American Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine
Advancing the Science and Practice of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine

Thursday, May 14 - Saturday, May 16, 2015
Las Vegas, Nevada
Caesars Palace Hotel

• Register now and save!
• Early-bird reduced rates end March 16, 2015.

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Dear Colleagues

It is my great pleasure to invite you to participate in the 40th Annual Regional Anesthesiology and Acute Pain Medicine Meeting taking place in Las Vegas, NV, on May 14-16, 2015. We are excited about this historic meeting, as it represents the 40th anniversary of the rebirth of our society in 1975. A special celebration event will be held on Saturday evening to mark this momentous occasion. You won’t want to miss it!

Medicine and anesthesiology have undergone dramatic changes in the past several years, both as a function of health care reform and physician-led innovation. These changes have inspired the meeting’s scientific program, where cutting-edge knowledge and experience can be shared with world-renowned experts in the field of regional anesthesiology and pain medicine.

We have streamlined the meeting to emphasize shorter presentations, experiential learning, simulation, and more attendee participation. The expert faculty are all eager to share their expertise and experience both in the formal sessions and during the many networking opportunities.

We look forward to welcoming you to the electrifying city of Las Vegas and are confident that this meeting will be a memorable experience for all.

With best wishes,

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Educational Objectives

After participating in this educational activity, participants should be able to:

- Review current basic science, clinical, and translational research with regard to its applicability to regional anesthesia and acute pain medicine practice.
- Describe current methods of regional anesthetic/analgesic techniques for perioperative and acute pain management.
- Perform a risk/benefit analysis of specific regional anesthetic/analgesic techniques to select optimal choices for surgical anesthesia and perioperative pain control.
- Identify the barriers to implementation of current regional anesthetic/analgesic techniques into practice, and discuss strategies to overcome those barriers.
- Incorporate modern opioid and nonopioid systemic analgesic agents and multimodal analgesic protocols into perioperative and acute pain medicine.
- Describe both short- and long-term outcome variables that are improved by effective regional anesthesia and pain medicine.
- Identify key aspects of the Affordable Care Act that represent challenges to delivery of regional anesthesia and pain medicine services.
- Assemble a valuable network of international colleagues for consultation and future self-directed learning.
- Fulfill knowledge base and technical skills requirements for the ASRA-ASA Ultrasound-Guided Regional Anesthesia (UGRA) Education and Clinical Training Portfolio.
- Claim American Board of Anesthesiology (ABA) Maintenance of Certification in Anesthesiology (MOCA) patient-safety CME credit.

Beyond CME Credits: ABA MOCA, UGRA, and CPD

ASRA understands that it’s increasingly challenging and resource intensive to obtain the credentials and credits needed to maintain board certification, licensure, and/or hospital privileging. So, we’re here to help! By attending, you’ll be able to obtain credits approved for:

- Up to 25.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™
- American Board of Anesthesiology® MOCA® Patient Safety CME
- ASRA-ASA UGRA Education and Clinical Training Portfolio
- Topic-specific CME state licensure requirements, including opioid prescribing and pain management
- Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada
- European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (UEMS-EACCME)
- Credit equivalencies for Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants

ASRA is also an ABA-approved provider and, as a service to ASRA members and meeting participants, diplomat credits will be automatically reported to the ABA.

Accreditation and credit designation statement

ASRA is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education [ACCME] to provide continuing medical education for physicians. ASRA designates this live activity for a maximum of 25.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.
Main Meeting Comprehensive Program
The ASRA 40th Annual Regional Anesthesiology and Acute Pain Medicine Meeting main registration includes three full days of refresher courses • parallel sessions • ePosters and moderated sessions • exhibit hall with company booths, ASRA chat room, and Internet café • daily breakfast and breaks • opening networking reception • reduced pricing to the 40th Anniversary Celebration and ASRA Awards Luncheon • meeting materials and presentations.

Topics include:
• Demystifying Opioid-Induced Hyperalgesia for the Acute Pain Physician
• Registries and Population-Based Data Sources: What Have We Learned in Pain Management and Regional Anesthesia?
• Oral Anticoagulants, Antiplatelets, and Regional Anesthesia
• Anesthesia and Cancer Recurrence: What Is the Clinical Evidence?
• Emerging Substitutes for Traditional Local Anesthetics: The Role of Site1 Sodium Channel Blockers
• Fluoroscopy Guidance for Epidural Placement
• Social Pain Policy and the Escalating Utilization Rates
• Evidence-Based Education Strategies
• What Is Quality Improvement?

Problem-Based Learning Discussions (PBLD)
(additional fee, lunch included)
PBLD learning opportunities are case-based, small group, problem-solving discussions at tables of 10 with an expert faculty facilitator. Learners choose from a broad range of topics with a focus on real life clinical issues and practical solutions and strategies.

• How to Use a Clinical Registry to Target Areas for Quality Improvement and Enhanced Patient Safety
• Ambulatory Breast Surgery: What Is the Role of the Paravertebral Block?
• Tranexamic Acid: My Surgeon Likes It, But Are There Contraindications?
• Clinical Pathways for Joint Replacement
• TAP and Rectus Sheath Blocks: When and Why?
• How Will Regional Anesthesia Fit into the Perioperative Surgical Home Concept and the Accountable Care Organization Model?
• Statistics Every Anesthesiologist Needs to Know

Ask the Experts Interactive Demonstration Workshops *
These focused workshops are 1.5 hours in duration and cover more specific techniques. The session begins with a short introduction by expert faculty, followed by detailed demonstrations. These sessions are not specifically designed to be intensively hands-on for attendee practice; rather, they are intended to be small group “ask the experts” interactive sessions incorporating live models and close interaction with expert faculty.

Topics include:
• Blocks for Breast and Thoracic Surgery
• Thinking Outside the Box: Block Rescue and Alternate Approaches
• Blocks for Shoulder Surgery and Awake CEA
• Landmark and USG: Advanced Neuraxial and Paravertebral Blocks
• Blocks for the Airway
• Pediatric: Paravertebral, Lumbar Plexus, and TAP
• Dual-Guidance Brachial Plexus Blocks
• Blocks for the Arm, Elbow, and Hand
• Neuraxial: Thoracic Epidural and Lumbar CSE

* (additional fee, physicians only)
Hands-On Ultrasound Workshops*
Two-hour hands-on workshops provide the opportunity for participants to work on practical skills required to further develop performance and/or management techniques. Throughout, there will be the emphasis on hands-on scanning practice using live models and/or phantoms. These sessions are designed for participants who have some familiarity with regional anesthesia practice including the use of ultrasound guidance.

- Challenging Anatomy
- Lower Extremity
- Upper Extremity
- Challenging Anatomy
- CPNB for the Chest and Abdomen

Simulation Workshops: Crisis Management for the Regional Anesthesiologist*
Join the Stanford University/VA Palo Alto simulation group and ASRA colleagues to experience real-life scenarios using cutting-edge, mannequin-based, fully interactive simulation technology. The intimate simulation workshop incorporates realistic patient care scenarios involving common and uncommon crises associated with regional anesthesia practice. Crisis management principles are discussed at the start of the workshop. A set of simulated cases will challenge the participants and are immediately followed by a group debriefing where faculty and participants discuss salient crisis management and medical aspects of the case. Don’t miss this opportunity to experience simulation education and become a better crisis manager in your perioperative area.

Comprehensive Workshops*
Half-day workshops provide a comprehensive overview of a general area (either anatomical or subject) of regional anesthesia as taught by expert faculty. Participants will receive an introductory didactic overview followed by several rotating small group sessions offering substantial opportunity for hands-on practice using live models and/or phantoms.

The comprehensive workshops are of longer duration and limited to small groups, thus allowing close interaction with faculty who share their knowledge and experience in an intensive learning environment. These sessions are clinically focused, incorporating the latest in evidence-based practice, and provide ample time for questions and answers.

- Upper Extremity and Challenging Anatomy
- Lower Extremity and Challenging Anatomy
- Dual-Guidance Blocks for Lower and Upper Extremity Joints
- Ultrasound: Blocks for the Trunk and Abdomen

Resident and Fellow Educational Program
ASRA is proud to offer a focused resident and fellow track adapted to the particular needs of young clinicians entering the specialty area. Participants will learn about real-world issues encountered as a practicing specialist. Sessions and highlights include:

- Mentorship with seasoned specialists recognized for teaching and leadership in the field.
- Comprehensive workshop based on fundamental principles of ultrasound.
- Symposium focusing on issues commonly encountered by residents and fellows.
- Networking events to build relationships with program directors and other leaders in the field.

Moderated ePoster Track
New this year, a dedicated track for moderated ePoster sessions with presentations of scientific abstracts (subcategories: acute pain, chronic pain, regional anesthesia, emerging technology, and education) and medically challenging cases.

* (additional fee, physicians only)
**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**40th Anniversary Retrospective**  
Thursday, May 14, 2014 • 5:00-6:00 pm • General Session  
ASRA’s living founding fathers and other dignitaries will take us on a journey across four decades of history for both the society and the practice of regional anesthesiology and acute pain medicine.

**Wine and Bubbly Networking Reception...Vegas Style!**  
Thursday, May 14, 2015 • 6:00-7:30 pm • Exhibit Hall  
Take an oenophilic tour of the supporting companies and share in a variety of wines and bubbly while enjoying light hors d’oeuvres — all with a touch of fun that only Vegas can offer. Free to all attendees. Guests are welcome with the purchase of a ticket starting at $40.

**Excellence in ASRA Awards Luncheon**  
Saturday, May 16, 2015 • 11:45 am–2:00 pm • Lunch Session  
Celebrate cutting-edge research with the Distinguished Service Award presented to Dr. Manbir Batra, the Carl Koller Memorial Research Grant Update by Dr. Barys Ihnatsenka, best of meeting abstracts awards and presentations, and the Gaston Labat lecture by award recipient Dr. John Rowlingson. Lunch tickets start at $15 and may be purchased through Friday, May 15, 2015.

**ASRA Chat Room**  
Thursday through Saturday • Exhibit Hall Opening Hours  
New in 2015! Is there a speaker you’d like to talk with, a topic you’d like to discuss, or a question you’d like to explore outside of the formal sessions? Let us know, and we’ll promote it for a live chat session with fellow attendees during a refreshment break in the exhibit hall. Email ideas and requests to asrameetings@asra.com.

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**40th Anniversary Celebration**  
Saturday, May 16, 2015, 7:00-10:00 pm (and beyond...)  
**Omnia Nightclub Rooftop Terrace**  
On Saturday night, the meeting will end in style with a private event at the newly renovated Omnia nightclub at Caesars Palace. Attendees will overlook the electrifying Las Vegas strip while enjoying food and drink with ASRA friends and colleagues; all set to the live music of Big Apple Blues featuring Dr. Admir Hadzic and bandmates. Afterward, for those looking to keep the party going, ASRA guests are invited to stay at the Omnia free of charge as the venue transitions to one of Las Vegas’ newest and most distinctive clubs.

ASRA is pleased to offer tickets for attendees and guests starting at a low rate of $40 for the 40th (actual value $200 per person). Register early as space is limited for this special night!

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**Negotiating a Regional Anesthesia Service**  
Saturday, May 16, 2015 • 10:15-11:45 am, Parallel Session 6a  
Have you successfully started a regional anesthesia or pain medicine service and have advice to give? Or maybe you’ve tried unsuccessfully and have insight on lessons learned? Share your experiences in a short video to be considered for screening during the session “Negotiating a Regional Anesthesia Service.” The first 5 accepted videos get a free ticket to the Saturday night 40th Anniversary Celebration!

All types of submissions are welcome, from serious and straightforward to creative and entertaining; release your inner actor, director, newscaster, singer, or teacher! Concepts include, but are not limited to:

- Getting started with a regional anesthesia or consultative perioperative pain medicine service  
- Barriers and challenges  
- Hospital players to get on board and how to convince them  
- What services should be provided?  
- Staffing  
- Financial viability and considerations  

**Video submission guidelines:**  
- Must be a registered attendee to participate  
- Submission deadline: April 1, 2015  
- Duration: 30 seconds to 3 minutes  
- Video formats: .avi, .wmv, .mov, .flv  

**Review and presentation:**  
- Videos reviewed by meeting chair and session faculty.  
- Selected submissions presented during the live session.  
- All accepted submissions available online and in the meeting app.

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**Call for Videos!**  
Visit www.asra.com to download the submission form and submit your video.
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Location and Hotel
Caesars Palace Hotel
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ASRA reduced rates
Deluxe Room: $209
In-Room Internet: $6.99
Resort Fee: $25 per day (optional, includes Internet and fitness center)

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(mention ASRA and/or code SCASR5)

ASRA Online Reservation:
https://resweb.passkey.com/go/SCASR5

Reservations deadline
April 11, 2015
Book early as the ASRA room rate is hundreds of dollars cheaper than standard rates! The block will fill quickly, and the rate is only available until Saturday, April 11, 2015. After this date, reservations will be accepted on a space- and rate-available basis only.

Industry Support and Exhibition
Download the full prospectus at www.asra.com. We look forward to your participation in what will be an exceptional meeting! ASRA is making many of the changes that you’ve been asking for with new and exciting exhibit and promotional opportunities. Highlights for 2015 include:
• All meeting activities located in one location, with a central exhibit hall of over 20,000 sq. ft.
• Exhibition now opens at meeting commencement Thursday morning.
• New exhibit hall activities including hospitality rooms, internet café, and ASRA chat room
• Additional promotional opportunities, including more non-CME promotional session times
• 40th anniversary celebration Saturday night at the Omnia nightclub rooftop terrace

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