

THE DAPM HANDOFF

June 2023



Message from the Chair

Welcome to the June issue of *The DAPM Handoff*! This month, we celebrate our graduating resident and fellow physicians of the Class of 2023 and recognize the hard work of our entire department over the past academic year. Please read on for the following highlights:

- HumAnes profiles of Alan Zamora and Tsione Holly
- A recap of DAPM participation at the SCA, CSA, SOAP, & Euroanaesthesia conferences and at our own Bioinformatics retreat
- Jordan Francke's winning essay on the "Tuohy" needle
- An interview with Elliott Higgins about Pride Month and the DAPM Pride Brunch
- A new collaboration between our Pediatric Anesthesia Division & children's hospitals in Armenia
- A new "Extended DAPM Family!" section of *The Handoff*

I hope everyone has a great start to summer!

HumAnes of UCLA



Alan Zamora, MSN, CRNA

Assistant CRNA Manager

"My childhood dream was to go to college. No one in my entire family tree had ever gone to college, so as a young person, the idea of achieving something like that seemed so out of reach. But I made it my goal to one day be the first to do it!"

[Meet Alan >](#)



Tsione Holly, FNP, MSN, ANP-BC

Nurse Practitioner, Regional Anesthesiology and Acute Pain Medicine

"My favorite thing is the great pride I feel in making a small contribution to everyone's educational goals. It brings me so much joy to see everyone complete the anesthesia residency/fellowship program and then become an attending anesthesiologist, thereby contributing to the betterment of our field."

[Meet Tsione >](#)

[View HumAnes of UCLA site](#)

Original Articles



**The Danger of Using a Medical Eponym:
Missing the Point of the "Tuohy" Needle**
By Jordan Francke, MD, MPH

The CSA History Committee awarded Dr. Francke the 1st place prize for the 2023 CSA History of Anesthesia Essay Contest!



DAPM Pride Brunch 2023
By K. Elliott Higgins, MD

Several DAPM members met at Dr. Vallera's home to share a delicious brunch while building a sense of community.



DAPM at Euroanaesthesia 2023
By Theodora Wingert, MD

Dr. Wingert, Dr. Cannesson, and Dr. Joosten participated in the Euroanaesthesia Congress in Glasgow, Scotland, in early June.



Bioinformatics 2023 Retreat
By Jennah Varela

The Informatics Division came together for a day of team bonding, recognition, and strategizing future growth.

DAPM in the News



**Pediatric Anesthesiologists Launch
Collaboration in Armenia**

Dr. Ayad, Dr. Wilson, and Dr. Salazar traveled

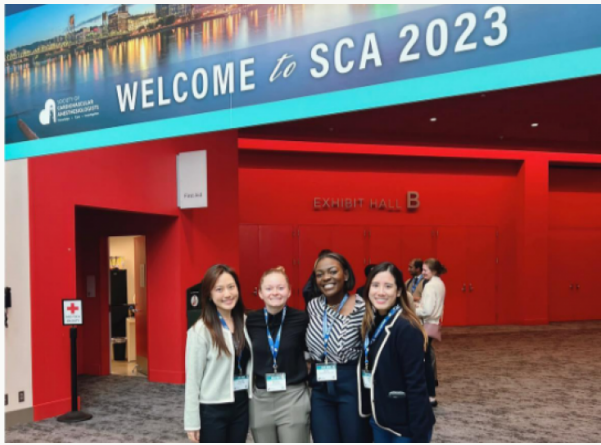


DAPM Receives T32 Training Grant

Congratulations to Mansoureh Eghbali, PhD, and Maxime Cannesson, MD, PhD, on receiving a NIH T32 grant to launch a

to Armenia to establish relationships with children's hospitals there.

research training program for academic anesthesiologists!



SCA 2023 Annual Meeting

Several DAPM faculty, fellow, and resident physicians helped make SCA 2023 a phenomenal event.



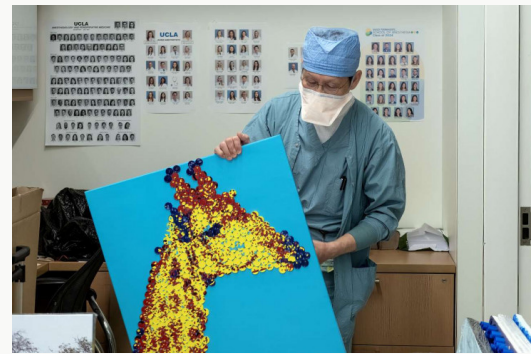
CSA 2023 Annual Meeting

Many DAPM faculty members and trainees traveled to San Diego for a weekend of presentations, governance activities, and bonding!



SOAP 2023 Annual Meeting

Recap the weekend in Denver, Colorado, with our faculty and resident physicians!



Turning medicine caps into mosaics

Zhuang Fang, MD, MPH, was featured in a UCLA Health article on his initiative to create art through recycling medicine caps.

CSA Global Health Committee Member Spotlight

The CSA Committee on Global Health highlighted the global health work and interests of Dr. Betelehem Asnake, DAPM Director of Global Health Initiatives at UCLA.

CSA/UCLA PLTW Field Trip to RRUMC

Congratulations to Dr. Sophia Poorsattar and all DAPM volunteers who spent the day teaching students from El Segundo High School about anesthesiology!

Areli Gonzalez Presents Professional Development Program (PDP) Capstone Project

Congratulations to Areli on concluding a rigorous program with her project on a Resident Non-Clinical Activities Tracker!

Awards and Grants

Cecilia Canales, MD: National Academy of Medicine (NAM)
Scholars in Diagnostic Excellence program

Jennifer Lucero, MD, MA: 2023-2024 Executive Leadership in
Academic Medicine program

Tiffany M. Williams, MD, PhD: Society of Cardiovascular
Anesthesiologists/International Anesthesia Research Society
2023 Starter/Diversity and Inclusion Grant

Brittany Burton, MD, MAS, MHS, and Cristianna Vallera, MD:
2023 SOAP Diversity & Inclusivity Mentored Grant

John W. Patton III, MD, MBA: CSA Rising Star

Sophia Poorsattar, MD: CSA Educator of the Year

Olivia Vallejo: Kevin McCauley Memorial Outstanding Staff
Award

Dalena Le: 2022-2023 UCLA Staff Assembly Professional
Development Scholarship

New Leadership Appointments

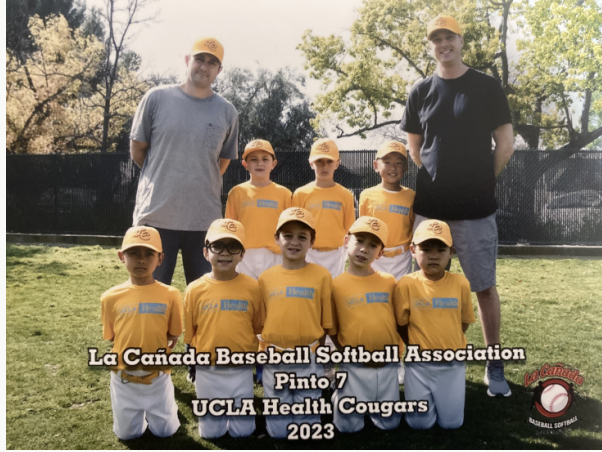
K. Elliott Higgins III, MD: Director for Health and Well-Being

Emily Methangkool, MD, MPH: Chair of Anesthesiology, Olive
View-UCLA Medical Center

Extended DAPM Family!

Welcome, Baby Onwunyi!

Varina Clark Onwunyi, MD, and husband Chudi Onwunyi welcomed baby Serenity on Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023.



Congratulations, UCLA Health Cougars!

UCLA Health generously sponsored the La Canada Baseball Softball Association (LCBSA) for the 2023 season. The baseball team was coached by DAPM faculty anesthesiologist **Jerry Markar, MD**. His son, Christopher (*front row, middle*), and friends played on the Pinto 7 team and went on to the championship game!

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Upcoming Events

DAPM Pride Night

Dodger Stadium

June 16 @ 7 PM

DAPM Residency Graduation

Covel Commons

June 17 @ 5:30 PM

[RSVP >](#)



Visiting Professor Grand Rounds:

Edward Mariano, MD, MAS, FASA

CSA Immediate Past President

Senior Vice Chair of Anesthesiology,

Perioperative and Pain Medicine

Stanford University School of Medicine

June 21 @ 7 AM

[Join Zoom Meeting >](#)

Frontiers in Research:

Matthew Fischer, MD, MS

Assistant Professor-in-Residence of

Anesthesiology, Cell Biology & Immunology

David Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA

"Multi-omic Analysis of Postoperative Atrial
Fibrillation"

June 21 @ 4 PM

Hybrid, In-Person: RRUMC B-level | [Join
Zoom Meeting >](#)

Leadership in Anesthesia Journal Club #2:

Facilitated by Kathy Cazares, MD, MBA, Mishan Rambukwella, MD, MBA,

Dane Saksa, MD, MBA, & Robert Whittington, MD

"What can we Learn about Building Internal Support and Change Management from the
Experiences of Former UCLA COO Amir Dan Rubin who became CEO of Standard Hospital and
Clinics?"

June 26 @ 5 PM

Hybrid, In-Person: RRUMC B3012 | [Join Zoom Meeting >](#)

Grand Rounds: Lisbeth Anne Evered, MD

Visiting Associate Professor of Neuroscience, Brain and Mind Research Institute

Weill Cornell Medical College

June 28 @ 7 AM

[Join Zoom Meeting >](#)

Grand Rounds: Marc Nuwer, MD, PhD

Chief, Clinical Neurophysiology

Professor, Neurology

UCLA Brain Research Institute

July 5 @ 7 AM

[Join Zoom Meeting >](#)

[View all events](#)

Recent DAPM Publications

- Laila Aryan, Min Li, PhD, Lejla Medzikovic, PhD, MSc, Mansoureh, Eghbali, PhD, Jason Hong, MD, PhD, Riccardo Olcese, PhD, Grégoire Ruffenach, PhD, Nicoletta Savalli, PhD, Shervin Sarji, BSc, Jason Hong, MD, PhD, Wasila Sun: Myocardial Fibrosis and Calcification are Attenuated by MicroRNA–129-5p Targeting Asporin and Sox9 in Cardiac Fibroblasts. *Journal of Clinical Investigation*.
- Somanshu Banerjee, PhD, Asif Razee, MCIP PhD, Soban Umar, MD: Thoracic Spinal Cord Neuroinflammation as a Novel Therapeutic Target in Pulmonary Hypertension. *Hypertension*.
- Hua Cai, MD, PhD, Kai Haung, Ji Youn Youn, PhD: Endothelial Damage in Young Adult E-Cigarette Users. *Redox Biology*.
- Natalie C. Moreland, MD, Emily Methangkool, MD, MPH: Perioperative Brain Health: A Patient Safety Priority All Anesthesia Professionals Must Address. *APSF Newsletter*.
- Emily Methangkool, MD, MPH, Daniel J. Cole, MD: Consensus Recommendations for the Safe Conduct of Nonoperating Room Anesthesia: A Meeting Report From the 2022 Stoelting Conference of the Anesthesia Patient Safety Foundation. *Anesthesia & Analgesia*.
- Rajesh Kumar, PhD: Brain Changes Linked to Cognitive Symptomatology in Homeless Youth. *Clinical Nursing Research*.
- Jane Moon, MD: Empowering the People: The Freedom House Ambulance Service. *Anesthesiology*.
- Johnathan Pregler, MD, FASA:
 - Pre-Spiking of Intravenous Fluid Bags No Longer Limited by 1-Hour Rule. *ASA Monitor*
 - A Financial Model of the 100% Medicare Practice. *ASA Monitor*.

Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI)

June is Pride Month

by Olivia Vallejo

June marks Pride Month – a time to proudly display our resolute and unwavering support of our diverse LGBTQ+ community. We are proud of our LGBTQ+ faculty, staff, students, and trainees and are taking steps to foster acceptance, inclusivity, and a safe work environment for all. This Pride Month, we pledge to continue to advocate for our LGBTQ+ community and patients in the face of all forms of systemic oppression.

We invite you to join [community events](#) taking place to celebrate LGBTQIA+ Pride Month.

We look forward to our DAPM Pride Night at Dodger Stadium this Friday 6/16!

Don't forget to request your [DAPM Pride Solidarity Button](#)! These are also available at RRUMC in 2331 next to Dr. Cannesson's office ([along with Rainbow U ID Badge Clips](#)). Please contact Dr. Elliott Higgins to coordinate pick up for a button or clip at SMH!

JUNETEENTH - FREEDOM DAY

We celebrate Juneteenth because June 19, 1865, was the day that enslaved peoples of African descent in Texas finally gained their freedom. Two years ago, Juneteenth was made a federal holiday – the first to be recognized since Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in 1983. UCLA Health will observe Juneteenth on Monday, June 19, 2023.



We invite you to join one of the many community events taking place to celebrate Juneteenth:

[Celebrate Juneteenth in Los Angeles](#)

We also invite you explore the following links to learn about Juneteenth:

[Juneteenth - UCLA Equity, Diversity & Inclusion](#)

[Juneteenth World Wide Celebration](#)

[The Historical Legacy of Juneteenth | National Museum of African American History and Culture \(si.edu\)](#)

Wellness Corner

By Darnell Bagsik

DAPM Administrative Staff Retreat

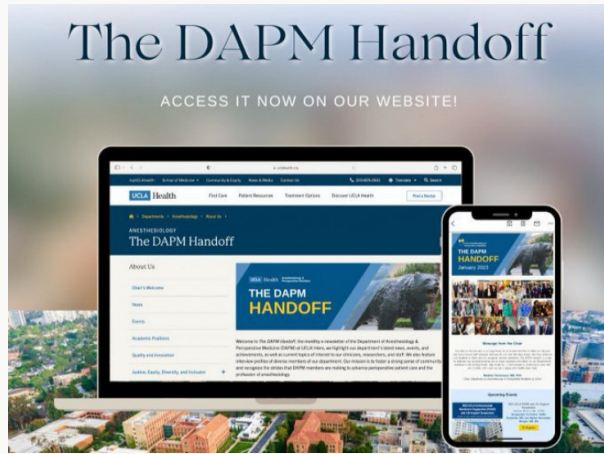
The @ucla_anesthesiology Administrative Staff team joined together for our Annual Staff Retreat! 💙💛 Throughout the day, our staff members discussed work styles and strategies, learned about campus resources for support, and enjoyed foods from a variety of cultures and an abundance of giveaways.

C8 is now LIVE!

C8 is DAPM's new intranet platform – it will serve as a repository for department internal materials, including clinical pathways, rotation information, and other guidelines.

Log into C8 Health on the web and on your mobile device by entering your Mednet email address and the confirmation code that was sent to your email:

- Access the [WebApp](#)
- Download the mobile app: [iOS](#) | [Android](#)



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