

APSS ROBAC 2025

Anaesthesia Patient Safety Symposium
combined with
Regional Obesity & Bariatric Anaesthesia
Conference 2025

21 - 22 JUNE 2025 (FRIDAY - SUNDAY)
HILLMAN KUCHING, SARAWAK, MALAYSIA

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CONCURRENT PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS: 20 June 2025, Friday		
Time	Workshop	
0800 - 1700	Danum 3, Level 5 Imperial Hotel	Danum 4 & 5, Level 5 Imperial Hotel
0800 - 1200	Workshop A1: Perioperative Medication Safety Workshop	Workshop B: Bariatric Anaesthesia Workshop
1400 - 1700	Workshop A2: Kiken Yochi Training (Risk Prediction Training) Workshop	

DAY 1: 21 June 2025, Saturday			
Time	Danum 3, Level 5 Waterfront Hotel	Danum 4 - 5, Level 5 Waterfront Hotel	Oral & Poster Presentations
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0730 - 1600	Registration		
0825 - 0830	Welcome Address Arney Abcejo (USA)	Welcome Address Naveen Eipe (Canada)	
0830 - 1000	Symposium 1: The Vulnerable Brain Safety in Neurocritical Care	Symposium 2: Introduction to Obesity Why are Humans Obese?	
0830 - 0855	Steven Greenberg (USA)	Luc De Baerdemaeker (Belgium)	
0855 - 0920	Preoperative Functional Conditioning Michelle Humeidan (USA)	Obesity Pandemic, Perioperative Risk & Consent Becky Black (UK)	
0920 - 0945	Perioperative Concussion Arney Abcejo (USA)	Obesity and the National Audit Project (NAP 4, 5 & 6) Andrew Mckechnie (UK)	
0945 - 1000	Q&A	Q&A	
1000 - 1030	Coffee & Exhibition Viewing		
1030 - 1115	[Ranyai Ballroom] Plenary 1: Stroke Updates Jeffrey Pasternak (USA)		
1115 - 1230	[Ranyai Ballroom] Plenary 2: Surgical Implications of Obesity- Lessons Learnt from Bariatric Surgery Nik Ritza Kosai Nik Mahmood (Malaysia)		
1230 - 1315	Sponsored Symposium 1	Sponsored Symposium 2	
1315 - 1415	Lunch		
1415 - 1545	Symposium 3: Operationalising Patient Safety Improving Patient Safety Culture - Can a Leopard Change Its Spots?	Symposium 4: Preoperative Preparation Preoperative Preparation and Optimisation	Oral & Poster Presentations
1415 - 1450	Sophia Ang (Singapore)	Chan Weng Ken (Malaysia)	TBA
1450 - 1515	Patient Blood Management Hairil Rizal Abdullah (Singapore)	Drug Dosing in Obesity Luc De Baerdemaeker (Belgium)	
1515 - 1540	Medication Safety Elizabeth Rebello (USA)	Monitoring, POCUS & Neuraxial USG in Obesity Shahridan Fathil (Malaysia)	
1540 - 1545	Q&A	Q&A	
1545 - 1615	Coffee & Exhibition Viewing		
1615 - 1715	Symposium 5: Learning and Perioperative Patient Safety Learning from Non-compliance and Unintended Consequences- The Challenging Road to Safety	Symposium 6: Special Populations and Situations Paediatric Obesity	
1615 - 1640	Sophia Ang (Singapore)	Teo Shu Ching (Malaysia)	
1640 - 1705	Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence in Perioperative Care Hairil Rizal Abdullah (Singapore)	Ambulatory Surgery in Patients with Severe Obesity Becky Black (UK)	
1705 - 1715	Q&A	Q&A	
1715	End of Day 1		

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Time		DAY 2: 22 June 2024, Sunday	
	Ranyai Ballroom Waterfront Hotel APSS	Meeting Rooms Tubau 1 – 3 Waterfront Hotel ROBAC	
0730 - 1600	Registration		
0830 - 1000	Symposium 7: Changing Global Perioperative Patient Safety	Symposium 8: Airway Management	
0830 - 0855	Anesthesia Patient Safety Foundation (APSF) Priorities Steven Greenberg (USA)	Airway Assessment in Patients with Severe Obesity Naveen Eipe (Canada)	
0855 - 0920	Stoelting Conference 2024 Elizabeth Rebello (USA)	Airway Management in Obesity Prit Anand Singh (Singapore)	
0920 - 0945	Speaking Up for Patient Safety- How is Malaysia Faring? Alex Kim (Malaysia)	Recent Advances and Airway Rescue in Severe Obesity Andrew Mckechnie (UK)	
0945 - 1000	Q&A	Q&A	
1000 - 1030	Coffee & Exhibition Viewing		
1030 - 1115	[Ranyai Ballroom] Plenary 3: Obstructive Sleep Apnoea in Surgical Patients- Do We Care or Should We Care? Frances Chung (Canada)		
1115 - 1230	[Ranyai Ballroom] Plenary 4: Optimizing Handoffs Meghan Lane-Fall (USA)		
1230 - 1315	Sponsored Symposium 3	Sponsored Symposium 4	
1315 - 1415	Lunch		
1415 - 1545	Symposium 9: Practical Considerations for Patient Safety	Symposium 10: Intraoperative Challenges	
1415 - 1450	Practical Considerations for Reducing Postoperative Cognitive Dysfunction Risk Michelle Humeidan (USA)	Anaesthetic Technique in Patients with Obesity Adrian Sultana (Australia)	
1450 - 1515	Pulse Oximetry Updates Meghan Lane-Fall (USA)	Ventilatory Strategies in Bariatrics Luc De Baerdemaeker (Belgium)	
1515 - 1540	Safety in Regional Anaesthesia Shahridan Fathil (Malaysia)	Analgesic Strategies & Regional Techniques Prit Anand Singh (Singapore)	
1540 - 1545	Q&A	Q&A	
1545 - 1615	Coffee & Exhibition Viewing		
1615 - 1715	Symposium 11: Clinical Safety in Neuroanaesthesia	Symposium 12: Improving Safety and Outcomes	
1615 - 1640	Venous Air Embolism Updates & Patient Positioning Arney Abcejo (USA)	Implementing ERAS in Bariatrics and Obesity Naveen Eipe (Canada)	
1640 - 1705	Safety Considerations in Neuro Interventional Radiology Jeffrey Pasternak (USA)	Perioperative Safety and Complications Adrian Sultana (Australia)	
1705 - 1715	Q&A	Q&A	
1715 - 1730	[Ranyai Ballroom] Closing Ceremony & Award Presentations		
1730	Adjourn		

The Organising Committee may, in its discretion, amend any part of the programme without prior notice.