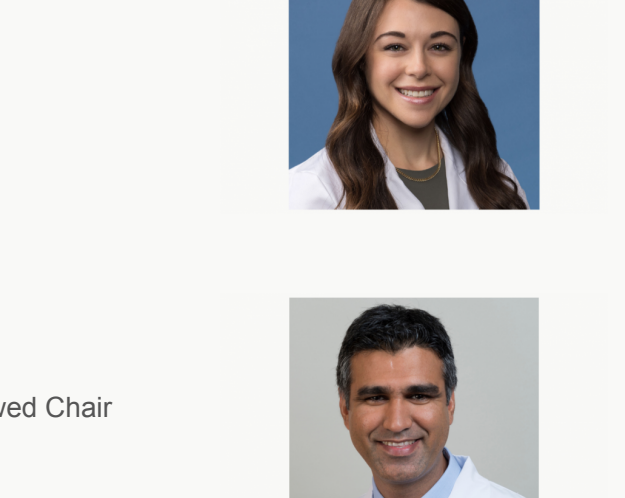
### Dr. Clark Selected as Speaker for Anesthesia Review Session Conference

Dr. Varina Clark Onwunyl spoke on healthcare disparities and diversity, equity, & inclusion in the workplace during a free event hosted by Brigham and Women's Hospital to increase open-access education for anesthesia trainees.



### Carla Gonzalez Completes CESLAC Program

Ms. Carla Gonzalez completed the "Advancing Health Equity through Latinx Leadership" program at the UCLA Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture (CESLAC).



### The DAPM Administrative Recognition Committee thanks Lucine Torosian for her service and contributions, and welcomes Shevaughn Marchese as a new member.

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## Awards and Grants

Carsten Nadjat-Halem, MD: Teacher of the Quarter



Zachary Paquette, MD: Resident of the Quarter



Varina Clark Onwunyl, MD: Travel Award Recipient for the 2024 Student National Medical Association Annual Conference



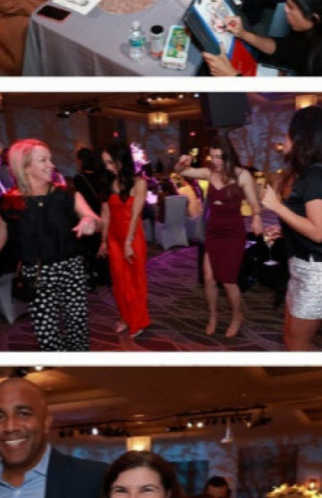
Brianna Ortals, CRNA: 2023 Q4 Top CRNA



Soban Umar, MD, PhD: Thomas M. Grove Endowed Chair

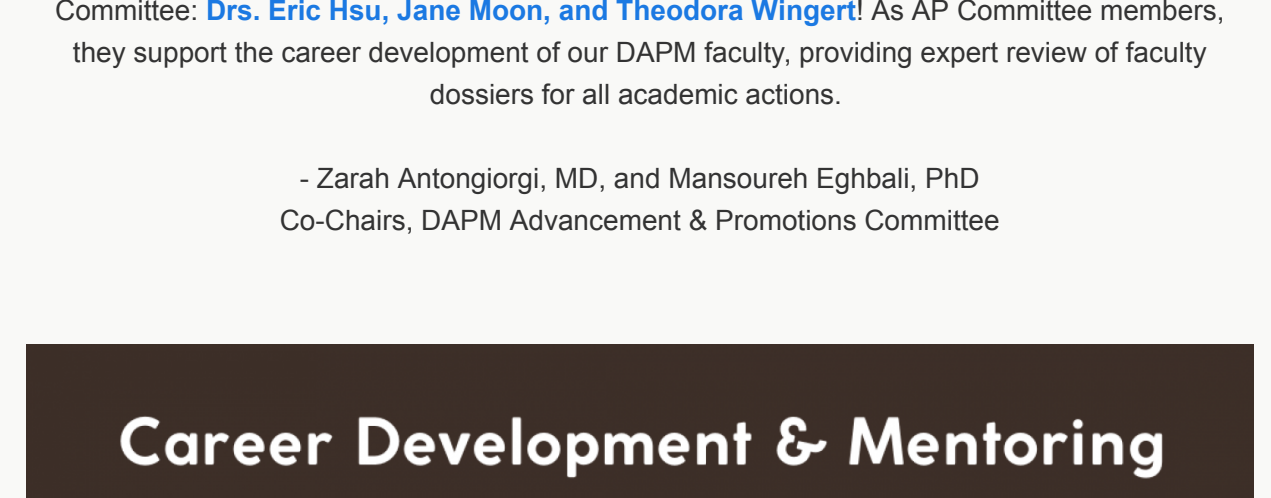


## Welcome to DAPM!



**Mariel Nario**  
Senior Academic Human Resources Analyst

## DAPM at Work



## DAPM at Play: 2023 Holiday Social



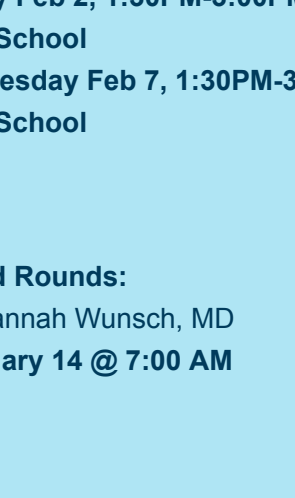
## Advancement & Promotions

Please join us in welcoming three new members to the DAPM Advancement and Promotions Committee: **Drs. Eric Hsu, Jane Moon, and Theodora Wingert!** As AP Committee members, they support the career development of our DAPM faculty, providing expert review of faculty dossiers for all academic efforts.

- Zahar Antonogiorgi, MD, and Mansoureh Eghbali, PhD  
Co-Chairs, DAPM Advancement & Promotions Committee

## Career Development & Mentoring

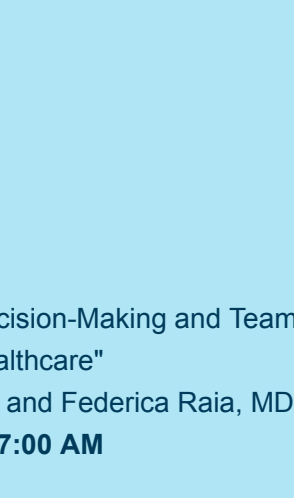
### 1:1 Meetings for DAPM Faculty



**ZAHAR ANTONOGIORGI, MD**  
Assoc. Director, Faculty Development & Career Advancement  
Co-Chair, Advancement & Promotions Committee



**ROBERT WHITTINGTON, MD**  
Vice Chair, Faculty Development & Career Advancement  
Sr. Assoc. Dean, Faculty Development, Mentorship & Recognition



**BARBARA VAN DE WIELE, MD**  
Vice Chair, Faculty Affairs

### 1:1 MEETINGS AVAILABLE IN JANUARY

BOOK YOUR MEETING USING THIS LINK:  
<https://xoyondo.com/su/2gaeyu6odsux5va>

## Upcoming Events

<b>Grand Rounds:</b> COMBINED Anes, Peds Surgery and Surgery Depts - Pediatrics Team Morbidity and Mortality M&M Pediatrics Team January 24 @ 7:00 AM	<b>Grand Rounds:</b> M&M - Acute Pain Fellows January 31 @ 7:00 AM
<b>Project Lead the Way Community Outreach and Pipeline Program</b> Email: <a href="mailto:sgopha@ucla.edu">sgopha@ucla.edu</a> for more information Friday Feb 2, 1:30PM-3:00PM @ El Segundo High School Wednesday Feb 7, 1:30PM-3:40PM @ Venice High School	<b>Grand Rounds:</b> VP Elizabeth Whittlock, MD February 7 @ 7:00 AM
<b>Grand Rounds:</b> VP Hannah Wursch, MD February 14 @ 7:00 AM	<b>Grand Rounds:</b> "Uncertainty, Decision-Making and Team Work in High-Tech Healthcare" Mario Deng, MD and Federica Riala, MD February 21 @ 7:00 AM
<b>Grand Rounds:</b> COMBINED Anes and OB - OB Fellow Morbidity and Mortality M&M OB Team February 28 @ 7:00 AM	<b>16th Annual DAPM Scientific Evening</b> RR UMC, B-Level Common Area & Tamkin Auditorium March 12 @ 3:30pm

[View all events](#)

## Recent DAPM Publications

- **David Boldt, MD:** Angiotensin II treatment is associated with improved oxygenation in ARDS patients with refractory respiratory shock. *Annals of Intensive Care*.
- **Jonathan Ho, MD, Swati Patel, MD, Christine Lee, RM:** Safety and efficacy of delaying lung transplant surgery to a morning start. *Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery*.
- **Eric Hsu, MD:** Comprehensive, Evidence-Based, Consensus Guidelines for Prescription of Opioids for Chronic Non-Cancer Pain from the American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians (ASIPP). *Pain Physician*.
- **Andrew Hudson, MD:** Critically supports cross-frequency cortical-thalamic information transfer during conscious states. *Epile*.
- **Parisa Partowmand, MD:** Permissive Hypotension in Rhinoplasty: A Literature Review of Therapeutics and Associated Outcomes. *Aesthetic Plastic Surgery*.
- **Robert Whittington, PhD:** Temperature-induced Artifacts in Tau Phosphorylation: Implications for Reliable Alzheimer's Disease Research. *Experimental Neurobiology*.
- **Grégoire Ruffenach, PhD, Lejla Medzikovic, PhD, Wasila Sun, Mansoureh Eghbali, PhD:** Functions of RNA-Binding Proteins in Cardiovascular Disease. *Cells*.
- **Eran Halperin, PhD, Oren Avram, PhD:** SLIVIT: a general AI framework for clinical-feature diagnosis from limited 3D biomedical-imaging data (Preprint).
- **Maxime Cannesson, MD, Theodora Wingert, MD, Pascal Laferrrière-Langlois:** Novel Preoperative Risk Stratification Using Digital Phenotyping Applying a Scalable Machine-Learning Approach. *Anesthesia & Analgesia*.
- **Maxime Cannesson, MD, PhD, Alexandre Joosten, MD, PhD:** Tight control of mean arterial pressure using a closed loop system for noninvasive infusion after high-risk abdominal surgery: a randomized controlled trial. *Journal of Clinical Monitoring and Computing*.
- **Daniel Cole, MD, Maxime Cannesson, MD, PhD:** Perioperative Patients With Hemodynamic Instability: Consensus Recommendations of the Anesthesia Patient Safety Foundation. *Anesthesia & Analgesia*.
- **Selma Calmes, MD, Jane Moon, MD:** Women Physicians in American Anesthesiology: A Short History. *The ASA Monitor*.
- **Emily Methangkool, MD, MPH:** Women in Anesthesiology, 2024: Promise, Progress, and Opportunities. *The ASA Monitor*.
- **James Moore, MD:** Tracking Intraoperative Hypotension: A Measure for Payment and Improvement Purposes. *The ASA Monitor*.
- **Daniel Cole, MD:** The New Frontier of Repurposing Anesthetic Drugs for Depression. *The ASA Monitor*.
- **Jane Moon, MD:** From Ginny, With Love: Virginia Aggar's Yearly Newsletter. *Anesthesiology*.
- **Jane Moon, MD:** Jay J. Jacoby, PhD Piper of Anesthesiology. *Anesthesiology*.

## Wellness Corner

By the DAPM Health and Well-Being Program

**Health and Well-being Workshop**

Healthcare professional burnout is a complex problem that requires creative thinking for improvement. Despite increasing awareness of the importance of systems approaches to address healthcare professional well-being, relatively few tools exist to bridge the gap between well-being theory and practice.

During the Quality of Life Improvement (QOLI) workshop, Dr. Slesky walked us through a framework designed to address healthcare professional well-being incorporating elements from human-centered design, quality improvement, and implementation science. Participants were able to practice developing mini-plans for Well-being interventions using this approach during this one-hour event. The event drew members from nearly every part of our department – staff, CRNAs, faculty, trainees, affiliate faculty, and more.

Scan the QR code to learn more about the Quality of Life Improvement framework.

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

**Scan me**

**LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY ASSESSMENTS**

We are excited to share that Language Proficiency Assessments (LPAs) are now available through the UCLA Health Language Services Office and will be department supported. LPAs allow clinicians to speak to their patients in their native language.

The LPA measures a test taker's ability to communicate effectively in a specific language, with a focus on listening comprehension and spoken aptitude. Language proficiency can be demonstrated by passing the formal language proficiency exam with a score of 3 or 4 (3 = General Professional Proficiency, 4 = Advanced Professional Proficiency). The assessment is over the phone for 30-40 minutes.

Languages offered are included in the request form. If interested in obtaining a LPA, please complete the request form via the QR code below or by using the following link: [LPA Request Form](#).

**Celebrating January & February Observations**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

is designated as a national day of service encouraging all Americans to embody Dr. King's actions by finding ways to improve our communities and advance civil rights, equality, and justice.

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.

Celebrate the strength and courage of the dragon in 2024! **Lunar New Year** is one of the biggest international holidays with over 2 billion people across the globe celebrating new beginnings.

[Please click here for different ways to celebrate Black History Month and Lunar New Year in February 2024!](#)

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

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