

CAROLINAS & TENNESSEE ANESTHESIOLOGY



2026 ANNUAL MEETING

The North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee
Societies of Anesthesiologists present

EXCELLENCE IN ANESTHESIA

September 11-13, 2026

THE CHARLESTON PLACE HOTEL
130 Market Street • Charleston, SC 29401

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Target Audience

Anesthesiologists, certified anesthesiologist assistants, residents, fellows, medical students, and AA students

Registration

- **Click to register**
- Early Fee: \$425; after 8/21/26: \$450
- \$125 for anesthesia residents, fellows, medical students, and CAAs
- \$75 for CAA students
- \$50 for practice managers
- Fee will include online handouts and online certificate of completion.
- Continental breakfast, breaks and evening receptions provided.
- Questions? Contact Lue McKnight at lmcknight@wakeahec.org or 919-350-0469 or toll free at 866-341-1814.
- Visit wakeahec.org for our ADA statement, and call 919-350-8547 for the inclement weather schedule.

Cancellations & Refunds

Registration cancellations must be received by 5 pm Friday, August 28, 2026. A \$150 cancellation fee will be deducted from the registration fee if a refund is issued.

Conference Site and Hotel Reservations

The Charleston Place Hotel
130 Market Street, Charleston, SC 29401
charlestonplace.com

- \$400/night
- **Click to make a reservation**
- Or book via 800.611.5545 or email reservations@bhc.com
- Your Reservation Cutoff Date is Tuesday, August 11, 2026.
Reservations received after this date, or after the block is filled are subject to prevailing rates and availability.

Resident/Medical Student Poster Presentations

Abstracts may be submitted in the categories of Best Original Research, Case Report, and Literature Review. Submission must be received by Monday, August 24, 2026 and sent to Kara Weishaar at **kweishaar@smithlaw.com**. For planning purposes, anyone who submits an abstract will have the opportunity to present. Please bring your printed poster [approximately 4ft (length) by 3ft (height)].

Conference & Exhibit Questions

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Speakers

Benjamin Antonio, MD
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Cleo Carter, MD, D.ABA
The University of Tennessee
Health Science Center

Evan Kharasch, MD, PhD
Duke University

Andy Lobonc, MD
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Victoria Wompierski, CAA
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2026 AGENDA

Meeting Room Assignments

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| • Exhibit Hall | Live Oak/Cypress/Dogwood |
| • General Session | Magnolia/Willow |
| • Practice Managers Meeting | Colleton |
| • Resident Track | Ashley Cooper |

Friday, September 11

12:00–5:00 pm **Registration & Exhibits**

1:00 pm **Navigating Employment Contracts and Restrictive Covenants**

Jed Roebuck, JD

2:10 pm **Medical Malpractice**

Marian Scalise, JD

3:00 **Portfolio Management & Investments for Physicians**

Kevin Loftin

3:50 **Break with Exhibitors**

4:10 **Perioperative methadone (Application practicalities and polemics)**

Evan Kharasch, MD

5:00–7:00 pm **Opening Night Reception**

Saturday, September 12

Until 1:00 pm **Registration & Exhibits**

6:30 am **Continental Breakfast**

7:20 **Lost Revenue Items for Anesthesia:
How to Vet your Biller**

Hal Nelson

8:10 **Updates in Anesthesia for Older Adults**

Benjamin Antonio, MD

9:00 **The Operating Room as Arena: Performance Science and the Practice of Anesthesiology**

Cleo Carter, MD, D.ABA

9:50 **Break with Exhibitors**

10:15 **Anesthesia Fads “The Truth of Today is the Folly of Tomorrow”**

Mark Romanoff, MD

Saturday, September 12 *continued*

- 11:05 **Can You Believe It? How to Critically Read the Medical Literature**
Evan Kharasch, MD
- 11:55 am **Adjourn**
- 1:00 pm **Resident Track Attendees Boxed Lunch**
- 1:00 **RESIDENT TRACK**
Contracts & Payment
Robert Shaw, JD
- 1:50 **RESIDENT TRACK**
CAAs: Part of the Anesthesia Care Team Model
Victoria Wompierski, CAA
- 2:30 **RESIDENT TRACK – Panel**
Corporate Practice: Paul Rieker, MD
Private Practice: Karen Slocum, MD
Academic Practice: Andy Lobonc, MD
- 3:00–4:30 **Medical Research Poster Presentations**
- 6:00–8:00 pm **Evening Reception**

Sunday, September 13

- 6:30–9:00 am **Registration & Exhibits**
- 6:30 **Continental Breakfast**
- 7:20 **Hypotension: Anesthesia Limbo – How Low Can We Go?**
Mark Romanoff, MD
- 8:10 **ASA Update**
Jeffrey Mueller, MD
- 9:00 am **State Society Business Meetings**
Locations:
NC Meeting – Ashley Cooper
SC Meeting – Drayton
TN Meeting – Colleton

Credit

The Wake Area Health Education Center (Wake AHEC) designates this live activity for a maximum of 12.25 AMA *PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.



Accreditation Statement: This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the North Carolina Medical Society (NCMS) through the joint providership of Wake AHEC and the North Carolina Society of Anesthesiologists. Wake AHEC is accredited by the NCMS to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Wake AHEC will provide up to 12.25 Contact Hours to participants.