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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Colleagues,

As we thought the COVID-19 nightmare was over, the Delta variant has appeared to have peaked in Florida. Our colleagues continue to devote their profession and skills to patient care as front-line providers, and I want to thank you all for what you do.

You may have read that the Florida Association of Nurse Anesthetists recently decided to mimic the AANA in using the word Anesthesiology in their association name. The leadership of the Florida Society of Anesthesiologists continues to educate legislators and the public about titles in healthcare and why they matter. Please be assured that we are pursuing different roads to protect our profession and specialty.

I recently had dinner with Senator Kathleen Passidomo, State Senator District 28, the next President of the Florida Senate. I had the opportunity to discuss physician leadership in Anesthesiology, the Anesthesia Care Team, the importance of patient safety.

All of us, as Anesthesiologists, have an opportunity to interact with patients and families before a procedure. Patient and family interactions are the perfect time to inform them about who we are, what we do, and how we lead a team of clinicians. Like intensive care colleagues lead nurses in the ICU taking care of patients, we lead the operating rooms to take care of patients.

Also, each of us should take the opportunity to speak to our local State Representative and Senator and inform them of what we do. By staying engaged and keeping our politicians informed, we will prevail.

Our Past-President, Frank Rosemeier, and I recently participated in a workshop with AHCA, explaining the disadvantages. Anesthesiologists have had billing for Medicaid cases in Florida, specifically in obstetric and pediatric patients. We have presented our issues and are awaiting a response from the government.

A special thanks to our legislative team, led by Dr. Jay Epstein.

The American Society of Anesthesiologists Meeting will be in San Diego, in person this year. Those who will attend will follow specific guidelines imposed by the ASA to maintain the session COVID-19 safe. This includes vaccination, or testing, symptom surveillance, etc. Several Florida Anesthesiologists will be giving presentations at the ASA annual meeting. Dr. Jeff Jacobs, an Anesthesiologist at Cleveland Clinic, who Chairs the Southern Caucus, will be running for ASA Vice-Speaker of the House of Delegates; we are confident he will be elected. Dr. Jacobs, Past-President of the FSA, has been a very engaged leader of the FSA and ASA.

Sincerely,

**Leopoldo V. Rodriguez, MD, MBA, FAAP, FASA, SAMBA-F
President, Florida Society of Anesthesiologists**



FSA RESIDENT DELEGATES 2021

ASA ANNUAL MEETING – SAN DIEGO, CA

Each year FSA seeks Florida residents to serve as Delegates at the 2021 ASA Annual Meeting for the ASA Resident Component House of Delegates. Each applicant is asked to submit their CV and statement of purpose and applications are carefully selected by the FSA Review Committee. Selected residents receive a stipend to the ASA Annual Meeting and are invited to the FSA Board Meeting. To apply next year, sign up for the FSA emails. Congratulations to our eight Resident Delegates for 2021!



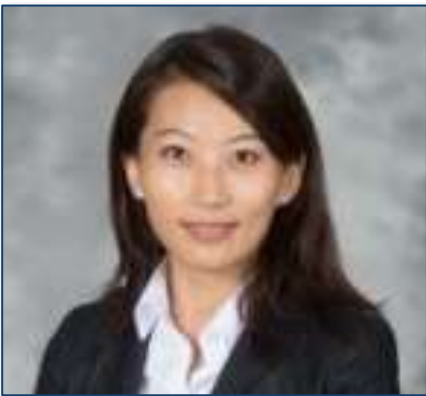
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PHYSICIAN HIGHLIGHT

#WOMENOFIMPACTINANESTHESIOLOGY

Dr. Allison Fernandez is a pediatric anesthesiologist, pain medicine physician, clinical researcher, mother, wife, and the creator of the YouTube series, *Women of Impact in Anesthesiology*. She started feeling stress, burnout and unfulfilled by her academic career. Through these featured conversations, she found hope and guidance. She began to seek out other female anesthesiologists to learn how they overcame and flourished in the burden of such a busy career. Read more and subscribe below. Dr. Fernandez is an active FSA member and part of the FSA Pediatric Anesthesia Task Force. Tune into her presentation during FSA's webinar, *Hot Topics in Pediatric Anesthesia*. More information below.



Allison Fernandez, MD, MBA

“Women of Impact in Anesthesiology”

Allison Fernandez, MD, MBA is the creator and host of *Women of Impact in Anesthesiology*. The YouTube interviews and highlights women leaders such as Drs Linda Mason, Jane Fitch, Mary Dale Peterson, Beverly Philip, Cynthia Wong, Roberta Hines and Colleen Koch and more. They discuss their experiences with leadership development, mentoring, gender bias, work life balance and much more. Subscribe to *Women of Impact in Anesthesiology* by clicking below. Share and tweet the series #womenofimpactinanesthesiology to your friends and colleagues.

Watch on YouTube



The FSA Pediatrics Anesthesia Task Force Presents...

HOT TOPICS IN PEDIATRIC ANESTHESIA WEBINAR SERIES

A webinar series dedicated to the discussion of pediatric anesthesia topics for ALL anesthesiologists.

Registration is FREE and all webinars will be offered quarterly.



REGISTER HERE

Wednesday, October 6
6:00 PM EST

Tune in for the upcoming second presentation of the FSA Webinar Series - *Hot Topics in Pediatric Anesthesia*.

Topic 1: "A Pyloric Stenosis Refresher: Has Anything Changed?"

Topic 2: "Highlights of the Pediatric Craniofacial Collaborative Group"

Moderator: Rosalie Tassone, MD
Speakers: Mike Sroka, MD & Allison Fernandez, MD, MA

FSA 2021 ANNUAL MEETING WEBINAR SERIES

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THE FLORIDA SOCIETY OF ANESTHESIOLOGISTS

ANNUAL MEETING 2021

Webinar Series | Starting June 2021

October 21st - Hot Blocks of 2021 (Sponsored by Pacira)
November 11th - Professionalism & Diversity
December 9th - Obesity & Pregnancy



Thursday, October 21st
7:00 PM EST

“Hot Blocks to Know in 2021”
Sponsored by Pacira

An interactive lecture and demonstration of ESP and PENG block techniques

Hosted by: Jeff Gadsden, MD, FRCPC, FANZCA

*All speakers have a consulting relationship with Pacira BioSciences, Inc.
This program is not accredited for CME and attendees will not receive CME credit.*

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Members can view recordings of 2021 FSA Annual Meeting Webinar Series online. First log into the FSA website and use the link below to view!

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THE FLORIDA SOCIETY OF ANESTHESIOLOGISTS

ANNUAL MEETING 2022

June 10-12, 2022

The Breakers
Palm Beach, Florida

For more details, visit FSA online at
WWW.FSAHQ.ORG/MEETING



ANESTHESIOLOGY® 2021

MANAGING CHANGE, LEADING INNOVATION – SAN DIEGO, CA

The ASA Annual Meeting will take place October 8-12 in San Diego, CA. This year's annual meeting is all about leveraging our collective strength and insight to move forward together. For those that are not able to travel to San Diego, you can plan to participate in the ASA's **Virtual Track** to access a small selection of presentations.

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colleagues below.**

View the entire program

SATURDAY, October 9, 2021

7:45-8:45 AM – VIRTUAL
SESSION OR01-1. Ambulatory
Anesthesia
Abstract Moderator
Sher-Lu Pai, MD

10:15-11:15 AM – Upper 23ABC
SESSION PC02. Scope of Practice:
Can A Nurse Anesthetist Really Do
My Job?
Pro-Devil's Advocate
Zachary B. Deutch, MD, FASA

2:30-3:30 PM – Upper 1AB
Session 601. (SAMBA) Patient
Selection in Three Different
Locations: Ambulatory Operating
Room, Ambulatory Surgery Center,
and Office-Based Anesthesia
Practice
Patient Selection in the Ambulatory
surgery Center
Leopold V. Rodriguez, MD, MBA

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021

7:30 AM – 7:40 AM – EXHIBIT HALL
SESSION MCC02. Medically Challenging
Cases II
MC2017. Utilizing Pharmacogenomic
Information For Personalized Perioperative
Pain Management
Sher-Lu Pai, M.D.

11:00 AM – 11:10 AM – EXHIBIT HALL
SESSION MCC03. Medically Challenging
Cases III
MC2360. Right Ventricular Perforation
Associated With Deployment Of Micra Lead-
less Pacemaker
Cameron Howard, M.D.

1:30-2:30 PM – UPPER 6C
SESSION 216. Pediatric Trauma Update
Moderator
Rosalie Tassone, MD, MPH.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2021

2:30-3:30 PM – Upper 6B
SESSION ST312. Here to Stay or Here for
the Day? Important Considerations for
Overnight Stay Ambulatory Surgicenters
Patient and Case Selection Considerations
Leopoldo V. Rodriguez, MD, MBA

3:15-4:45 PM – Upper 28DE
SESSION MOCA (Ticketed session) 839.
Integrating Acupuncture in Perioperative
Care and Pain Medicine Workshop
Acupuncture Microsystem
Rosalie F. Tassone, MD, MPH.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021

10:00-11:00 AM – UPPER 8
SESSION ST417. Yes, No, Maybe So: A Re-
Examination of the Evidence Behind
Common Clinical Practices
Common Conundrums in the Preoperative
Assessment
Sher-Lu Pai, MD

If you are traveling to San
Diego, attendees can read
more about the COVID-19
safety protocols [HERE](#).

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