



# Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine

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**Dr. Jerome Adams, MD, MPH** is the 20th Surgeon General of the United States. His mission as the "Nation's Doctor," is to advance the health of the American people. Dr. Adams' motto as Surgeon General is "better health through better partnerships." He is committed to strengthening relationships with all members of the health community, and forging new partnerships with members from the business, faith, education and public safety and national security communities.

As the Surgeon General, Dr. Adams holds the rank of Vice Admiral in the U.S.

Public Health Service Commissioned Corps. In this capacity, he oversees the operations of approximately 6,500 uniformed health officers who serve in nearly 800 locations around the world, promoting, protecting, and advancing the health and safety of our nation.

During his tenure as Surgeon General, Dr. Adams has created several initiatives to tackle our nation's most pressing health issues, including: the opioid epidemic, oral health, and the links between community health and both economic prosperity and national security. In response to the opioid epidemic, Dr. Adams issued the first Surgeon General's Advisory in thirteen years, urging more Americas to carry naloxone, an FDA-approved medication that can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. Dr. Adams also released *Facing Addiction in America: The Surgeon General's Spotlight on Opioids*, and a digital postcard calling for a cultural shift in the way Americans think about, talk about, and respond to the opioid crisis. His Surgeon General's postcard recommends actions that can prevent and treat opioid misuse, and promote recovery. Additionally, Dr. Adams is focused on building a culture of health and prevention in all sectors. As part of those efforts, Dr. Adams will compile the available evidence and best practices documenting the connection between private sector investments and public policies which promote healthy communities, and subsequent measures of business and community prosperity. He will issue a report to share the evidence, inspire future research and provide tools and resources for effective, efficient community health investments that produce results.

Dr. Adams received bachelor's degrees in both biochemistry and psychology from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, a master of public health degree from the University of California at Berkeley, and a medical degree from Indiana University School of Medicine.

He has been a leader in numerous professional organizations, including the American Medical Association, the Indiana State Medical Association and the Indiana Society of Anesthesiologists. Dr.

Adams is also the former Health Commissioner of Indiana, where he led the State's responses to Ebola, Zika, and to the largest ever HIV outbreak in the United States related to injection drug use.

Dr. Adams has pledged to lead with science, and facilitate locally led solutions to the nation's most difficult health problems. He also feels his toughest, but most important job, is being a father to two teenage boys, Caden and Eli, daughter, Millie, and dog Bella. [top of page]



Wael Ali Sakr Esa, MD, PhD, MBA, is a staff member in the department of General Anesthesia and Pain management at the Cleveland Clinic since 2009. Currently, he is the Director of Orthopedic Anesthesia at Cleveland Clinic. Dr. Esa has published several articles in Multi peer-reviewed journals, multiple book chapters and has been invited to multiple lectures, workshops, and Visiting Professorships in various Anesthesia national and international conferences. He is also Assistant Professor of Anesthesia and Pain management at CCLCM of Case Western Reserve University. He finished both Cardiothoracic Anesthesia fellowship and Acute pain/ Regional

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**Brian Allen, MD,** is an assistant professor at Vanderbilt University Medical Center where he directs the Acute Pain Service and the fellowship in Regional Anesthesiology and Acute Pain Medicine (ACGME-accredited). He completed undergraduate and medical school at Washington University, residency at Vanderbilt, and regional fellowship at OHSU before returning to join the Vanderbilt faculty. His clinical focus is on regional and multimodal analgesia in ERAS pathways. Research interests include educational assessment, evaluating ERAS efficacy and compliance, and opioid minimization. [top of page]



Jaime Baratta, MD, is a clinical assistant professor of anesthesiology and director of regional anesthesia as well as the director of the regional anesthesia and acute pain fellowship in the department of anesthesiology at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, PA. She received her medical degree from Jefferson Medical College. After serving five years as a medical officer in the United States Navy, she completed her residency and fellowship at Thomas Jefferson University. She will be the chair of the 2020 Regional Anesthesiology and Acute Pain Medicine Meeting. [top of page]

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Special Interest Group; member of the organizing committee for the Australasian Symposium for Ultrasound and Regional Anaesthesia 2008, 2009, 2012, and 2015; Newsletter Committee member for ASRA; and member of the Medical Expert Standing Panels for the Federal Department of Health and Ageing, Australia. [top of page]



**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 Hospital, Boston, MA. She is passionate about finding better ways to minimize pain and improve safety in pediatric patients and loves sharing her ideas with other enthusiasts.[top of page]



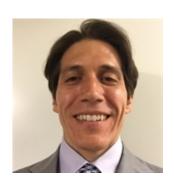
Jan Boublik, MD, PhD, is an assistant professor of anesthesiology at Stanford University. He graduated medical school and received a PhD in bioengineering from Medizinische Hochschule Hannover, Germany, serving two years as a visiting scientist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Division of Health Sciences and Technology, Cambridge, MA. He completed his residency at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, MA. His research interests include point-of-care ultrasonography (PoCUS), functional outcomes after surgery, innovative technologies, and techniques in anesthesia. He currently serves on

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**Chad Brummett, MD,** is an associate professor at the University of Michigan where he is the director of pain research and, more broadly, the director of clinical anesthesia research. He serves on the editorial boards for *Anesthesiology* and *Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine*. His research interests include predictors of acute and chronic post-surgical pain and failure to derive benefit for interventions and



surgeries done primarily for pain. In particular, Dr. Brummett is interested in the impact of fibromyalgia-like or centralized pain phenotype on analgesic outcomes. [top of page]



**Carlos Brun, MD,** is boarded Internal Medicine, Critical Care, and Anesthesia at the VA Palo Alto. He acts as the Associate-Director of the MSICU and is the Associate program director of the combined Internal Medicine/Anesthesia residency at Stanford. A Stanford Affiliated Clinical Assistant Professor, Carlos regularly teaches a variety of learners across the disciplines of Internal Medicine, Anesthesia, and Surgery. Stanford's Internal Medicine and Anesthesiology departments have both named him the teacher of the year. One of Carlos' passions is to share POCUS. [top of page]



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**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 in Chicago, IL, 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, he enjoys playing



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**Vincent Chan, MD, FRCPC, FRCA**, is a professor in the department of Anesthesia at the University of Toronto, ON, Canada. He served as president of ASRA from 2009 to 2011 and received the Gaston Labat Award in 2016 and the Distinguished Service Award in 2017. He also has received the Gold Medal Award by the Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society in 2009 and the Carl Koller Award from the European Society of Regional Anaesthesia and Pain Therapy in 2016. Dr. Chan received his bachelor's of science degree and MD from McGill University in Montreal, QC, Canada, and he obtained postgraduate training in

anesthesiology at the University of Toronto. Dr. Chan also serves on the editorial board of *Anesthesiology* and *Regional Anesthesia Pain Medicine*. He has published more than 200 peer-reviewed articles, 14 book chapters, and 80 scientific abstracts. He has performed 46 visiting professorships in North America and abroad and given more than 120 international and 90 domestic lectures. In addition, he has trained more than 40 postgraduate clinical and research fellows during his academic career. [top of page]



**Ki Jinn Chin, MBBS, FANZCA, FRCPC**, is the fellowship coordinator and regional anesthesia program director at the Toronto Western Hospital and is an associate professor in the Department of Anesthesia at the University of Toronto, in Toronto, ON, Canada. 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. [top of page]



**Steven P. Cohen, MD,** obtained his medical degree at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City, completed an anesthesiology residency at Columbia University, and completed a pain management fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School. He is a professor of anesthesiology, critical care medicine, and physical medicine and rehabilitation at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore, MD, and Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, MD. [top of page]



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**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. He is also chief of the division of pain medicine and a professor of oncology at Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Buffalo, NY. 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* and the *Journal of the Spanish Society of Pain*. [top



**Alain Delbos, MD,** is an anesthesiologist in the department of anesthesia at Medipole Garonne in Toulouse, France. His specialties are orthopedic surgery and regional anesthesia. [top of page]



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**Nabil Elkassabany, MD, MSCE,** is an assistant professor in the department of anesthesiology and critical care at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. He is the director of the section of Orthopedic and Regional Anesthesiology. Dr. Elkassabany completed his anesthesia residency training at Cleveland Clinic and did his regional anesthesia training at the University of Florida. He earned his master's 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 News. [top of page]



**Hesham Elsharkawy, MD, MBA, MSc**, is a staff member in the Anesthesia Institute and Outcomes Research at Cleveland Clinic. He is also associate professor at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH. His clinical and research interest includes ultrasound technology, interfascial plane blocks, quadratus lumborum blocks, and innovation in pain. He has directed many workshops and given lectures nationally and international. He has an MBA degree from Cleveland State University and is board certified by the ABA and NBE. [top of page]



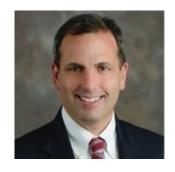
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**Katharine Fleischmann, MD,** is focused on teaching expertise in Regional Anesthesia. She has been involved in the development and growth of the Regional Anesthesia Program for the residents as well as the Acute Pain and Regional Anesthesia Fellowship. Dr. Fleischmann has developed optimal care protocols for patients undergoing many surgical procedures. She maintained the MGH guidelines for anticoagulation and neuraxial procedures with the MGH Medical Education and Safety Committee for years. Also, she has a passion for work in Global Health, and is the Vice Chair of the ASRA Global Health SIG. [top



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**Jeffrey Frohock, MD**, trained as an acute pain fellow within a combination ortho/anesthesia fellowship. His focus was on efficient and accurate catheter placement using ultrasound guidance and the continuous sympathectomies possible with such blocks. Part of the first surgical team to reach Haiti after the devastating earthquake of 2010, Dr. Frohock and his team continuously performed trauma surgery using only regional anesthesia. After training, he joined the Roper Health System in Charleston, SC. As chief, he oversees a robust regional program covering all areas of surgical subspecialty and acute pain. [top

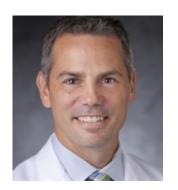


**Mark Froimson, MD,** is Principal of Riverside Health Advisors, a boutique consulting and advisory firm specializing in accelerating and financing innovation in health care delivery, including analytic, digital, device, pharma, clinical, business and payment solutions. He is the Immediate Past President of the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons. He was Executive Vice President and Chief Clinical Officer for Trinity Health--a nationwide, non-profit

health care system, and at Cleveland Clinic, was President and CEO of Euclid Hospital, and President of the Professional Staff/Board Member. [top of page]



**Rodney A. Gabriel, MD,** holds position as Chief of the Division of Regional Anesthesia and Acute Pain and Clinical Director of Anesthesia, Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion. He is an Assistant Clinical Professor and is faculty in the Department of Anesthesiology and Department of Biomedical Informatics. His research interests include the development of predictive models for perioperative outcomes using machine learning, pharmacogenomics, and novel regional anesthesia techniques for pain management. Dr. Gabriel is actively involved in the acute pain management of surgical patients. [top of page]



Jeffrey Gadsden, MD, FRCPC, FANZCA, is a staff anesthesiologist at Duke University Hospital in Durham, NC. He graduated with an MD in 1999 from Queen's University in Kingston, ON, 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 he is board certified by the American Board of Anesthesiology. After working in both Canada and Australia, he

decided to return to the United States to focus on his teaching and research interests of ultrasound-guided nerve blockade, the monitoring of regional anesthesia, trauma, and education. [top of page]



**Ralf E. Gebhard, MD,** is a Professor in the Department of Anesthesiology, Perioperative Medicine and Pain Management at the University of Miami. He also is the Chief of the Division of Acute Pain Management and Regional Anesthesia and serves as Vice Chairman for Clinical Research. In addition to his expertise in the area of Acute Pain Management, Dr. Gebhard has also proven himself to be an outstanding clinical researcher and scientist. He has conducted more than 50 clinical trials as a Principal Investigator and has received significant grants to support his research. His area of particular interest is

related to peripheral nerve block safety and complications, as well as acute pain management in the pediatric population. Dr. Gebhard has published multiple book chapters and over 40 peer reviewed articles. He currently serves as a reviewer for numerous journals including Anesthesiology, Anesthesia and Analgesia and Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine. [top of page]



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**Ronald George, MD,** is a Professor of Women's & Obstetrical Anesthesia with the Department of Anesthesia, Pain Management, and Perioperative Medicine at Dalhousie University. He completed a research/clinical fellowship in Women's & Obstetric Anesthesia at Duke University Medical Center in North Carolina, USA. He is a CAS Career Scientist Award recipient aimed at enhancing analgesia and anesthesia for women and high-

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**Stuart Grant, MBChB, MMCI,** is a Professor of Anesthesiology at Duke University Medical Center. Originally from Glasgow, Scotland, he has worked with residents and fellows at Duke University teaching reginal anesthesia for over 15 years. He has published over 50 papers and book chapters on regional anesthesia and authored a textbook on ultrasound guided regional anesthesia now on its second edition. He currently is investigating new technologies for analgesia including ultrasound guided peripheral nerve stimulation. [top of page]



Christine Greco, MD, is an assistant professor of anesthesiology at Boston Children's Hospital. She completed her anesthesia residency and pediatric anesthesia fellowship at University of California, San Francisco. She currently serves as director of the Acute Pain Service and Associate Chief of the Division of Pain Medicine at Boston Children's Hospital. Dr. Greco has had a leadership role in several aspects of pediatric pain management, including quality improvement, opioid stewardship, hospital policy development, and fellowship training for pediatric pain specialists. [top of page]



**James Green, MBBS, FRCA**, is an associate clinical professor and the director of the Acute Pain Service at the University of Alberta Hospital in Edmonton, AB, Canada. Current research interests include perioperative ultrasound for targeted fluid resuscitation of hip fracture patients and management of the airway. [top of page]



**Carrie Guheen, MD**, is a board-certified anesthesiologist, who completed her residency at Weill Cornell Medical College in New York, NY, where she served as chief resident in her final year. Upon completing her residency, she spent one year as regional anesthesia and acute pain medicine fellow at the Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS). 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. [top of page]



**Rajnish Gupta, MD**, is an associate professor of anesthesiology at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, TN. 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 National Institute of Health-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. [top of page]



**Andrew Hall, MD,** is a 2014 graduate of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine and Jackson Health System/University of Miami Anesthesiology Residency in 2018. Dr. Hall is currently a Pain Medicine Fellow at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center for the 2018-19 academic year. [top of page]



**Brian Harrington, MD**, who trained at Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle, WA, has been in practice for more than 20 years at the Billings Clinic Hospital in Billings, MT. 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. [top of page]



**T. Kyle Harrison, MD**, is a clinical associate professor of anesthesiology, perioperative and pain medicine at Stanford University School of Medicine/VA Palo Alto Healthcare System in Palo Alto, CA. 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

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

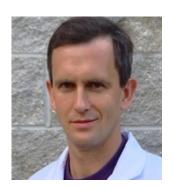


**Jean-Louis Horn, MD**, is a professor and chief of the division of regional anesthesia at Stanford University Medical Center in Stanford, CA, where he actively pursues his endeavors in all aspects of the academic mission of the institution including the development of a productive clinical practice, innovative research projects, and original education curriculum. In order to promote better and safer regional anesthesia and acute pain practice, he is involved with many departmental, institutional, and national committees as well as teaching and mentoring students and colleagues locally, nationally, and

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**Marc Huntoon, MD,** is Editor-In-Chief of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine. He currently is a professor of anesthesiology and director of pain management at the VCU Neuroscience, Orthopaedic and Wellness Center, Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond VA. [top of page]



**Barys Ihnatsenka, MD**, started his career in anesthesia and critical care in 1995 when he 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 in Gainesville, where he also completed his fellowship in regional anesthesia and acute pain medicine. Since graduation, he has been a faculty member at the University of Florida. He is in interested in education and simulation especially in regional anesthesia. [top of page]



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Brian Ilfeld, MD, MS, completed medical school and his residency at the University of California San Francisco and did a regional fellowship as well as earn his master's of science degree in clinical investigation at the University of Florida in Gainesville. Since 2006, his focus has been in clinical research at the University of California San Diego. Dr. Ilfeld has received more than \$10 million in career federal funding with current clinical research involving the treatment of both acute and chronic pain with ambulatory continuous peripheral nerve blocks, cryoneurolysis, and percutaneous peripheral nerve stimulation. [top of



**Vivian Ip, MB ChB**, is an associate clinical professor of anesthesia at the University of Alberta Hospital in Edmonton, Canada. She is one of the leaders of the Fentanyl Crisis Campaign known as Doctors against Tragedies. She was previously the director of the Ambulatory Regional Anesthesia Program at the University of Alberta hospital. She received her anesthesia training in London, UK. Subsequently, she undertook two fellowships in Canada: Regional Anesthesia and Acute Pain Management, and Ambulatory Anesthesia. She is actively involved in ASRA, previously served on the Research Committee, and

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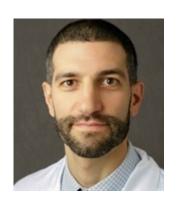
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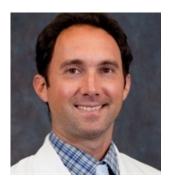


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