

# THE DAPM HANDOFF

May 2024



## Message from the Chair

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the May 2024 issue of *The DAPM Handoff*! As reflected by the depth and breadth of the topics in this issue, our Department's members have been shining a bright light nationally and internationally. The myriad of initiatives and accomplishments displayed below is a testament to each and everyone one of you and to the culture of inclusion and cohesiveness of our Department. It is a pleasure to see you all grow and succeed.

Please read on for the following highlights:

- HumAnes of UCLA profiles of Aline Toukhtarian, MD, and Frank Perkins, MD, CA-0
- DAPM 16th Annual Scientific Evening
- 2024 Annual Womxn's Symposium: Emerging Woxmn Researchers
- Dr. Hoftman, Dr. Nwajuaku, and Dr. Weissman on a wartime mission to Israel
- Dr. Jiang's international rotation in China, with an introduction by Dr. Xia
- Dr. Saksa, Dr. Zywicki, and the first-time use of the Hepzato Kit at UCLA
- Dr. Methangkool, Guest Editor of *The ASA Monitor's* special issue on Patient Safety
- Drs. Joosten and Cannesson, Co-Editors of Hemodynamic Monitoring and Fluid Therapy During Surgery
- Recent Conferences: CSA, ASRA Pain Medicine, SCA, SPA-AAP, ILTS, WARC

All the best,

**Maxime Cannesson, MD, PhD**

Chair, Department of Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine at UCLA



**HumAnes of UCLA**

**Aline Toukhtarian, MD**

*HS Clinical Instructor*



"I like that I get to meet different people every day through my job and learn about their backgrounds, passions, and favorite travel destinations."

[Meet Aline >](#)



**Frank Perkins, MD**

*PGY-1 | CA-0 Resident Physician*

"Rotating on anesthesia, I realized it was a good fit when the residents and faculty were nerding out about vasopressor choices and various receptor affinities."

[Meet Frank >](#)

[View HumAnes of UCLA site](#)

**Original Articles**



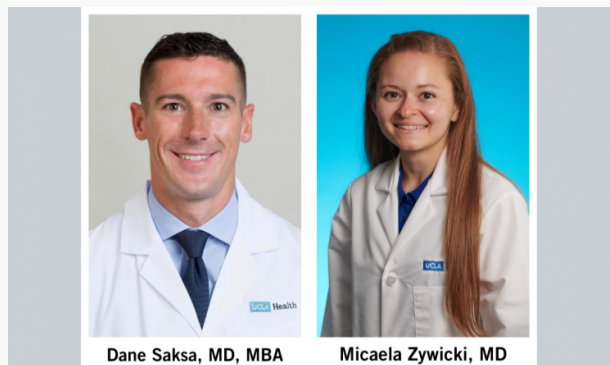
**[UCLA DAPM 16th Annual Scientific Evening](#)**

*By Soban Umar, MD, PhD*



**[2024 Annual Womxn's Symposium: Emerging Womxn Researchers](#)**

*By Olivia Vallejo*



**Dane Saks, MD, MBA**

**Micaela Zywicki, MD**

**A Wartime Mission to Israel: An Opportunity for Understanding, Collaboration, and Peace**  
*By Nir Hoftman, MD, and Patricia Nwajuaku, MD, MPH*

**First-Time Use of Hepzato Kit at UCLA's Santa Monica Medical Center**  
*Q&A with Dane Saksa, MD, MBA, and Micaela Zywicki, MD*



**The China Rotation at The Second Affiliated Hospital of Zhejiang University**  
*By Victor Xia, MD*

**The Magnificent Efficiency of Chinese Anesthesia: Observations from Zhejiang's Second Hospital**  
*By Yanting "Sam" Jiang, MD*

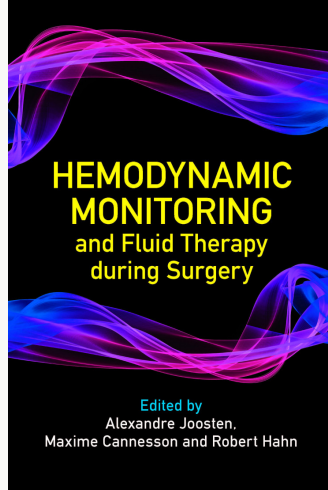
## DAPM in the News

**Chief Residents Announcement & Match Day 2024**



**Dr. Emily Methangkool, Guest Editor & Author for *The ASA Monitor's* special issue on Patient Safety**  
Read the issue here!

**Dr. Dane Saksa discusses leadership, innovation, and education tracks on ASA's "Residents in a Room" podcast**



## **New Book: Hemodynamic Monitoring and Fluid Therapy during Surgery**

Drs. Alexandre Joosten and Maxime Cannesson co-edited a collection of key topics in fluid and hemodynamic therapy.

[Carla Gonzalez featured in AMG Board Spotlight](#)

[View all news](#)

## **Recent Conferences**

[Society of Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists 2024 Annual Meeting](#)

*By Jonathan Ho, MD, and Ashley Oliver, MD, MA*

[UCLA Pediatric Anesthesiology and Informatics at SPA-AAP 2024](#)

*By Theodora Wingert, MD*

[Annual Western Anesthesia Resident's Conference \(WARC\) 2024](#)

[International Liver Transplantation Society 2024 Annual Congress](#)

*By Christine Nguyen-Buckley, MD*

[California Society of Anesthesiologists 2024 Annual Meeting](#)

[ASRA Pain Medicine Meeting 2024](#)

**Awards and Grants**

**Emily Pinho, MSN, CRNA:** 2024 1st Quarter Top CRNA

**Kathy Cazares, MD, MBA:** Resident of the Quarter

**Ryan Bakhit, DO, MHS:** Teacher of the Quarter

**Somanshu Banerjee, PhD:** 2024 American Heart Association (AHA) Career Development Award

**Rajesh Kumar, PhD:** NIH R21 grant for project, "Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus and Blood Brain Barrier Function Improvement- A Randomized Clinical Trial"

**Jordan Francke, MD, MPH:** SOAP/Kybele International Outreach Grant

**James Elkins (Canales Lab):** Western Anesthesia Resident's Conference 1st place Oral Presentation Award

**Eileen Nguyen, MD, PhD, CA-0:** Western Anesthesia Resident's Conference 2nd place Oral Presentation Award

**Sungsoo "Danny" Kim, MD, PhD:** Society for Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists In-Training Grant

**Sophia Poorsattar, MD:** Women in Cardiothoracic Anesthesia She LEADS Award

**Betelehem Asnake, MD, MS:** California Society of Anesthesiologists Educator of the Year

**Welcome to DAPM!**

**John Brumm, MD**  
HS Clinical Instructor

**Tatum Dobalian**  
CRNA

**Meron Admassu**  
CRNA

**Taramarie O'Connor**  
CRNA

**Cynthia Urzua**  
Academic HR Analyst

**Mary Ann Macaso**  
Sr. Fund Manager

**Monica Gonzalez**  
Clinical Financial Analyst

## DAPM at Work

## DAPM at Play

## Recent DAPM Publications

- **Jason Batten, MD:** Physician Perspectives on Challenges in Understanding Patient Preferences for Emergency Intubation. A Qualitative Assessment of Hospital Code Status Orders. *CHEST Critical Care*.
- **Pamela Chia, MD, MS, Michael Wolfe, MD:** Sugammadex-Associated Anaphylaxis: Summary and Proposed Management. *Anesthesia & Analgesia*.
- **Varina Clark Onwunyi, MD:** Reframing the gender equity discussion in anaesthesiology: adopting best practices to promote physician retention and belonging. *Anaesthesia*.
- **Kevin Youssefzadeh, MD, Jane Moon, MD:** Dr. Giesecke Anesthetizes a Giant Gorilla. *Anesthesiology*.
- **Tiffany Williams, MD, PhD, Matthew Fischer, MD, Reed Harvey, MD, Jacques Neelankavil, MD:** It's Time for Effective and Affordable Therapies for Cardiac Amyloidosis: Lessons From Patisiran. *Journal of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Anesthesia*.
- **Jure Marijic, MD, Jacques Neelankavil, MD:** Semaglutide: A New Medical Swiss Army Knife? *Journal of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Anesthesia*.
- **Eileen Nguyen, MD, PhD:** Brainstem Modulation of Nociception by Periaqueductal Gray Neurons Expressing the  $\mu$ -Opioid Receptor in Mice. *Anesthesiology*.
- **Eileen Nguyen, MD, PhD:** The functional and anatomical characterization of three spinal output pathways of the anterolateral tract. *Cell Reports*.
- **Kyle Scranton, Marina Angelina, PhD, Federica Steccanella, PhD, Soban Umar, MD, PhD, Riccardo Olcese, PhD, Michela Ottolia, PhD:** Cardiac function is regulated by the sodium-dependent inhibition of the sodium-calcium exchanger NCX. *Nature Communications*.
- **Nicolas Massaly, PhD:** A locus coeruleus to dorsal hippocampus pathway mediates cue-induced reinstatement of opioid self-administration in male and female rats. *Neuropsychopharmacology*.
- **Jae Woo Lee, MD:** Effects of Intra-operative Cardiopulmonary Variability On Post-operative Pulmonary Complications in Major Non-cardiac Surgery: A Retrospective Cohort Study. *Journal of Medical Systems*.
- **John Shin, MD, Nir Hoftman, MD:** Double lumen endobronchial tube intubation: lessons learned from anatomy. *BMC Anesthesiology*.

- **Hua Cai, MD, PhD:** Reversal of Pulmonary Hypertension in a Human-Like Model: Therapeutic Targeting of Endothelial DHFR. *Circulation Research*.
- **Oren Avram, PhD, Eran Halperin, PhD:** Prediction of activity in eyes with macular neovascularization due to age-related macular degeneration using deep learning. *Eye*.
- **Maxime Cannesson, MD, PhD:** Comparison of differences in cohort (forwards) and case control (backwards) methodological approaches for validation of the Hypotension Prediction Index. *Anesthesiology*.
- **Justine Liang, MD, MS:** Interventional Radiology Management of Hepatic Encephalopathy. *Clinics in Liver Disease*.
- **Jason Tang, MD:** Primary Correction of the Cleft Nasal Septum: A Systematic Review. *The Cleft Palate Craniofacial Journal*.
- **Keren Ziv, MD, Shevaughn Marchese:** Department of Anesthesiology Skilled Peer Support Program Outcomes: Second Victim Perceptions. *Joint Commission Journal on Quality and Patient Safety*.
- **Jane Moon, MD:** Edward Robinson Squibb: an early anaesthesia pioneer. *British Journal of Anaesthesia*.

## Wellness Corner

By the DAPM Health and Well-Being Program

### Spring Fitness Challenge 2024: Group Activities



**Beach Volleyball in Santa Monica**

**Los Leones Trail Hike in Pacific Palisades**

# LEARNING FROM FAILURE WORKSHOP

MARCH 19, 2024

THE WORKSHOP INVOLVED  
SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS  
WITH THE AIM OF  
NORMALIZING FAILURE AND  
PROMOTING CURIOSITY, AWE,  
AND HEALTHY RESPONSES  
TO FAILURE INSTEAD OF  
TOXIC SHAME

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING PROGRAM

## EXERCISE

THINK OF WHEN YOU'VE FAILED.  
WERE YOU IN A SUPPORTIVE  
ENVIRONMENT WHERE YOU COULD  
DISCUSS YOUR FAILURE? DID YOU  
LEARN FROM YOUR FAILURE? IF  
NOT, WHY? IF YOU DID, WHAT DID  
THE SUPPORT LOOK LIKE?



RESIDENTS AND FACULTY SHARED  
THEIR OWN STORIES OF FAILURE

## RELATED ARTICLES







## Health and Well-Being QR code

UCLA Health  
Anesthesiology &  
Perioperative Medicine

**DO YOU HAVE A DAPM WELL-BEING  
IMPROVEMENT IDEA?**

**DO YOU WISH TO RECEIVE PEER SUPPORT?**

**SCAN HERE**  
AND CLICK SUBMIT



THIS IS INTENDED FOR ANESTHESIOLOGY  
DEPARTMENTAL FEEDBACK ONLY AT THIS TIME

DAPM HEALTH AND WELL-  
BEING PROGRAM



The DAPM Well-Being QR Code Initiative! It's designed to help us identify ways to improve our well-being and better support each other. This is just one part of our bigger effort to generate insights and analytics around Well-Being.

### Here's how it works:

- Look out for placards with QR codes around our departmental spaces.
- The QR codes link to a Qualtrics page where you can anonymously submit ideas for well-Being improvement or request peer support.
- We encourage everyone in the department to use the QR codes and share their ideas for making work more supported or sustainable.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO REQUEST THAT WE PLACE A PLACARD IN A PARTICULAR LOCATION, PLEASE LET US KNOW!

**YOU CAN FIND THE LINK IN C8**

*Health and Well-Being Program*

**Quality & Safety**

# Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI)

On behalf of the **DAPM Administrative Staff Well-Being JEDI Pillar**, we would like to highlight the observance of **Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month** in May! Every May, we pay tribute to the rich cultural history, traditions, and contributions of our AANHPI community across our country.

This year, the Federal Asian Pacific American Council (FAPAC), is proud to select the theme **Advancing Leaders Through Innovation** in observance of AANHPI Heritage Month.

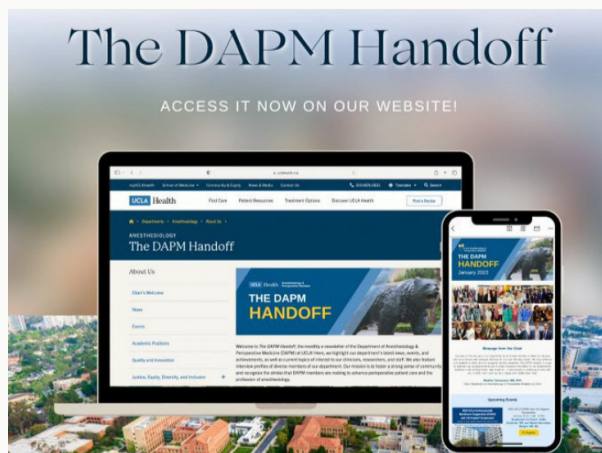
"Advancing Leaders Through Innovation" pays homage to the visionaries and trailblazers who have shaped our AANHPI history and continue to influence our collective future. AANHPI leaders have made lasting contributions to our nation's economic prosperity, technological advancement, and social/political change through their ingenuity and creativity while navigating significant cultural and systemic barriers.

We encourage you to attend the events to celebrate throughout our community, including those hosted by the UCLA Asian Pacific Islander Faculty & Staff Association, DGSOM Asian American Pacific Islander Alliance, and InspirASIAN UCLA Health Affinity Group. Programming can be found [here](#).

Lastly, you can download the AANHPI Zoom background [here](#) to highlight and celebrate Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month during your Zoom meetings!

## Upcoming Events

[View all events](#)



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

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