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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

LEOPOLDO RODRIGUEZ, MD, MBA, FASA

Dear Colleagues,

2021 has been a challenging year for our specialty. After facing Delta and now Omicron, our Executive and Legislative Committees as well as our marketing and legislative team continue preparing for a 2022 Legislative session.

American Society of Anesthesiologists, American College of Emergency Physicians, and American College of Radiology [File Lawsuit Against the Federal Government's Implementation Rules for "No Surprises Act."](#)

The Florida Society of Anesthesiologists has joined the Texas Medical Association (TMA) and their recently filed lawsuit regarding the flawed No Surprises Act (NSA) regulation implementing the independent dispute resolution (IDR) process.

Nurse Anesthetists have introduced two bills, seeking the elimination of physician supervision, and elimination of protocols by facility medical staff. Our leadership and legislative team have been working to keep Anesthesiologist led care in Florida. Our next board of directors meeting, as well as legislative visits will be in Tallahassee, this coming January 2022. [Help support our efforts by donating to the Florida Society of Anesthesiologists Political Action Committee.](#)

Florida Association of Anesthesiology Assistants seeking to update the statute that rules their profession to better match their abilities to practice under Medical Direction in the State of Florida, when the physician is immediately available.

The Florida Society of Anesthesiologists and the Florida Medical Association have solidified our relations, not only at the FMA annual meeting, and by having an Anesthesiologist Dr. Chuck Chase in the FMA leadership, but also from the [Legislative Agenda](#). By supporting its other's legislative agenda, we maintain patient safety in Florida – [continue reading the Legislative Agenda below on page 3](#).

I'm proud to say, that as we did last year during session, many of our members will be "Doctor of the Day" for either chamber this coming 2022 Legislative Session. Anesthesiologists are physicians first, and as such we will represent our profession in the legislature.

I want to assure you that both the ASA and its state components (including the FSA) will continue to advocate for you and our profession to protect patients and promote safe physician-led anesthesia care while raising the standard and awareness of the medical specialty, anesthesiology.

I want to thank everyone who supported our mission this year to protect the safe, cost-effective, and proven model of physician led anesthesia care team model, by their actions and by making substantial [donations to the FSAPAC](#). Please continue to do so, as well as [donating to the FMA PAC](#).

Thank you and have my best wishes for a prosperous 2022!

Sincerely,

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



FSA RESIDENT AWARDS

January 2022

FSA LEGISLATIVE DAYS– TALLAHASSEE, FL

The FSA leadership is preparing for our annual **FSA Legislative Days** in Tallahassee, January 24 & 25, 2022. FSA Leaders annually visit the Capitol to meet with state senators and representatives to discuss bills and legislation that effect our practice and patient safety. Each year, FSA selects a group of residents to travel to the capitol and attend these legislative meetings, sit in on the FSA board meeting, and learn more about the legislative work FSA is doing for our practice and patient safety. Hotel and flight expenses are reimbursed by FSA.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

E.J. Collins, M.D., M.B.A

University of Florida, Gainesville

Miguel A. Escanelle, M.D.

University of Miami, Jackson Health

Andrew B. Neff, D.O.

University of Florida, Gainesville



ASA PRACTICE MANAGEMENT – DALLAS, TX

Each year, FSA provides a \$1,000 travel award to a Resident member to attend the ASA Practice Management Meeting. ASA has transformed the PRACTICE MANAGEMENT conference to [ASA ADVANCE 2022: The Anesthesiology Business Event](#). ASA ADVANCE allows the opportunity for residents to collaborate and connect with practice leaders, industry partners, and strategic visionaries to build a stronger, more sustainable anesthesiology business. The event is designed to help you improve efficiency, navigate this ever-changing business environment, and enact future-focused strategies with confidence. You can learn more about the conference [here](#).

CONGRATULATIONS TO:



Hong Liang, D.O., M.S.
Mayo Clinic, Florida



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FSA 2022 – ANNUAL MEETING

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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



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Submission
Deadline:
February 25, 2022
5:00 PM ET

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FSA AND FMA (continued from page 1)

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1. **Scope of practice expansion**, the FMA is in full support of the FSA preventing independent practice by Nurse Anesthetists.
2. **The FMA and FSA continue working together on enhancing the Truth in Medical Education act, or TIME act.** Many professionals continue to misrepresent their education to confuse patients into thinking they are physicians. For example, nurse anesthetists, attempt to call themselves nurse anesthesiologists, there are professionals calling themselves nurse cardiologist, nurse dermatologist, etc. The proposed legislation would empower the Florida Department of Health, and not the Board of Nursing to manage these outliers.
3. **Clarification of the parental bill of rights.** FMA is seeking a clarification of the Parental Bill of rights. FMA is seeking a fix to the bill to exempt physicians of liability if they aid a minor after an accident, or other event, and they don't have parental presence to avoid criminal penalties.
4. **Telehealth:** the FMA is seeking to expand the capabilities to prescribe controlled substances, after a telehealth visit, as many patients have suffered during the COVID pandemic, by being unable to visit physician offices. In addition, insurance companies are attempting to pay less for telehealth services that have been very important during the pandemic. If we don't get this, patients in rural areas would be impacted.
5. **Medication access for cancer patients.** The FMA wants to improve patients access to cancer drugs. "White bagging" means the drug is purchased through a specialty pharmacy and shipped to the provider's office for administration. Should the FMA be unsuccessful, physicians will lose the ability to adjust treatment based on a patient's condition, or treatments could be delayed.
6. **School "bleeding control kits:"** The FMA and FSA are seeking funding from the legislature for the "Bleeding control kits" for schools in Florida. This is a way to prevent tragic deaths in schools.
7. **School loan reimbursement for physicians** who work in rural areas.

PHYSICIAN HIGHLIGHT

JENNIFER HOCHMAN COHN, M.D.

Dr. Jennifer Hochman Cohn is an Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. She is the Chief of Obstetrical Anesthesiology at Jackson South Medical Center and the Associate Director of the Preoperative Anesthesia Testing Unit. Dr. Hochman Cohn is native to Miami and received both her undergraduate and medical degrees at the University of Florida. She returned home to the University of Miami for her anesthesiology training and her obstetrical anesthesiology fellowship, which she completed in 2011. She lives in Pinecrest with her husband Adam, a dentist, her two boys (Evan, eight and Jordan, six), and her giant schnoodle, Pacey. She enjoys traveling and spending time outdoors with her family and friends.

Dr. Cohn is an active FSA Board Member, Chair of the FSA Obstetric Anesthesia Committee, and recently facilitated the latest presentation of the FSA 2021 Meeting Series: Obesity, Pregnancy & Anesthesia.



Interested in joining the FSA Obstetric Anesthesia Committee?

Click the link below to provide your information or ask questions. If interested, please feel out the form to be notified of the next committee meeting.

[CLICK HERE](#)

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THE FLORIDA SOCIETY OF ANESTHESIOLOGISTS

ANNUAL MEETING 2021 Webinar Series



Obesity, Pregnancy and Anesthesia



Jennifer Hochman Cohn, MD
University of Miami



Selina Patel, MD
University of Miami



Reine Zbeidy, MD
University of Miami

Moderator:
Speakers:

Jennifer Hochman Cohn, MD
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Reine Zbeidy, MD

FSA WEBINAR SERIES

PAST RECORDINGS – AVAILABLE ON THE FSA WEBSITE

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ANNUAL MEETING 2021
Webinar Series | Starting June 2021



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Registration is FREE and all webinars will be offered quarterly.



THE BUSINESS OF MEDICINE
A Webinar Series for Anesthesiology Residents, Fellows and Junior Faculty

- 9-30-2020:** Want to work in Florida as an Anesthesiologist? Where to start and the Impact of COVID-19
- 10-22-2020:** Where to go: Academic vs Private Practice vs Locums, Large vs small groups?
- 11-19-2020:** The Interviews – Getting the best results
- 12-17-2020:** Troubleshooting my application
- 1-21-2021:** Financial planning – basics for when starting a job
- 2-18-2021:** Anesthesia Fellowships: Tips to get best results

ASA's Anesthesiology Policy Research Rotation in Political Affairs

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The American Society of Anesthesiologists is excited to announce that applications are now open for the 2022-2023 cycle of the **ASA Anesthesiology Policy Research Rotation in Political Affairs**, also known as the “**Resident Scholar Program**.” The ASA Advocacy Division hosts a four-week rotation in Washington, D.C., designed to allow resident physicians to experience the political, legislative, and regulatory factors that affect the delivery of patient care.

During the rotation, the resident will achieve comprehensive understanding of health care politics and policy, gain first-hand experience of a political environment, assist in day-to-day activities in ASA's Advocacy Division, attend lobby events sponsored by ASA, create specific research projects, and explore and report on new law and policy changes affecting the profession of anesthesiology. During the rotation the resident will be supervised by ASA's Director of Congressional and Political Affairs.

Please note: In accordance with CDC guidance for businesses and employers to slow transmission, and to prioritize the health and well-being of ASA staff and its members, ASA employees are working remotely and abiding by state and local guidelines. We look forward to the Rotation returning to an in-person experience. However, applicants should be prepared for the rotation to remain virtual until an in-person environment is safe and appropriate.

The Policy Research Rotation in Political Affairs has been approved by the American Board of Anesthesiology (ABA) to count toward residency credit. A stipend of \$5,500 is provided to offset living expenses (note: this stipend will be \$2,500 for virtual participants). The 2022-2023 application period is now open and will close February 16, 2022 at 11:59 PM EST.

Not a resident? Tell a resident! Find much more information online at: asahq.org/ResidentScholar.

Complete the online application:

[CLICK HERE](#)

The application is open until 11:59 PM EST

February 16, 2022.