

# APSS ROBAC 2025

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

## An Asia-Pacific Conference

Pre-Conference Workshops | 20 June 2025, Friday | Imperial Hotel  
Main Conference | 21-22 June 2025, Saturday-Sunday | Waterfront Hotel  
KUCHING, SARAWAK, MALAYSIA

### Highlights of Concurrent Tracks

Patient Safety and Quality in Perioperative Neurosciences  
Advances in Bariatric Anaesthesia, Obesity & Sleep Apnoea



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CONCURRENT PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS: 20 June 2025, Friday		
Time	Workshop	
0800 - 1700	Imperial Hotel	
	Danum 1	Danum 4 & 5
0800 - 1200	Workshop A1: Perioperative Medication Safety Workshop	Workshop B: Bariatric Anaesthesia Workshop
1400 - 1700	Workshop A2: Kiken Yochi Training (KYT) Workshop	

DAY 1: 21 June 2025, Saturday				
The Waterfront Hotel				
Time	Ranyai Ballroom	Tubau 1-3	TBC	
	APSS	ROBAC		
0730 - 1600	Registration			
0825 - 0830	Welcome Address Arney Abcejo (USA)	Welcome Address Naveen Eipe (Canada)		
0830 - 1000	Symposium 1: The Vulnerable Brain	Symposium 2: Introduction to Obesity		
0830 - 0855	Safety in Neurocritical Care Steven Greenberg (USA)	Why are Humans Obese? 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, Poster, and Exhibition Viewing			
1030 - 1115	Ranyai Ballroom Plenary 1: Stroke Updates Jeffrey Pasternak (USA)			
1115 - 1230	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	Symposium 4: Preoperative Preparation	Oral & Poster Presentations	
1415 - 1450	Improving Patient Safety Culture - Can a Leopard Change Its Spots? Sophia Ang (Singapore)	Preoperative Preparation and Optimisation 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, Poster, and Exhibition Viewing			
1615 - 1715	Symposium 5: Learning and Perioperative Patient Safety	Symposium 6: Special Populations and Situations		
1615 - 1640	Learning from Non-compliance and Unintended Consequences- The Challenging Road to Safety Sophia Ang (Singapore)	Paediatric Obesity 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	Tubau 1-3	TBC
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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, Poster, and Exhibition Viewing Ranyai Ballroom		
1030 - 1115	Plenary 3: Obstructive Sleep Apnoea in Surgical Patients- Do We Care or Should We Care? Frances Chung (Canada)		
1115 - 1230	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, Poster, and 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	Closing Ceremony & Award Presentations		
1730	Adjourn		

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