

Fall SPA Meeting in San Francisco: A Preview

This October will be a busy and exciting time of year for future and current pediatric anesthesiologists. The NRMP match for pediatric anesthesiology is in the first week of October. Then it's off to the ASA and SPA in the second week in October. And finally for many of us, there is the first certifying exam for Pediatric Anesthesiology by the American Board of Anesthesiology on October 19th. A trip to San Francisco for the Fall Society of Pediatric Anesthesia meeting is perfectly positioned to connect and network with colleagues and friends and to review anesthesia issues related to neonatology for the certifying exam.

The theme of this fall's Society of Pediatric Anesthesia Meeting is neonatology and this theme is woven throughout the day starting with the PBLD's. In addition we have invited two neonatologists to be guest speakers. The first session of the day reviews important elements related to the clinical care of the neonate. Dr. Hannah Glass will open the first session. She is the Co-Director of the Neonatal Neuro-critical Care Nursery at UCSF and will review the issues related to critical care of the sick neonatal brain. The second session will focus on the perioperative communication and relationship between the pediatric anesthesiologist and the neonatal intensive care unit. This panel includes Dr. Natalie Rintoul a neonatologist at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. The panelists will discuss the perioperative patient safety issues related to these relationships and potential solutions to enhance them. The third session is a simulation-based session that will use trigger videos to highlight key concepts and stimulate audience participation. The clinical scenarios emphasize dilemmas in the perioperative care of the neonate.

The day should be educational, informative and entertaining. I hope you will take a break from studying for the certifying exam and join us in San Francisco to connect with friends and colleagues and to review some important issues in neonatal anesthesia.

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