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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

FRANK ROSEMEIER, MD

Hello FSA members,

This year will certainly be a year to remember! The first half of 2020 presented a unique and profound period for our society, our state, and the world.

By all accounts COVID-19 continues to affect all of us individually and as a society in unprecedented ways...several key events that we look forward to each year were either cancelled or moved to an online format, including our annual trip to DC for the ASA Legislative Conference, our own Annual Meeting in June, the Florida Medical Association Meeting, and most recently the ASA Annual Meeting scheduled for October 2020.

While we were very disappointed to have to cancel our June meeting, this year's abstracts were moved online <https://www.fsahq.org/2020-fsa-posters/> for your review including those that were given recognition as Abstracts of Distinction and Best Abstracts for 2020.

Additionally, the Board of Directors elections were successfully completed during our recent online FSA Business Meeting, and I am honored to address you now as your new FSA President during this incredibly challenging time.

The election brought some fresh faces to our Board, and I am pleased to congratulate Dr. Jared Weiner, MD, FASA, on becoming the newest officer for the Society as Assistant Treasurer and all other new board members for 2020-2021. The results of our elections are announced in this newsletter.

In addition to missed gatherings, our society will be faced with other challenges. There are several tasks that I hope to accomplish during my year as your President:

1. **Membership** – membership dues are the primary source of funding for this organization. Most of our efforts as a Society focus on legislative affairs and professional advocacy, and your membership helps to provide the resources we need as we continue to promote the practice of safe, patient centered and physician-led anesthesiology in the state of Florida. We know there are many practicing anesthesiologists who are not members of the FSA or the ASA and others who may have experienced economic hardship during this pandemic and have not renewed their membership. One of my goals for the year is to connect with these physicians, convince them as to the value of organized medicine and urge them to join or rejoin the society and support our legislative and advocacy efforts.
2. **FSAPAC** – hand in hand with our advocacy initiatives, a strong PAC is essential in helping us to support and elect the state representatives who subscribe to our mission. My goal for this year is to review and reevaluate our PAC, to facilitate the PAC donation process and better define and meet annual fundraising and legislative goals.
3. **Collaboration** – the FSA's strength is enhanced by our good relationship with other individuals and organizations in the state. This year we will work to build on and enhance already strong connections, not only with our terrific lobbying team at Johnson & Blanton and our talented public relations and marketing colleagues at VancoreJones Communications, but also with other medical organizations in the state – the Florida Medical Association, the Florida chapter of the American College of Surgeons and the Florida Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants. A shared commitment to safe and effective health care led by physicians for all Floridians irrespective of ethnicity, gender, socioeconomic background, and sexual orientation is what binds us together, and these strong bonds are essential as we continue our advocacy efforts.

In this challenging period. I have witnessed that anesthesiologists across this great nation have risen to the challenge and provided top-notch safe medical care during exceedingly difficult circumstances. I know that we too, as an organization, will not only survive but thrive during these tough times.

I appreciate each of you, our members, for your support and loyalty to the cause of safe, patient centered, physician led anesthesia care and the excellent work we strive to accomplish each day. We work for you and encourage you to get involved with your Society this year. Remember, the future of your medical life will not be only guided by your knowledge as the leading anesthesia professional of the care team, but heavily influenced by rules and legislation. The FSA is your voice in Tallahassee and the only voice for anesthesiologists!

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Florida Society of Anesthesiologists, thank you for your membership.

Frank Rosemeier, MD, FASA, MRCP(UK)
President, Florida Society of Anesthesiologists



2020 ABSTRACTS

FSA 2020 ABSTRACTS NOW AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING!

Although we are unable to hold our 2020 FSA Annual Meeting, we wanted to showcase all the science submitted through the FSA abstract submission process. All abstracts submitted for the Annual Meeting can now be viewed on the FSA website.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW!](#)

Thank you to this year's abstracts reviewers for your time in reviewing all the 2020 abstracts!

- Tom Fuhrman, MD
- Steve Minear, MD
- Sher-Lu Pai, MD
- Alecia Stein, MD
- Sherman Turnage, MD
- Julio Warren, MD
- Robyn Weisman, MD



AHEAD OF THE CURVE

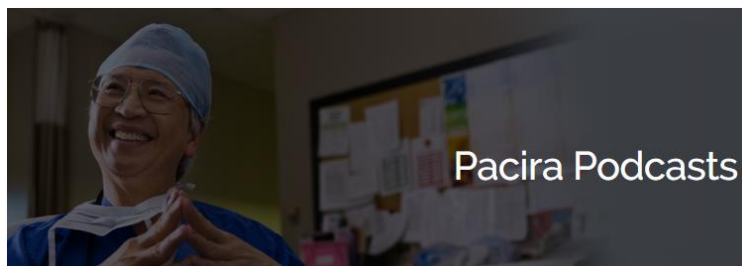
Adjusting Anesthesia Practices for the Safety of Patients and Providers During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Pacira Biosciences, Inc. has developed an important, relevant, and concise series of podcasts to continue the education of HCP's in a COVID environment. These podcasts that can be listened to anytime and are completely free. This podcast series is being produced for physicians and health care providers to provide a form of discussion, evaluation, and reflection of the times during the COVID-19 pandemic. This will hopefully allow everyone a chance to reflect and gear our mindsets to looking towards the new "normal", whenever that comes.

To access these podcasts, please click the link below.

Episode 5 features our very own, FSA President-Elect, Dr. Leo Rodriguez!

[CLICK HERE TO LISTEN!](#)



Critical Care Update

FROM THE LATEST ASA HOUSE OF DELEGATES REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Critical Care and Anesthesia Services Payment Reform (CCASPR): We continue to lobby Congress for continued support for anesthesiologists' practices during the pandemic. In particular, we are lobbying for the inclusion of provisions to specifically provide a 20 percent payment add-on for high risk services provided by anesthesiologists and other professionals. As part of a previously enacted federal law, hospitals received a 20 percent add-on payment for their care of COVID patients. Physicians did not receive a similar benefit.

The ASA-developed proposal, known as the CCASPR initiative, would provide a 20 percent payment increase for specific critical care codes, as well as for anesthesia services provided to COVID patients. Additionally, the initiative would identify for payment those physician services that have become more common during the pandemic but that are not currently recognized by CMS for payment. Examples include "proning" and "assistants at intubation."

2020 FSA AWARDS



The Florida Society of Anesthesiologists is pleased to present

Charles J. Chase, DO

with the

**2020 FSA Distinguished
Service Award**

For outstanding vision, dedication, and commitment to the organization



The Florida Society of Anesthesiologists is pleased to present

Todd J. Smaka, MD

with the

**2020 FSA Presidential
Engagement Award**

In recognition of your commitment and selfless contributions of time and effort on behalf of the Society

LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR

RALPH E. MASSULLO, MD

The Florida Society of Anesthesiologists is proud to present to Ralph Massullo, MD, the 2020 FSA Legislator of the Year Award.

Dr. Massullo is recognized for his service to his fellow citizens, his patients, and his profession by electing to take up a second career as a public servant in the Florida House of Representatives while maintaining a successful medical practice. His colleagues in Tallahassee constantly seek his leadership and opinion when it comes to health care issues. The FSA appreciates his heartfelt dedication to patient safety, transparency in clinical titles, and improving access to medical care for all Floridians.



NEW FSA BOARD MEMBERS

Congratulations to our newly-elected members of the FSA Board of Directors. For a complete list of the FSA Board, visit the FSA website: [FSA Leadership](#)



Steven Minear, MD
District Director 4 East



Nelson Guevara, MD
District Director 5 South



Asif Neil Mohammed, MD
ASA Alternate Delegate



Aryeh Shander, MD
ASA Alternate Delegate



Harshdeep Wilkhu, MD
FMA Alternate Delegate

FSA Re-Elected Roles

The following board members have been re-elected in their previously held FSA Board position.

Adam Fier, MD- District Director 2 Central
Rosemarie E. Garcia-Getting, MD - District Director 3 West
Leopoldo V. Rodriguez, MD, FAAP - ASA Delegate 6 At Large
John J. Doyle, MD - ASA Delegate At Large
Asha Padmanabhan MD, FASA - ASA Delegate At Large
Brenda Fahy, MD, FCCM- ASA Alternate Delegate
Rosemarie Garcia-Getting, MD - ASA Alternate Delegate
Jonathan Hadaway, MD- ASA Alternate Delegate
Sher-Lu Pai, MD- ASA Alternate Delegate At Large
Steven Porter, MD - ASA Alternate Delegate
Suvikram Puri, MD- ASA Alternate Delegate
Gerald Rosen, MD - ASA Alternate Delegate
Mark Schlangel, MD- ASA Alternate Delegate
Alecia L. Stein- ASA Alternate Delegate
William Turnage, MD - ASA Alternate Delegate
Charles J. Chase, DO- FMA Delegate
Christian Diez, MD, MBA - FMA Delegate
Frank Rosemeier, MD - FMA Delegate

New FSA Board Roles

Congratulations to the following existing FSA Board members who will serve new roles this year!

Frank Rosemeier, MD - President
Leopoldo Rodriguez, MD, MBA, FAAP, FASA - President-Elect
Brence Sell, MD -Vice President
Chris Giordano, MD - Secretary
Asha Padmanabhan, MD - Treasurer
Jared Weiner, MD - Assistant Treasurer
Christian Diez, MD, MBA-Immediate Past President
Steven Porter, MD - District Director 1 North
Zachary Deutch, MD - ASA Delegate At Large
Adam Fier, MD - ASA Delegate At Large
Jared Weiner, MD - ASA Delegate At Large
Paul Anderson, MD - ASA Alternate Delegate
Adam Blomberg, MD - ASA Alternate Delegate
Thomas Fuhrman, MD – ASA Alternate Delegate
Gary Gomez, MD, MBA, FASA - ASA Alternate Delegate
Keya Locke, MD - FMA Delegate & ASA Alternate Delegate
Nicholas Nedeff, MD - FMA Alternate Delegate
Rene Przkora, MD - FMA Alternate Delegate
Todd Smaka, MD - FMA Alternate Delegate

Steven Gayer, MD- FMA Delegate
Brence A. Sell, MD- FMA Delegate
Elena J. Holak, MD - FMA Delegate
Jonathan Slonin, MD – FMA Delegate
Sher-Lu Pai, MD - FMA Delegate
Paul Anderson, MD - FMA Alternate Delegate
Gary Gomez, MD - FMA Alternate Delegate
Mark Schlangel, MD - FMA Alternate Delegate

IN THE BREAKROOM...

SIX QUESTIONS FOR YOUR NEW FSA ASSISTANT TREASURER – JARED WEINER, M.D., F.A.S.A.

On June 14th, Dr. Jared Weiner was elected as the Assistant Treasurer for the FSA. Jared will work closely with our current Treasurer Dr. Asha Padmanabhan, monitoring the budget and investments of the FSA and helping to steer the Society towards continued financial strength. As Jared gets started in this role, In The Breakroom asked him a few questions to learn a little more about FSA's newest officer...



ITB: Give us the "Who is Jared Weiner" elevator pitch - a quick bio citing your educational and professional background.

JW: I attended the University of Florida for undergrad, medical school at the University of Miami, and did my anesthesia residency and cardiac fellowship at Emory. I moved to Orlando and joined my group in 2006. My practice includes all types of patients and settings – from healthy peds in an ASC to advanced cardiac in the hospital. My biggest professional accomplishment was helping to create the heart/lung transplant program at our hospital and to serve as its anesthesia director for the last 10 years. I am excited to switch gears and focus on helping our society. I am also currently pursuing my MBA at UF.

ITB: Was medicine always your career goal? if not, what career did you consider before?

JW: Growing up, I wanted to be a cardiac surgeon. After medical school, I started general surgery residency, but after a couple of years I "saw the light" and switched to anesthesia. It was one of the best decisions I have ever made.

ITB: What drew you to Anesthesiology?

JW: First of all, I love the procedural aspects of anesthesia. Blocks, lines, TEEs are fun. Secondly, I like the complexity of our specialty and the push we feel to learn and advance our knowledge to provide the very best care to our patients.

ITB: Are you a native of Florida? If not, how long have you lived in the state?

JW: Yes, I'm a native Floridian – I was born in Miami and grew up in Ocala. My parents were in the thoroughbred horse business which is why we were in Ocala. My wife (who grew up in Miami) and I returned permanently in 2006.

ITB: Proudest moment of your career so far?

JW: I've been blessed with some pretty exciting moments in my career, but if I had to choose one, it would be doing the first heart transplant in Orlando. It was not that the case was not special, it was more about what it represented. It was a culmination of an incredible amount of work from many people dedicated to elevating the care in our community (including an incredible amount of support from my partners).

ITB: What's your favorite way to spend your time when not working?

JW: Besides spending time with my wife Leslie and two children Jacob and Alyssa, I enjoy golf, snowboarding, riding my Peloton (not enough, lol) and college football (Go Gators!).