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**John Antonakakis, MD**, is an Anesthesiologist in private practice in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. He graduated from the University of Virginia residency program in 2007. He graduated from Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in 2008 with a fellowship in regional anesthesia after working closely with Dr. Brian Sites. He spent one year at the University of Virginia as an Assistant Professor and earned the teacher of the year award for teaching ultrasound guided regional anesthesia. He started a regional anesthesia program at Portsmouth Regional Hospital in Portsmouth, New Hampshire where he has an Orthopedic Regional Anesthesia Program. He also has an active interest in perioperative acute pain management and specifically multimodal pain therapies. Other interests include working out, spending time with his family, reading, and traveling. [\[back to top\]](#)



**Charles Berde, MD, PhD**, is the Sara Page Mayo Chair and Chief of the Division of Pain Medicine at Boston Children's Hospital and Professor of Anaesthesia (Pediatrics) at Harvard Medical School. He co-founded and continues to direct the most active pediatric pain program in the world. Dr. Berde directs clinical and translational research on local anesthetics, pediatric analgesic pharmacology, and pediatric chronic pain outcomes. [\[back to top\]](#)



**Karen Boretsky, MD**, started her career in the Universities and Hospitals in Pittsburgh specializing in adult and pediatric anesthesiology and perioperative pain management. In 2012 she became the Director of the Regional Anesthesia Program at Boston Children's. She is passionate about finding better ways to minimize pain and improve safety in pediatric patients and loves sharing her ideas with other enthusiasts. [\[back to top\]](#)

**Jan Boublik, MD, PhD**, is an Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology at New York University (NYU). He graduated medical school from Medizinische Hochschule Hannover in Germany where he also received his PhD in Bioengineering after two years as a Visiting Scientist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Division of Health Sciences and Technology (HST). He completed residency at the Brigham and Women's Hospital. His research interests include perioperative point-of-care ultrasonography (PoCUS), functional outcomes after surgery, innovative technologies and techniques in anesthesia. He currently serves on the ASRA committee for membership and chairs the special interest group on perioperative PoCUS. [\[back to top\]](#)



**Richard (Ricky) Brull, MD, FRCPC**, completed his anesthesia residency at the University of Toronto and undertook fellowship training in Regional Anesthesia at The Hospital For Special Surgery in New York. His primary academic interest is neurological complications of regional anesthesia. Ricky holds the rank of Professor of Anesthesia at the University of Toronto and currently serves as the Site Chief for the Department of Anesthesia at Women's College Hospital in Toronto. [\[back to top\]](#)



**Chad Brummett, MD**, is the Director of the Division of Pain Research and the Director of Clinical Research in the Department of Anesthesiology. His interests include predictors of chronic post-surgical pain as well as failure to derive benefit from interventions and surgeries done primarily for pain. In particular, the impact of a fibromyalgia-like or centralized pain phenotype on surgical outcomes and prediction of response to interventions for chronic pain (e.g. Epidural steroid and facet injections). He also leads an institution-wide initiative to create a biorepository for research of genetic factors associated with the development of disease and response to treatment. Dr. Brummett was the first to describe the use of peripheral perineural dexmedetomidine, and his early research focused on the efficacy, safety and mechanisms of dexmedetomidine

added to local anesthetics for peripheral nerve blocks. He has since translated that work to humans. [\[back to top\]](#)



**Jennifer Bunch, MD**, is Chair of ASRA's Resident and Fellow Section and currently a chronic pain medicine fellow at Stanford. [\[back to top\]](#)





**John Butterworth, MD**, is now living in his home town and now employed by his alma mater. Dr. Butterworth has a long standing interest in local anesthetics and regional anesthesia. [\[back to top\]](#)



**Asokumar Buvanendran, MD**, is an anesthesiologist specializing in Pain Medicine, and his academic activities are divided between research, teaching and clinical duties in the Rush University Department of Anesthesia (Chicago, IL USA), and national advocacy for the advancement of pain care. He brings a unique perspective of a very busy clinical practice of acute and chronic interventional pain medicine with research. He is involved in various clinical and basic research in the field of acute and chronic pain. At leisure time, enjoys playing tennis. [\[back to top\]](#)



**Vincent Chan, MD, FRCPC, FRCA**, was President of the American Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine from 2009 to 2011. He was awarded the Gold Medal Award by the Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society in 2009, the International Anesthesia Research Society Teaching Recognition Award for Achievement in Education in 2011 and Distinguished Service Award from ESRA (Spain) in 2013. Dr. Chan is the 2016 recipient of the [Gaston Labat Award](#) and will present his lecture at the [Excellence in ASRA Awards Luncheon](#) during this year's meeting. [\[back to top\]](#)



**Ki Jinn Chin, MBBS, FANZCA, FRCPC**, is the Fellowship Coordinator and Regional Anesthesia Program Director at the Toronto Western Hospital, and holds the position of Associate Professor in the Department of Anesthesia at the University of Toronto. He attended medical school at the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, U.K., and completed his residency in anesthesiology in Singapore. He subsequently completed two subspecialty fellowships in Canada; the first in neuroanesthesia at the University of Western Ontario in London, ON, and the second in regional anesthesia at Toronto Western Hospital. He is passionate about ultrasound-guided regional anesthesia, but is especially interested in ultrasonography of the spine and teaching needle handling and injection techniques. [\[back to top\]](#)



**Daniel Cole, MD**, currently serves as the President Elect of the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) and is professor of Clinical Anesthesiology and vice chair for Professional and Business Development at the Department of Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine, David Geffen School of Medicine, University of California, Los Angeles. A member of ASA since 1982, Dr. Cole has served the Society in numerous roles. Dr. Cole graduated from Loma Linda University School of Medicine. He completed his residency at the Loma Linda University School of Medicine and his fellowship in neuroanesthesia at the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine. Dr. Cole and his wife, Cristine, live in Santa Monica, CA.

They have two sons, Stephen and Andrew, and their daughter-in-law, Elizabeth. [\[back to top\]](#)



**Oscar de Leon-Casasola, MD**, is the Senior Vice-Chair and Professor of Anesthesiology (Tenure Track), Department of Anesthesiology, and Professor of Medicine at the University at Buffalo, School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences in Buffalo, NY. He is also Chief of the Division of Pain Medicine and Professor of Oncology at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo. Dr. de Leon-Casasola was the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal Techniques in Regional Anesthesia and Pain Management from 2000 to 2011. He also served on the Editorial Board of Seminars in Pain Medicine, the Journal of the Spanish Society of Pain. [\[back to top\]](#)

**Martin De Ruyter, MD**, is a Professor of Anesthesiology and Director of Regional Anesthesia at KU Medical Center. [\[back to top\]](#)



**Derek Dillane, MB BCh, FCARCSI**, joined the University of Alberta in 2006 where he completed a Clinical and Research Fellowship in regional anesthesia. He is currently an Associate Professor at the University of Alberta and director of the fellowship program in regional anesthesia and pain medicine. His clinical research interests involve the use of ultrasound in regional anesthesia with a particular focus on education and training techniques. He has taught and led ultrasound-guided regional anesthesia in numerous workshops in the United States and Canada for both the American Society of Regional Anesthesia and the Canadian Anesthesiologist's Society. He is currently the Chair of the Regional Anesthesia

Section of the Canadian Anesthesia Society. [\[back to top\]](#)



**Melanie Donnelly, MD**, is currently faculty at the University of Colorado and part of the Acute Pain Service. She recently left the University of Wisconsin where she practiced for 6 years as an active member of the resident teaching faculty, Acute Pain Service and Regional Team. She completed fellowship at the University of Florida in Acute Pain and Regional Anesthesia and prior to that completed her residency at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. [\[back to top\]](#)



**Marcel Durieux, MD, PhD**, serves as Professor of Anesthesiology and Neurological Surgery at the University of Virginia. A graduate of the School of Medicine at the University of Leiden (The Netherlands), he also holds a PhD from the University of Maastricht (The Netherlands). He completed his residency in anesthesiology and a fellowship in molecular pharmacology at the University of Virginia, prior to joining the faculty there in 1994. For the next 6 years he directed an active basic science research program, focused primarily on the effects of general and local anesthetics on receptor functioning. In 2000, he was recruited as Chair to the Department of Anesthesiology at the University of Maastricht, The Netherlands, where he



continued his basic science research. During this period, he was the recipient of approximately \$1 million in grant funding. In 2004, Dr. Durieux returned to the University of Virginia to focus on clinical research. Most of his studies are designed to test the findings obtained in his basic science models in the clinical setting. He served as Director of Neuroanesthesia at the University of Virginia, and holds a joint appointment in the Department of Neurological Surgery. [\[back to top\]](#)



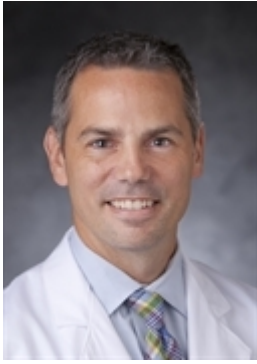
**Nabil Elkassabany, MD, MSCE**, is an assistant professor in the department of Anesthesiology and Critical Care, University of Pennsylvania. He is the director of the section of Orthopedic and Regional Anesthesiology. Nabil completed his anesthesia residency training in Cleveland Clinic and did his regional anesthesia training in the University of Florida. He earned a master degree in Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics in December 2012 from the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. His research interest focuses on patients' outcomes after regional anesthesia. He is currently the editor of the ASRA Newsletter. [\[back to top\]](#)



**Hesham Elsharkawy, MD, MS**, is a staff physician in the departments of General Anesthesiology, Pain Management, and Outcomes Research at the Cleveland Clinic Anesthesiology Institute and an assistant professor at the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH. [\[back to top\]](#)



**Carlo D. Franco, MD**, is the Chairman of Regional Anesthesia at JHS Hospital of Cook County Chicago and Professor of Anesthesiology and Anatomy at Rush University Medical Center Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Franco was born in Chile and received his degree in General Surgery and Anatomy from the University of Valparaiso in Chile. He immigrated to the USA in 1985 and was the visiting Professor Anatomy at the Medical College of Ohio in Toledo, Ohio 1985-86 and 1988-89. His Anesthesiology Residency was at Sinai Hospital of Detroit, Detroit, MI, 1990-94, and he was Dr. Franco has many contributions to professional journals and regional anesthesia books, and has introduced some new anatomy-based nerve block techniques. [\[back to top\]](#)



**Jeff Gadsden, MD, FRCPC, FANZCA**, is a staff anesthesiologist at Duke University Hospital. He graduated with an MD in 1999 from Queen's University, Canada, and undertook training in anesthesiology at the University of Toronto and St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital in New York City. Dr. Gadsden holds fellowships with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (Anesthesia) and the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists, and is board certified by the American Board of Anesthesiology. After working in both Canada and Australia, he decided to return to the U.S. to focus on his teaching and research interests of ultrasound-guided nerve blockade, the monitoring of regional anesthesia, trauma, and

education. [\[back to top\]](#)



**Robert Gaiser, MD**, completed his medical education at Columbia University, residency at MGH, and fellowship in OB Anesth at University of Pennsylvania, where he has been a faculty member since 1992. He is a director for the ABA and the chair of the Review Committee for Anesthesiology. [\[back to top\]](#)



**Ralf E. Gebhard, MD**, is Professor of Anesthesiology and Chief of the Division of Regional Anesthesia and Acute Pain Management in the Department of Anesthesiology at the University of Miami-Miller School of Medicine in Miami, Florida. He is also the Director of the Fellowship Program in Acute Pain Management and Regional Anesthesiology. After completing his medical training and his anesthesia residency in Germany, Dr. Gebhard joined the Anesthesiology Department at the University of Texas-Health Science Center Houston in 1998. The University of Miami, Miami-Florida, recruited Dr. Gebhard in 2006 to head up the Division of Regional Anesthesia. He has published numerous articles and book

chapters regarding regional anesthesia topics and has lectured intensively nationally and internationally. Dr. Gebhard's research interest focuses on the avoidance of complications of regional anesthesia techniques and the evaluation of new technologies in regional anesthesia and acute pain management. [\[back to top\]](#)

**Andrew Gray, MD, PhD**, is Professor of Clinical Anesthesia at the University of California, San Francisco where he directs the regional anesthesia program at San Francisco General Hospital. He has written over 20 articles on ultrasound guided regional anesthesia, two textbooks, and now pursues investigations on



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**James Green, MBBS, ncl UK**, is Associate Clinical Professor at the University of Alberta Hospital. He completed medical school and then postgraduate training in Anesthesia in the UK (Newcastle-u-Tyne and Glasgow) before fellowship training in Regional Anesthesia under the guidance of Ban Tsui. Currently practicing as a clinical anesthetist at the University of Alberta Hospital, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada with specialist clinical interests in regional anesthesia and neuroanesthesia. Research interests include anesthesia and cancer survival, regional anesthesia, and ultrasound of the head and neck. [\[back to top\]](#)



**Carrie Guheen, MD**, is a Board Certified Anesthesiologist, who completed her residency at Weill Cornell Medical College, where she served as Chief Resident in her final year. Upon completing her residency, she spent one year as a HSS Regional Anesthesia and Acute Pain Medicine Fellow. During Dr. Guheen's Fellowship she worked on a number of educational initiatives. As an Attending Anesthesiologist, she continues to be very involved in resident and fellow education both at HSS and at national meetings throughout the year. She is a member of the Department's dedicated Spine Team. [\[back to top\]](#)



**Rajnish Gupta, MD**, is an Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology at Vanderbilt University. In addition to clinical work in anesthesia and acute pain management, Dr. Gupta spends a significant amount of time teaching trainees. His research interests include work as Co-Investigator on a NIH funded study evaluating the impact of endogenous opioid activity on variable responses to morphine. Additionally, Dr. Gupta has a passion for innovation and has developed several smart-phone based apps for ASRA and other medical organizations. [\[back to top\]](#)



**Admir Hadzic, MD, PhD**, has been at the forefront of academic anesthesiology for nearly 2 decades. His work has substantially contributed to the development of functional regional anesthesia anatomy, standardized techniques of nerve blocks, understanding of outcome benefits of regional anesthesia, and monitoring principles to improve the safety of regional anesthesia. He has published numerous peer-reviewed articles and 2 leading anesthesia textbooks. He has lectured at Universities and top Anesthesia CME events world-wide. He is a founder of global educational programs, NWAC, Networking World Anesthesia Convention and NYSORA, The New York School of Regional Anesthesia, an organization with

readership of 12,000 weekly. With NYSORA's philanthropic ESOP Program (Educational Outreach Scholar Program), Dr Hadzic has substantially contributed to the development of regional anesthesia throughout the world. His latest endeavor is Anesthesiology Network, a professional network for anesthesiologists that aims to connect clinicians in operating rooms worldwide (<http://www.anesthesiology-network.com/>). In his spare time, Dr Hadzic is an avid photographer (<http://admophotography.zenfolio.com/>) and leads a blues-rock band "Big Apple Blues" ([www.bigappleblues.com](http://www.bigappleblues.com)) which has toured worldwide. The Big Apple Blues release "Brooklyn Blues" charted top #10 blues albums in 2010 (Real Blues Magazine). The band's newest release "Energy" (StoneToneRecords, 2014) has been receiving rave reviews and is played on radio stations worldwide, including Spotify, iTunes and others. [\[back to top\]](#)



**Marie Hanna, MD**, is Associate Professor of Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine, Chief Division of Regional anesthesia and acute pain management at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD. She acts as the Associate Residency Program Director for anesthesia. She is recognized as an educator and program builder in pain management and regional anesthesia. Through Johns Hopkins International, she initiated a pain knowledge transfer program in many foreign countries and many other institutions in North America. [\[back to top\]](#)



**Brian Harrington, MD**, trained at Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle, has been in practice for over 20 years at the Billings Clinic Hospital in Billings, Montana. Special interests include analysis of the practical aspects of providing regional anesthesia in the community practice setting, including the acquisition and maintenance of skills in regional techniques. [\[back to top\]](#)





**T. Kyle Harrison, MD**, is a Clinical Associate Professor of Anesthesiology, Perioperative and Pain Medicine at Stanford University School of Medicine (affiliated-VAPAHCS). He graduated from Stanford University School of Medicine in 1999 and completed both his anesthesiology training as well as a fellowship in medical simulation and crisis management at Stanford University in 2004. He joined the anesthesia staff at the VA Palo Alto in 2004. His professional interests include cardiac anesthesia, regional anesthesia, and perioperative medicine. In addition to his clinical duties, he is also an associate program director for the anesthesia residency training program at Stanford University. [\[back to top\]](#)



**Stephen Haskins, MD**, is a regional anesthesiologist trained at Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS); however, during fellowship developed an interest in point-of-care ultrasound (PoCUS), specifically focused cardiac, lung, and abdominal ultrasound. [\[back to top\]](#)



**James Hebl, MD**, is Professor of Anesthesiology and Vice-Chair, Mayo Clinic Department of Anesthesiology (Rochester, Minnesota). He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota, in 1991; and received his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Minnesota School of Medicine in 1995. Dr. Hebl completed his Internship, Anesthesiology Residency, and Regional Anesthesia fellowship at Mayo Clinic (Rochester, Minnesota). He is Board Certified with the American Board of Anesthesiology and is currently Chair of the Mayo Clinic Department of Anesthesiology Division of Community Anesthesiology (consisting of 18 hospitals);

and the Clinical Practice Chair for Mayo Clinic Hospital. His research interests include neurologic and infectious complications associated with regional anesthesia, regional anesthesia & analgesia and perioperative outcomes, and clinical pathways for patients undergoing joint replacement surgery. [\[back to top\]](#)

**Terese Horlocker, MD**, is a Professor of Anesthesiology and Orthopedics at Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and a Section Editor for Regional Anesthesia and Pain and Anesthesia & Analgesia. She currently serves as the chair of ASRA's CME Committee. She received the Gaston Labat Award in 2011 and





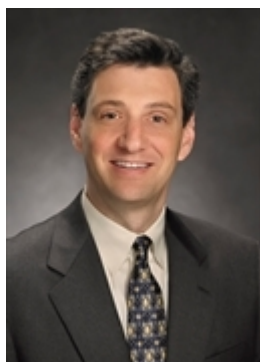
the Distinguished Service Award in 2009. She also served as president of ASRA from 2003-2005. [\[back to top\]](#)



**Marc Huntoon, MD**, is Editor-In-Chief of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine. He currently is a Professor of Anesthesiology and Chief of the Division of Pain Medicine at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN. [\[back to top\]](#)



**Barys Ihnatsenka, MD**, started his career in anesthesia and Critical care in 1995 when graduated from medical school in Belarus. In 2001 he moved to the United States. In 2005 he started residency training at the University of Florida, where he also completed his fellowship in Regional Anesthesia and acute pain medicine. Since graduation, he has been a faculty at the University of Florida. He is interested in education and simulation especially in regional anesthesia. [\[back to top\]](#)



**Brian Ilfeld, MD, MS**, completed medical school and residency in Anesthesiology at the University of California at San Francisco, followed by a fellowship in regional anesthesia at the University of Florida. His primary research interest involves clinical investigation towards improving perioperative analgesia using regional anesthetic techniques. Towards this end, he earned a Masters Degree of Medical Sciences in Clinical Investigation (supported by an NIH K30 award). Following this, he was granted a Mentored Research Training Grant from the Foundation of Anesthesia Education and Research and a K23 Mentored Career Development Award from the National Institutes of Health. He subsequently assembled and currently directs the PAINfRE group of investigators which design and implement multicenter clinical trials involving ambulatory perineural local anesthetic infusion. His most-recent research endeavor

involves treating phantom limb pain with ambulatory continuous peripheral nerve blocks, and is funded with a \$2.6-million grant from the Department of Defense. [\[back to top\]](#)



**Rebecca Johnson, MD**, is an Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, Fellowship-Trained in Regional Anesthesia and Acute Pain Management. Becky has been active in ASRA since 2008, serving as Resident Section Chair-elect followed by the Chair of the Resident Section Committee from 04/2010- 04/2011. She has been a part of ASRA faculty since 2011 and has participated in the Newsletter Committee, Resident Section Committee, Communications Committee, Membership Committee, Fall and Spring Planning Committees. She is the first author of several scientific papers, topics including falls and peripheral nerve blockade surrounding major orthopedic surgery, as well

as, optimization of perioperative care including anesthesia interventions and clinical pathways for patients undergoing joint replacement surgery. Additionally, Becky has received a Certificate in Clinical and Translational Science from Mayo Clinic and is among a select group of Mayo Clinic faculty to be appointed as a Health Care Delivery Scholar since July 2014. [\[back to top\]](#)



**Brian Kavanagh, MB**, is a clinician-scientist at the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto and holds the Dr. Geoffrey Barker Chair in Critical Care Medicine. He is professor of anesthesia, medicine and physiology, and chair of the Department of Anesthesia at the University of Toronto. His laboratory investigates molecular and physiological mechanisms of ventilator-induced lung injury and the mechanisms of action of CO<sub>2</sub> on the lung, supported by two operating grants and previous career awards from the Canadian Institutes for Health Research and the Ontario Government. Dr. Kavanagh regularly presents at international meetings. He chairs the executive committee for the Critical Care Canada-Forum and is past program

chair for the critical care assembly at the American Thoracic Society. He was appointed as Editor of Anesthesiology (January 2015) and also serves/has served on the editorial advisory boards of the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine, Intensive Care Medicine and Critical Care. [\[back to top\]](#)

**Kyle Kirkham, MD, FRCPC**, graduated from University of British Columbia with residency training at the University of Toronto and Regional Anesthesia Fellowship from Toronto Western Hospital. He is Co-Director of Toronto Western Hospital's Acute Pain Service and Medical Director of the Anesthesia Preadmission Clinic at Women's College Hospital. Dr. Kirkham is site coordinator for the U of T Anesthesia



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**Sandra L. Kopp, MD**, is an Associate Professor of Anesthesiology at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota. She graduated with a B.A. from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota in 1993 and received her Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Minnesota School of Medicine in 1999. Dr. Kopp did her Internship, Anesthesiology Residency, and Regional Anesthesia fellowship at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN. Dr. Kopp is currently the Program Director of the Regional Anesthesia Fellowship Program and very involved in the American Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine. Her interests include regional anesthesia and analgesia, anticoagulation, and local anesthetic toxicity. [\[back to top\]](#)



**Richelle Kruisselbrink, MD, FRCPC**, is a member of the department of anesthesia at Toronto Western Hospital. Her clinical and research interests include regional anesthesia and the perioperative applications of point-of-care ultrasound. Richelle recently obtained “Testamur” status at the National Board of Echocardiography by successfully completing the Examination of Special Competence in Adult Echocardiography. She is very active in education both within Toronto and internationally. [\[back to top\]](#)



**Yan Lai, MD, MPH**, is a regional anesthesiology faculty, fellowship director, and assistant professor at Mount Sinai St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals in New York City. He completed his anesthesiology residency and regional fellowship at Mount Sinai Hospital. He is a teaching faculty in ultrasound guided nerve block workshops at the PGA and has been a speaker at the ASA and PGA for the past three years. He has been conducting workshops for residents, healthcare providers, and on global missions to Liberia and China. He is honored to be invited as an associate workshop faculty for ASRA. [\[back to top\]](#)



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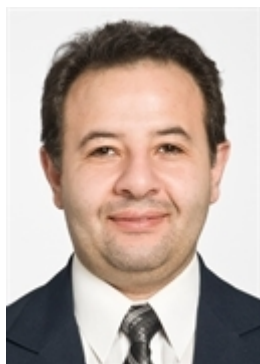


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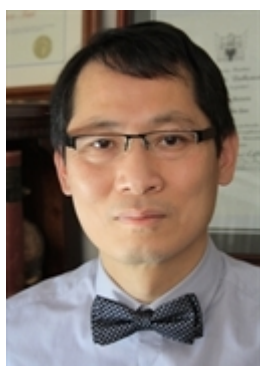
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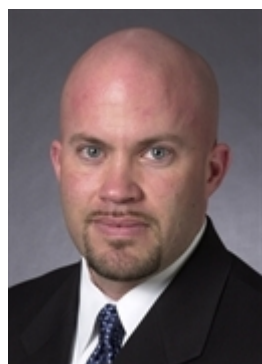
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