

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 Conference Topics

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



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Time	CONCURRENT PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS: 20 June 2025, Friday	
0800 - 1700	Workshop	
	Imperial Hotel	
	Danum 3	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	
Time	DAY 1: 21 June 2025, Saturday	
	The Waterfront Hotel	
	Ranyai Ballroom	Tubau 1 - 3
	APSS	ROBAC
0730 - 1600	Registration	
0825 - 0830	Welcome Address Arney Abcejo (USA)	Welcome Address Naveen Eipe (Canada)
0830 - 1000	Symposium 1: The Vulnerable Brain Moderator: Samuel Tsan (Malaysia)	Symposium 2: Introduction to Obesity Moderator: Jamie Tan (Malaysia)
0830 - 0855	Preoperative Functional Conditioning Michelle Humeidan (USA)	Why are Humans Obese? Luc De Baerdemaeker (Belgium)
0855 - 0920	Perioperative Concussion Arney Abcejo (USA)	Obesity Pandemic, Perioperative Risk & Consent Becky Black (UK)
0920 - 0945	The Developing Vulnerable Brain Jonathan Tan (USA)	Obesity and the National Audit Project (NAP 4, 5 & 6) Andrew Mckechnie (UK)
0945 - 1000	Q&A	Q&A
1000 - 1030	Coffee/Tea Break and Exhibition Viewing	
Time	Ranyai Ballroom	
1030 - 1115	Plenary 1: Stroke Updates Jeffrey Pasternak (USA) Moderator: Nazhan Afeef Mohd Ariff @ Ghazali (Malaysia)	
1115 - 1200	Plenary 2: Surgical Implications of Obesity - Lessons Learnt from Bariatric Surgery Nik Ritza Kosai Nik Mahmood (Malaysia) Moderator: Teo Shu Ching (Malaysia)	
1200 - 1400	Lunch Cafe Via Mare, Level 4	
1400 - 1530	Symposium 3: Operationalising Patient Safety Moderator: Alex Kim (Malaysia)	Symposium 4: Preoperative Preparation Moderator: Tioh Beng Siong (Malaysia)
1400 - 1425	Improving Patient Safety Culture - Can a Leopard Change Its Spots? Sophia Ang (Singapore)	Preoperative Preparation and Optimisation Chan Weng Ken (Malaysia)
1425 - 1450	Patient Blood Management Hairil Rizal Abdullah (Singapore)	Drug Dosing in Obesity Luc De Baerdemaeker (Belgium)
1450 - 1515	Medication Safety Elizabeth Rebello (USA)	Monitoring, POCUS & Neuraxial USG in Obesity Shahridan Fathil (Malaysia)
1515 - 1530	Q&A	Q&A
1530 - 1600	Coffee/Tea Break and Exhibition Viewing	
1600 - 1700	Symposium 5: Learning and Perioperative Patient Safety Moderator: Nazhan Afeef Mohd Ariff @ Ghazali (Malaysia)	Symposium 6: Special Populations and Situations Moderator: Sunna Saadan (Malaysia)
1600 - 1625	Learning from Non - Compliance and Unintended Consequences - The Challenging Road to Safety Sophia Ang (Singapore)	Paediatric Obesity Teo Shu Ching (Malaysia)
1625 - 1650	Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence in Perioperative Care Hairil Rizal Abdullah (Singapore)	Ambulatory Surgery in Patients with Severe Obesity Becky Black (UK)
1650 - 1700	Q&A	Q&A
1700	End of Day 1	

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Time	DAY 2: 22 June 2025, Sunday	
	Ranyai Ballroom	Tubau 1 - 3
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0730 - 1600	Registration	
0830 - 1000	Symposium 7: Changing Global Perioperative Patient Safety Moderator: Sebastian Sundaraj (Malaysia)	Symposium 8: Airway Management Moderator: Dayang Shariza Abang Abdillah (Malaysia)
0830 - 0855	Stoelting Conference 2024 Elizabeth Rebello (USA)	Airway Assessment in Patients with Severe Obesity Naveen Eipe (Canada)
0855 - 0920	Speaking Up for Patient Safety- How is Malaysia Faring? Alex Kim (Malaysia)	Airway Management in Obesity Prit Anand Singh (Singapore)
0920 - 0945	Emerging Technologies in Perioperative Patient Safety Jonathan Tan (USA)	Recent Advances and Airway Rescue in Severe Obesity Andrew Mckechnie (UK)
0945 - 1000	Q&A	Q&A
1000 - 1030	Coffee/Tea Break and Exhibition Viewing	
Time	Ranyai Ballroom	
1030 - 1115	Plenary 3: Obstructive Sleep Apnoea in Surgical Patients - Do We Care or Should We Care? Frances Chung (Canada) Moderator: Shahridan Fathil (Malaysia)	
1115 - 1200	Plenary 4: Optimising Handoffs Meghan Lane-Fall (USA) Moderator: Terence Siew (Malaysia)	
1200 - 1400	Lunch <i>Cafe Via Mare, Level 4</i>	
1400 - 1600	Symposium 9: Practical Considerations for Patient Safety Moderator: Aaron Khoo (Malaysia)	Symposium 10: Intraoperative Challenges Moderator: Angelina Chong (Malaysia)
1400 - 1425	Practical Considerations for Reducing Postoperative Cognitive Dysfunction Risk Michelle Humeidan (USA)	Anaesthetic Technique in Patients with Obesity Adrian Sultana (Australia)
1425 - 1450	Pulse Oximetry Updates Meghan Lane-Fall (USA)	Ventilatory Strategies in Bariatrics Luc De Baerdemaeker (Belgium)
1450 - 1515	Safety in Regional Anaesthesia Shahridan Fathil (Malaysia)	Analgesic Strategies & Regional Techniques Prit Anand Singh (Singapore)
1515 - 1530	Q&A	Q&A
1530 - 1600	Coffee/Tea Break and Exhibition Viewing	
1600 - 1700	Symposium 11: Clinical Safety in Neuroanaesthesia Moderator: Samuel Tsan (Malaysia)	Symposium 12: Improving Safety and Outcomes Moderator: Wong Wai Kit (Malaysia)
1600 - 1625	Venous Air Embolism Updates & Patient Positioning Arney Abcejo (USA)	Implementing ERAS in Bariatrics and Obesity Naveen Eipe (Canada)
1625 - 1650	Safety Considerations in Neuro Interventional Radiology Jeffrey Pasternak (USA)	Perioperative Safety and Complications Adrian Sultana (Australia)
1650 - 1700	Q&A	Q&A
1700 - 1715	Closing Ceremony & Award Presentations	
1715	Adjourn	

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