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Perioperative Leadership Summit
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“Positive Disruption: Harnessing the Cadence of ORganizational Life”



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Friday, March 27, 2026 (*all times are Central Time Zone*)

- 07:00-07:55** **Registration, Breakfast, Exhibits**
08:00 **Opening Remarks – AACD President** Andrew Franklin, MD Vanderbilt University
- Session 1-Part 1:** **Mentorship, Sponsoring, Networking, MBA**
Moderator: *Andrew Franklin, MD, MBA*
08:05-08:50 **Balancing Humanity and Technology to Build More Effective and Efficient Teams:
Exploring the Duality of Relationships and Technology in the Role of Clinical
Director**
Lynn Reede, CRNA
08:50-09:35 Kate Hagan, MD
09:35-9:50 **Discussion**
- 9:50-10:00** **Break and Exhibits**
- Session 1-Part 2:** **Leadership Development and Career Transition**
Moderator: *Mitchell Tsai, MD, MBA*
10:00-10:45 **What Healthcare Leaders Can Learn from the Humanities**
James Mesrobian, MD
10:45-11:30 **You Will Have a Job: Lessons From Forty Years of Change in Anesthesiology**
Steven Boggs, MD, MBA
11:30-12:00 **Discussion**
- 12:00-1:00** **LUNCH**
- Session 2-Part 1:** **Workforce Challenges and Solutions**
Moderator: *Curtis Choice MD*
1:00-1:45 **Enhancing Physician Satisfaction and Patient Safety Through an Artificial
Intelligence–Driven Scheduling System in Anesthesiology**
William Sumrall, MD
1:45-2:30 Irving Ye, MD, MBA
2:30-3:15 **From Stopgaps to Strategy: Academic Anesthesia Workforce Solutions**
Charlie Artime, MD
3:15-3:30 **Discussion**
- 3:30-3:45** **Break and Exhibits**
- Session 2-Part 2:**
Moderator: *Richard Urman, MD, MBA* with quick **JCA Update**
3:45-4:30 **Using AI to automate quality interventions at scale**
Brian Masel, MD
- 4:30-5:15** **AI in the EMR: A Predictive Model for Perioperative Services**
Jarrett Heard, MD, MBA
- 5:15-6:00** **Mark E. Hudson, MD Abstract competition –** Thomas Schulte, MD, University of Nebraska
- 6:00-7:30** **Reception, beverages, and heavy hors d’oeuvres with Exhibitors**

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Saturday, March 28, 2026 *(all times are Central Time Zone)*

- 07:00-08:00** **Registration, breakfast, and Exhibits**
- Session 1:** **Jason S. Lane, MD Leadership Keynote Lecture**
Moderator: *Andrew Franklin, MD, MBA*
- 08:00-09:00** **Excellence in Leadership: Theory to Practice**
Amr Abouleish, MD
- 09:00-09:15** **Discussion**
- 09:15-10:00** **Closing the Chasm: Understanding and Addressing the Anesthesia Workforce Supply and Demand Imbalance**
Amr Aboulish, MD
- 10:00-10:15** **Discussion**
- 10:15-10:30** **Break and Exhibits**
- Session 2:** **Lessons from Wisconsin**
Moderator: *Matthew Sherrer, MD, MBA*
- 10:30-11:15** *Jim Cole, MD*
- 11:15-12:00** **Demographic trends, informatic opportunities, and economic viability. Finding a nexus around human sustainability in the OR**
Peter Nichol, MD
- 12:00-12:15** **Discussion**
- 12:15-1:15** **Lunch**
- Session 3:** **What’s New in Perioperative Medicine**
Moderator: *Matthew Sherrer, MD, MBA*
- 1:15-2:00** **Putting the Peri in Perioperative Medicine: Go the Distance**
Tom Vetter, MD, MPH, MFA
- 2:00-2:45** **Preop Clinic Field Guide: Navigating 2026**
Jeff Simmons, MD
- 2:45-3:30** **Why Should Anesthesiologists Lead in Perioperative Medicine?**
TJ Gan, MD
- 3:30-3:45** **Discussion**
- 3:45-4:00** **Break and Exhibits**
- 4:00-4:45** **Mark E. Hudson MD Abstract competition – *Thomas Schulte, MD***
- 4:45-5:15** **AACD Business Meeting**
AACD Board Meeting
- 5:15-6:30** **Reception, beverages, and light hors d’oeuvres**

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Sunday, March 29, 2026 (*all times are Central Time Zone*)

07:00-08:00 **Registration, Breakfast, and Exhibits**

08:00-08:10 **Opening Remarks and Mark E Hudson MD Abstract Winners**

Session 1: **Future of Perioperative Leadership**

Moderator: *Jill Kilkelly, MD*

08:10-08:55 **Innovation and a Growth Mindset: Leading in a Changing World**
Harriet Hopf, MD

08:55-09:40 **Workforce Development: a Private Practice Perspective**
Chris Thu, MD

09:40-09:50 **Discussion**

09:50-10:00 **Break and Exhibits**

Session 2: **Wrap-Up**

Moderator: *Matthew Sherrer, MD, MBA*

10:00-10:45 **Behind the Drapes, In Front of the Board: Lessons from a Perioperative Leadership Fellowship**
Patrick Hussey MD
Emilee Borgmeier MD

10:45-11:30 **The Association of Different Levels of Hospital Integration on Quality of Patient Care**
Ahmed Zaky, MD, MBA

11:30-11:45 **Discussion**

11:45-12:00 **Concluding Remarks – Andrew Franklin, MD Vanderbilt University Medical Center**



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Target Audience

This meeting is designed for anesthesiologists.

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