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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### SAMBA's Future to Be Ruled by Committee

By Frances Chung, M.D.  
2003-04 SAMBA President

I am honored to serve you as President of the Society for Ambulatory Anesthesia (SAMBA). SAMBA is a great Society due in a large part to the dedicated leadership of our past presidents, SAMBA Board of Directors and committee chairs.

The Executive Committee, with the SAMBA Board, will carry out the mission of our Society and strive to serve the needs of the members.

The missions of SAMBA are:

1. To advance the study of ambulatory anesthesiology, contribute to its growth and influence, encourage specialization in the field of ambulatory anesthesiology and to encourage high ethical and professional standards by fostering and encouraging research, education and scientific progress in ambulatory anesthesiology;
2. To publish and encourage the dissemination of information to the profession and to the public concerning the role of anesthesiology in ambulatory surgery and to issue publications of scientific and cultural interest;
3. To support, encourage and participate in the development and promotion of policies and programs of the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) and other professional organizations regarding ambulatory anesthesiology; and
4. To support, encourage and participate in the development of guide-

lines of postgraduate education for qualification as a subspecialist in ambulatory anesthesiology and guidelines for approval of postgraduate training programs in ambulatory anesthesiology.

SAMBA committees are the main frameworks of our organization. The committee chairs and committee members carry out the missions of the Society and make it possible for SAMBA to succeed. I have to applaud and thank the hard work of the committee chairs and members. Without their commitment, SAMBA would not be as successful as it is today.

For the coming year, I have appointed the following new committee chairs: Committee on Annual Meeting, Lucinda L. Everett, M.D.; Committee on Communications, Melinda L. Mingus, M.D.; Committee on Development, John A. Dilger, M.D.; Committee on Latin American Relations, Mario Conceicao, M.D.; Committee on Mid Year Meeting, Ronald S. Litman, D.O.; Committee on Office-Based Anesthesia, Meena S. Desai, M.D.; Committee on Regional Anesthesia, Brian A. Williams, M.D.; Subcommittee on e-Newsletter, M. Denise Daley, M.D.; and Nominating Committee, Lydia A. Conlay, M.D., Ph.D. I look forward to the new energy, new vibes and new excitement that these chairs and their committees bring to SAMBA. Their contributions can lead SAMBA in a new direction and elevate our Society to new heights.



Frances Chung, M.D.

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I have also renewed the appointment of the following chairs: Committee on Affiliation, Jeffrey L. Apfelbaum, M.D.; Committee on Awards, Peter S. Glass, M.D.; Committee on Bylaws, Mary Ann Vann, M.D.;

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## Dedicated Members Leading SAMBA's Growth Spurt

The SAMBA 18th Annual Meeting was held May 8-11, 2003, at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston, Massachusetts. This year, SAMBA joined with the Federated Ambulatory Surgery Association (FASA) and the International Association for Ambulatory Surgery (IAAS) to present the 5th International Congress on Ambulatory Anesthesia and Surgery.

Rebecca S. Twersky, M.D., New York, New York, must be congratulated for her hard work in making this meeting a tremendous success. The program included topics of current interest related to anesthesia practice as well as management issues. The panel sessions organized by SAMBA included anesthesiologists and surgeons as well as nurses and administrators. This approach provided the attendees with a global perspective, which was appreciated very much and reflected in the attendance at these panels.

SAMBA is growing, and this growth is mainly due to the vision and dedication of its leaders and members serving on various committees. Last year, under the leadership of Chair Walter G. Maurer, M.D., Cleveland,

Ohio, the Committee on Annual Meeting provided us a comprehensive review that allowed us to re-engineer the Annual Meeting and further improve the educational missions of SAMBA. Similarly, the hard work by the Committee on Membership has led to an increase in membership, and the work done by the Committee on

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Publications and Subcommittee on e-Newsletter allows us to publish *Ambulatory Anesthesia* and the Web-based electronic newsletter, "SAMBA Talks."

Incoming SAMBA President Frances Chung, M.D., Toronto, Ontario, Canada, has established numer-



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ous new committees that will take SAMBA to a new level. For example, the Committee on Latin American Relations was formed to extend SAMBA's role outside the United States. There is a significant growth in private ambulatory surgical centers in Latin America, probably due to the long waiting lists for surgery at traditional hospitals. However, there are

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## Raafat S. Hannallah, M.D., Awarded for Lifetime of Service

The SAMBA 2003 Distinguished Service Award was presented to Raafat S. Hannallah, M.D., Washington, D.C., during ceremonies on Saturday, May 10, 2003, at the SAMBA 18th Annual Meeting and Fifth International Congress on Ambulatory Surgery held in Boston, Massachusetts. The presentation was made by 2002-03 SAMBA President Lydia A. Conlay, M.D., Ph.D., Houston, Texas. The SAMBA Distinguished Service Award is the highest honor the Society can bestow on an individual and is given in recognition of outstanding contribution and distinguished service to ambulatory anesthesiology and SAMBA.

In presenting the award, Dr. Conlay commented on Dr. Hannallah's many achievements and contributions to the profession of ambulatory anesthesiology, adding that he is highly recognized by his peers as a pioneer in pediatric ambulatory anesthesiology.

Dr. Hannallah attended medical school at Cairo University in Egypt and completed anesthesia training at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, receiving his diploma in anesthesiology from McGill in 1973. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and a diplomate of the American Board of Anesthesiology. Today, Dr. Hannallah holds the academic title of Professor of Anesthesiology and Pediatrics at the George Washington University Medical Center in Washington, D.C., and is the Chief of the Division of Anesthesiology at the Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Hannallah has authored more than 100 published articles, being first author on 48 of them and secondary author on 61 more. He has authored and co-authored a total of 40 books and has had more than 120 abstracts published. He has given more than 60 scientific exhibit presentations and led nearly 250 lectures in more than 30 countries throughout the world. He also has been a visiting professor nearly



*Raafat S. Hannallah, M.D., Washington, D.C., (right) is presented the SAMBA Distinguished Service Award by outgoing President Lydia A. Conlay, M.D., Ph.D., Houston, Texas, during ceremonies at the SAMBA 18th Annual Meeting held May 8-11, 2003, in Boston, Massachusetts.*

50 times at leading institutions around the world.

Dr. Hannallah is a founding member of SAMBA and has served on numerous committees within the organization and served as Editor of *Ambulatory Anesthesia*, the Society's quarterly newsletter.

He was elected to the SAMBA Board of Directors in 1990 and rapidly rose through the ranks to become SAMBA President in 1995. Dr. Hannallah remains committed to the goals and objectives of SAMBA through his active involvement in the Society.

In addition to his service to SAMBA, Dr. Hannallah serves as the Society's representative on the Executive Committee of the International Association for Ambulatory Surgery (IAAS) as well as on the Board of Directors of the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care. He has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the American Society of

Anesthesiologists and the Society for Pediatric Anesthesia and is a scientific reviewer for the journals *Anesthesiology*, *Anesthesia & Analgesia*, *Paediatric Anaesthesia* and *Ambulatory Surgery*.

In accepting the award, Dr. Hannallah said that he is humbled by the many distinguished people who came before him: Mary-Louise Levy, M.D., Silver Spring, Maryland; Bernard V. Wetchler, M.D., Chicago, Illinois; Stanley Bresticker, M.D., Somerset, New Jersey; Harry C. Wong, M.D., Salt Lake City, Utah; Burton S. Epstein, M.D., Bethesda, Maryland; Surinder K. Kallar, M.D.; Richmond, Virginia; Wallace A. Reed, M.D., Phoenix, Arizona; Paul F. White, M.D., Ph.D., Dallas, Texas; and Herbert D. Weintraub, M.D., Bethesda, Maryland. He added that all are esteemed colleagues and most are personal friends.

Dr. Hannallah informed the audience that "the award, although given to an individual, is actually a recognition of SAMBA, its founders, whom I was privileged to join, its Board of Directors and, most importantly, its members who allowed me to serve."

He continued, "It's fortuitous that I receive this award here in Boston. The last time the meeting was held here, I was finishing my term as president and was privileged to have worked with the board to approve a bylaws amendment to impose term limits on members of the Board of Directors. The first 'casualty' of that change was that I automatically lost my seat on the board a year later. But this allowed many young, ambitious members to take over, and the results are in front of you here today.

"The SAMBA Board of Directors is a hard-working body. I am particularly grateful for the many opportunities they gave me to serve as their representative when there was a need for personal communication with other organizations. In particular, I am forever

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proud to have been involved in talks with Stephen J. 'Butch' Thomas, M.D., New York, New York, then Chair of the International Anesthesia Research Society (IARS) Board of Trustees, to establish *Anesthesia & Analgesia* as the official journal of SAMBA. This journal-within-a-journal concept was a vision of Ronald D. Miller, M.D., Mill Valley, California, which was met with some skepticism initially but proved extremely successful today.

"I am also proud to have been selected to spearhead the attempts at having SAMBA represent ambulatory anesthesia to the whole world, well beyond simply the anesthesiologists of the world, by joining IARS back in 1996. Again, personal contacts were extremely important. The encouragement and gentle nudging by Dr. Wetchler and the willingness to listen and compromise by the SAMBA Board

of Directors — and then IAAS President Claude deLathouwer, M.D., Brussels, Belgium, who unfortunately is not with us here today — were essential

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for the success of that mission. The meeting we have here this week would not have been possible otherwise."

Dr. Hannallah commented that it is customary during these occasions to acknowledge the personal and professional support one gets from people

close to home: "I'd like to especially thank my family, represented here by my wife, Isis, and friends and colleagues at work in Washington, D.C., who covered for me when I could not be in the operating room, represented here by Susan Verghese, M.B., and Ramesh I. Patel, M.B."

He closed his comments by acknowledging two special individuals who influenced his career and became life-long friends: Jose Rosales, M.D., who coached Dr. Hannallah into pediatric anesthesiology and allowed him to transform what used to be a hole-in-the-wall dental and circumcision clinic to a state-of-the-art three-operating-room ambulatory surgical center 30 years ago in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, and Dr. Epstein who hired Dr. Hannallah in his department, convinced him that ambulatory anesthesiology was here to stay and encouraged him to take that message on the road. 

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many issues that confront Latin American anesthesiologists, including a need for leadership from their anesthesiology societies directed toward standardization of anesthesia practice. SAMBA can provide the much needed information, support and assistance in organizing modern systems for ambulatory surgical centers as well as training in cutting-edge outpatient surgical techniques. SAMBA could possibly gain from the publication of mission and meeting activities in the Spanish version of *Anesthesia & Analgesia* and other publications popular in Latin America. Such goals are the first steps in globalization of SAMBA, and lessons learned from this committee can then be implemented in other areas of the world.

Under the leadership of Brian A. Williams, M.D., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the Committee on Regional Anesthesia has shown enormous enthusiasm and vigor. During its first meeting in

Boston, it developed an ambitious plan for the next two years. Similarly, the Committee on Development and the Committee on Finance and Budget have their roles "cut out" for them. I am confident that these and many other new developments will be of great value to our membership.

In keeping with the mission of SAMBA and to expand the scientific basis of our practice, the Board of Directors approved an Outcomes Research Award for \$150,000, which will be given over a period of two years. Check the Society's Web site at <[www.sambahq.org](http://www.sambahq.org)> for information and an application. Please note that the deadline for proposal submission is January 15, 2004. As suggested by Paul F. White, M.D., Ph.D., Dallas, Texas, Section Editor for *Anesthesia & Analgesia*, SAMBA members are encouraged to contribute research articles as well as get involved in the manuscript peer-review process (see page 6 for details).

Each year, SAMBA presents a Distin-

guished Service Award, which is the highest honor the Society can bestow on an individual who has made outstanding contributions to ambulatory anesthesiology and SAMBA. This year, Raafat S. Hannallah, M.D., Washington, D.C., received the award for his service to SAMBA and his extensive contributions to the field of ambulatory anesthesiology.

The next educational program organized by SAMBA will be the Mid Year Meeting on October 10, 2003, just prior to the ASA Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California. In addition, Mary Ann Vann, M.D., Boston, Massachusetts, has organized an excellent SAMBA Breakfast Panel to be presented during the ASA Annual Meeting. This panel will discuss the current issues related to preoperative process for outpatients (see page 11). I encourage you to attend this meeting in October! 

## Completion of Strategic Review for SAMBA Annual Meetings

By Walter G. Maurer, M.D., Chair  
Committee on Annual Meeting

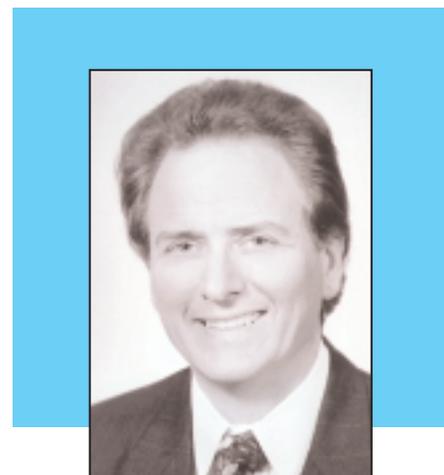
During her term as SAMBA President, Lydia A. Conlay, M.D., Ph.D., commissioned the 2002-03 SAMBA Committee on Annual Meeting to complete a strategic review of this important SAMBA educational program.

After an extensive member survey, the committee completed its work and submitted a report to the Board of Directors that was discussed at the spring meeting of the SAMBA Board of Directors on Thursday, May 8, 2003, which was held in conjunction with the Fifth International Congress on Ambulatory Surgery. The report can be viewed at <[www.sambahq.org](http://www.sambahq.org)> in the June 2003 issue of the e-Newsletter.

This extensive report reviewed the Annual Meeting structure, its location and timing and its relationship to the Mid Year Meeting. Corporate sponsorship has been lagging, thus affecting the financial viability of the Annual Meeting, and this problem was reviewed in detail by the strategic review committee. Many of the suggestions from this review were re-

ferred to the SAMBA Committee on Development, chaired by John A. Dilger, M.D., as well as the Committee on Finance and Budget, chaired by Jeffrey B. Brand, M.D. There is little question that the meeting registration fee structure will have to be increased in the next several years if the quality of the meeting is to continue.

Since advanced cardiac life support courses are given very frequently throughout the medical community, there is a possibility that it may not be offered every year as a preconvention workshop. A detailed review of general internal medicine as it affects anesthesiology practice may be more useful to SAMBA members. A plan for revitalizing the scientific abstracts presented at the Annual Meeting was referred for action to the Committee on Scientific Papers, chaired by Janet Pavlin, M.D. Although electronic media is an up-and-coming way to distribute syllabi for meetings, it is felt that the printed syllabus will be continued in the near future for annual meetings. It was commonly felt among those participating in the strategic review process that the most important portion of any SAMBA Annual Meeting is the content of the lectures. For this reason, it is expected



Walter G. Maurer, M.D.

that new lecture topics will be generated as well the introduction of a broader range of speakers from academic as well as private practice.

This strategic review is only the first step in a total re-engineering of the Annual Meeting process and will be part of an ongoing re-evaluation effort as SAMBA proceeds over the next several years to fulfill its educational mission for its members. 

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## New Latin American Committee to Help Globalize SAMBA

The new SAMBA Committee on Latin American Relations met on Saturday, May 10, 2003, at the Fifth International Congress on Ambulatory Surgery in Boston, Massachusetts. The committee is chaired by Mario Conceicao, M.D., from Brazil; other members are Johnny Esper, M.D., and Jaime Jaramillo, M.D., from Colombia; Juan Carlos Duarte, M.D., and Mohammed Sanchez, M.D., from Venezuela; Alex Recart, M.D., from Chile; Atilio Barbeito, M.D., from Argentina; and Alonso Mesa, M.D., Tong J. Gan, M.D., and Walter G. Maurer, M.D., from the United States.

Many issues confront Latin American anesthesiologists, but the most significant is a need for leadership from their anesthesia societies directed toward standardization of anesthesia practice. Latin American governments have not been as active as the United

States in setting these standards. There are certainly many private ambulatory surgery centers in Latin America, and they are growing rapidly. This situation is driven by the fact that there are long waiting lists for surgery at traditional hospitals.

The anesthesia communities in Latin America do seem to want information, support and assistance in organizing modern systems for ambulatory surgical centers as well as training in cutting-edge outpatient surgical techniques. There is a Spanish version of *Anesthesia & Analgesia*, and it is felt that SAMBA could possibly gain publication of their mission and meeting actives in this and other publications that are read in Latin America. In addition, "SAMBA Talks," the Society's electronic newsletter, is now available in a Spanish version.

It is hoped that this committee can serve to develop efforts to increase the clinical interests of a number of Latin American anesthesiologists engaged in ambulatory anesthesia in the countries of Central America and South America. We can certainly provide educational opportunities in the United States at SAMBA meetings, in ambulatory surgical centers as well as work to create ambulatory anesthesia fellowships for Latin American anesthesiologists.

This committee can help to foster educational opportunities and encourage the exchange of research and possibly even multicentered clinical research projects as well as cultivate leadership relationships that may occur in Pan-American anesthesia meetings and in other anesthesia venues. 

## Got Articles? Then We've Got a Place for You in the Journal

By Paul F. White, M.D., Ph.D.

Section Editor, *Ambulatory Anesthesia & Analgesia*

SAMBA, as part of its affiliation with the International Anesthesia Research Society (IARS), has an opportunity to contribute material of interest to its membership for publication in the section on ambulatory anesthesia in the journal *Anesthesia & Analgesia*. This "journal within a journal" provides an opportunity for interested individuals to publish high-quality research articles and educational information of interest to the SAMBA membership.

In order to retain the vitality of this specialty organization and for it to grow in the future, it is important to expand the scientific basis upon which our clinical practices are based through research and educational activities. As the section editor for *Anesthesia & Analgesia*, I would encourage SAMBA members to become actively involved in the journal's publication and review process.

If you or any of your colleagues are interested in becoming involved in preparing a special article of interest to the practitioners of ambulatory anesthesiology or would be willing to assist in the manuscript peer-review process, please contact me at <paul.white@utsouthwestern.edu>. It would be extremely helpful if you would indicate your area of expertise (and interest) as well as the number of ambulatory anesthesia-related articles you would be prepared to review for the journal on an annual basis.

In preparing your articles for the journal, please carefully review the "Guide to Authors" information prior to preparing the manuscript and submitting it to the journal for peer-review. Finally, it would be extremely helpful to the editor-in-chief if the word "ambulatory" is included in the title of the article in order for it to be directed to the Section on Ambulatory Anesthesia.

Hopefully, both the quality and quantity of material on ambulatory anesthesia that is published in *Anes-*



Paul F. White, M.D., Ph.D.

*thia & Analgesia* will continue to improve in the future. Thank you for your support of this vital activity of our subspecialty organization. 

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# SAMBA's Future to Be Ruled by Committee

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Committee on Education, Thomas W. Cutter, M.D.; Committee on Finance and Budget, Jeffrey B. Brand, M.D.; Committee on International Relations, Raafat S. Hannallah, M.D.; Judicial Committee, Kathryn E. McGoldrick, M.D.; Committee on Membership, Yung-Fong Sung, M.D.; Committee on Publications, Girish P. Joshi, M.D.; Committee on Research, Tong J. Gan, M.D.; Subcommittee on Scientific Papers, Janet Pavlin, M.D.; and Ad Hoc Committee on Private Practice, Frederick W. Ernst, M.D.

These committees and their members have contributed greatly to the success of SAMBA over the past year, and we are indebted to them for their devotion, their time and their commitment. They are the heroes of SAMBA.

## **Outcomes Research Award**

The success of SAMBA depends on our education and research mission. Evidence-based medicine is extremely important. In order to encourage this, SAMBA will be giving a \$150,000 Outcomes Research Award in 2004 and 2005. We encourage all investigators to apply. For more information, see the SAMBA Web site at <[www.sambahq.org](http://www.sambahq.org)> and follow the instructions for application.

## **Globalization and Committee on Latin American Relations**

For the coming year, I have outlined another pathway of success for SAMBA: The theme is globalization, globalization and globalization! Efficient air travel and the proliferation of the Internet have opened the doors for SAMBA to play an important role in ambulatory anesthesiology worldwide. Latin America is proximal to the United States, and there are many physicians practicing ambulatory anesthesia there. Last year, the Board of Directors approved establishing the international membership fee at \$25, making SAMBA very affordable to our colleagues overseas. There are ample opportunities for SAMBA to recruit

Latin American anesthesiologists. Therefore, I have established a Committee on Latin American Relations with representation from a number of countries throughout Central and South America to focus on developing relationships between Latin American anesthesiologists and SAMBA.

The chair of the committee is Mario Conceicao, M.D., from Brazil; and Hector Vila, M.D., United States, will be the vice-chair. Committee members include Johnny Esper, M.D., and Jaime Jaramillo, M.D., from Colombia; Juan Carlos Duarte, M.D., and Mohammed Sanchez, M.D., from Venezuela; Alex Recart, M.D., from Chile; Atilio Barbeito, M.D., from Argentina, and Dr. Gan, Andrew Herlich, M.D., and Alonso Mesa, M.D., from the United States, while Walter G. Maurer, M.D., SAMBA Treasurer, will serve as an advisor to the committee.

The Committee on Latin American Relations shall serve to develop efforts to increase the clinical interest of the number of Latin American anesthesiologists engaged in ambulatory anesthesiology in countries of Central and South America; to provide educational opportunities in the United States at SAMBA meetings and ambulatory surgical centers as well as to work to create ambulatory anesthesiology fellowship for Latin American anesthesiologists; and to help foster education opportunities in Latin America, including programs presented at ambulatory facilities.

The committee also shall serve to encourage the exchange of research opportunities, and possibly multicentered clinical research projects, and to cultivate leadership relationships that may occur in Pan-American anesthesiology meetings and international anesthesiology venues.

## **Regional Anesthesia**

Regional anesthesia has several advantages over general anesthesia. Patients are awake, and it provides good pain control and may have fewer side effects such as postoperative nausea and vomiting. However, there is no

fair reimbursement by third parties and legislators for regional anesthesia procedures. Therefore, I have formed a Committee on Regional Anesthesia.

The committee chair is Dr. Williams, and committee members include Michael F. Mulroy, M.D., Richard Kahn, M.D., Karen Nielson, M.D., Jennifer R. Greger, M.D., and Donald J. Siwek, M.D. The SAMBA Board advisor is Dr. Joshi.

The committee will address economic issues in the practice of regional anesthesia, including fair reimbursements for regional anesthesia procedures. The committee also will serve to develop guidelines for use in approaching third parties and legislators for fair reimbursements for regional anesthesia techniques in ambulatory surgery. The committee will serve to develop educational tools and guidelines for the practice of regional anesthesia in ambulatory settings.

## **Committee on Finance and Budget**

As the building blocks of SAMBA, finance and budget provide security for our future. It is important to know the past, grasp the present and plan for the future. Therefore, strategic financial planning for SAMBA in the next five to 10 years is a top priority.

I have asked Dr. Brand, chair of the Committee on Finance and Budget, to chair a strategic review of SAMBA's finances and budget. The committee will report to the SAMBA Board in the coming year. The strategic review is to study and recommend means of strengthening the financial status of the Society and to make recommendations concerning investment of Society funds and to examine budgets and expenditures of SAMBA.

## **Committee on Development**

SAMBA has enjoyed the support of the pharmaceutical industry for its educational and research mission, and we want to continue to strengthen that relationship. A strategic planning and renewal process is essential if SAMBA

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# SAMBA Mid Year Meeting 2003

## Challenges in Ambulatory Anesthesia



**San Francisco, California  
October 10, 2003**

**M**ark your calendar now and plan to attend the "SAMBA Mid Year Meeting 2003: Challenges in Ambulatory Anesthesia" on Friday, October 10, 2003, one day prior to the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California. The Mid Year Meeting will be presented at the San Francisco Hilton Hotel, co-headquarters hotel for the ASA Annual Meeting.

### Meeting Program

Panels will present in-depth information that you can take home with you and apply to your practice. The committee has divided the program into four segments for maximum educational impact. The morning and afternoon sessions will each feature separate panels on clinical and administrative challenges. Registration is available on the SAMBA Web site at <[www.sambahq.org](http://www.sambahq.org)>. As a membership benefit, SAMBA members will receive a discount off the regular registration fees for the general meeting and the pre-convention workshops.

### Registration Information

Registration for the SAMBA Mid Year Meeting 2003 is \$145 for SAMBA members, \$195 for non-SAMBA members and \$50 for residents. This registration fee includes the course syllabus, all educational presentations, a continental breakfast and a luncheon and coffee breaks. Early registration is recommended as seating may be limited. The preregistration deadline is September 19, 2003. Reg-

istrations received after that date will not be processed and will be returned so that the individuals can register on site. Cancellation of registration must be submitted in writing and will be accepted until one week prior to the beginning of the conference. Please include your home address to expedite the processing of your check. Your refund, less a \$50 administrative fee, will be sent after the conclusion of the meeting.

### Hotel Reservations

Hotel reservations must be made through the ASA Annual Meeting housing bureau. Hotel reservations may be made online by visiting the ASA Web site at <[www2.ASAhq.org](http://www2.ASAhq.org)>.

### CME Credits

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essentials and Standards of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the Joint Sponsorship of the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) and SAMBA. ASA is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians. The American Society of Anesthesiologists designates this educational activity for a maximum of 5.75 hours in category 1 credit toward the American Medical Association Physician's Recognition Award. Each physician should claim only those hours of credit that he or she actually spent in the educational activity.

### Program Chair

Lucinda L. Everett, M.D.  
Seattle, Washington

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Voorhees, New Jersey

James E. Caldwell, M.B., Ch.B.  
San Francisco, California

Meena S. Desai, M.D.  
Villanova, Pennsylvania

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Susan S. Porter, M.D.  
Kansas City, Missouri

Johnathan L. Pregler, M.D.  
Los Angeles, California

Mark A. Singleton, M.D.  
San Jose, California

## Meeting Agenda

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7 a.m. – 7:55 a.m.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION

7:55 a.m.

Welcome

Program Chair: Lucinda L. Everett, M.D.

### Morning Session

8 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

*Clinical Challenges I: Pushing the Limits*

*How Big Is Too Big? Morbid Obesity and Sleep Apnea in Ambulatory Surgery*

Kathryn E. McGoldrick, M.D.

Educational goal: To understand how morbid obesity complicates anesthetic management; to understand the pathophysiology of sleep apnea; to formulate a rational approach to the perioperative management of sleep apnea patients.

*How Young Is Too Young? Infants for Outpatient Anesthesia*

Lucinda L. Everett, M.D.

Educational goal: To understand what evidence is available regarding potential risks in the pediatric population and implications for outpatient anesthesia in infants.

*How Old Is Too Old? Risk in the Geriatric Patient*

Lee A. Fleisher, M.D.

Educational goal: To understand what evidence is available regarding potential risks in the geriatric population and implications for outpatient anesthesia in the elderly patient.

9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

BREAK

10:15 a.m. – 12 noon

*Administrative Challenges I: Rules and Regulations*

*Accreditation Aggravation — Practical Solutions*

Mark A. Singleton, M.D.

Educational goal: The participant will become familiar with the accreditation and survey process as exemplified by the California experience and understand concepts and strategies that will help them to make this process consistent with optimal medical practice.

*Coding and Compliance — Reimbursement Considerations for MAC Services*

Alexander A. Hannenberg, M.D.

Educational goal: The participant will understand the relationship of conscious sedation, MAC and other anesthesia services and be aware of the coding, compliance and reimbursement implications of each.

*HIPAA How-Tos*

James E. Caldwell, M.B., Ch.B.

Educational Goal: Clinicians should understand what the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) is and in what ways it will affect their practice.

12 noon – 1 p.m.

LUNCHEON

### Afternoon Session

1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

*Clinical Challenges II: Specialty Practices*

*Ambulatory Surgery in an Orthopedic Hospital*

Susan S. Porter, M.D.

Educational goal: To discuss logistical and patient care issues related to orthopedic surgery in the outpatient setting, including the use of regional anesthetic techniques.

*Pediatrics in a Freestanding ASC*

Patricia M. Browne, M.D.

Educational goal: The participant will learn criteria for appropriate patient and procedure selection processes and perioperative management for the pediatric patient in a freestanding ambulatory surgical center (ASC).

*Office-Based Anesthesia*

Meena S. Desai, M.D.

Educational goal: To understand the logistical, financial and safety aspects of office-based anesthesia.

2:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.

BREAK

3 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

*Administrative Challenges II: Practical Information*

*Solving Today's O.R. Management Problems*

Johnathan L. Pregler, M.D.

Educational goal: Identify strategies and solutions to today's problems with operating room staffing and supply management. Examine the role of information systems in solving these problems and improving productivity and efficiency.

*Accreditation Hot Topics: Credentialing and Privileging*

Beverly K. Philip, M.D.

Educational goal: To present an update on credentialing and privileging relating to ambulatory surgery.

4:30 p.m.

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## Start Your Morning Off Right With a Breakfast Panel!

By Mary Ann Vann, M.D.  
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The SAMBA Breakfast Panel at the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) 2003 Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California, promises new insights into the preoperative process for outpatients. The panel "Whom Do We Invite to Our Party? How and Why the Preoperative Evaluation of Surgical Outpatients Is Different" will be held at the Hilton Hotel on Tuesday, October 14, 2003, and will be moderated by Mary Ann Vann, M.D., Boston, Massachusetts.

Lee A. Fleisher, M.D., will speak on "Tailoring the Preop to the Procedure: The Evidence." Dr. Fleisher, the recipient of the SAMBA Outcomes Research Grant, has found location of care to be one indicator of outcome in addition to other predictors. Dr. Fleisher is a well-known and widely published researcher, and he participated in the creation of the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association guidelines for preoperative cardiac evaluation.

L. Reuven Pasternak, M.D., serves

as chair of the ASA Task Force on Preoperative Evaluation. His presentation is titled "From the Guidelines to the Sidelines." Dr. Pasternak will pre-

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sent information on the preoperative process gathered by the task force as well as results from his survey of anesthesiologists on the subject.

The final speaker on the panel is David B. Barinholtz, M.D., president and CEO of Mobile Anesthesiologists, Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Barinholtz is a trailblazer in the field of office-based anesthesia. His presentation "Working Without a Parachute: The Preop Process in an Office-Based Practice" will describe how to successfully conduct the evaluation of patients for



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anesthesia in the office setting.

The Committee on Education presents the SAMBA Breakfast Panel at the ASA Annual Meeting each year. Tickets are available through the ASA Annual Meeting registration book, which was mailed in June to all ASA members, and on the ASA Web site at <[www2.ASAhq.org](http://www2.ASAhq.org)>. The cost includes a light breakfast as well as this highly informative and interesting panel. 

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## SAMBA's Future to Be Ruled by Committee

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is to take a step forward in this area.

I have asked Dr. Dilger, chair of the Committee on Development, to prepare a strategic report of SAMBA and the pharmaceutical industry. The committee will examine the possibility of appointing an industry liaison officer, make recommendations to the SAMBA Board regarding industry sponsorship and examine the means of strengthening industry relationships with SAMBA.

### Committee on Annual Meeting and Subcommittee on Scientific Papers

Dr. Maurer, past chair of the Committee on Annual Meeting, under the direction of SAMBA Past President Dr. Conlay, has completed a strategic review of the SAMBA Annual Meeting, which represents the vision of Dr. Conlay and the outstanding contributions of Dr. Maurer and his committee. The review outlines the possible directions that SAMBA can take in its meetings and scientific abstracts. I have asked Dr. Everett and the incoming Committee on Annual Meeting to incorporate the recommended changes for future annual meetings. I also have asked Dr. Pavlin and the Subcommittee on Scientific Papers to incorporate the changes recommended for that committee.

On October 10, 2003, the SAMBA Mid Year Meeting will be held one day prior to the start of the ASA Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California. The theme this year will be "Challenges in Ambulatory Anesthesia." Committee on Mid Year Meeting Chair Dr. Everett and her committee have put together a wonderful program.

This October at the ASA Annual Meeting, Dr. Vann will offer a very interesting panel on "Whom Do We Invite to Our Party? How and Why the Preoperative Evaluation of Surgical Outpatients Is Different." I am looking forward to member participation in these sessions.

SAMBA is a great Society, and our many publications and activities — *Ambulatory Anesthesia*, our electronic newsletter "SAMBA Talks," the always-changing Web site, educational guidelines, our Annual Meeting and the Mid Year Meeting — make us a vibrant and exciting organization. Can our Society be better? Yes, but we need your input. Please give us your suggestions and comments on how SAMBA can be improved. My e-mail address is <frances.chung@uhn.on.ca>, and I can also be reached at (416) 603-5118 and by fax (416) 603-6494. I am here to serve you, the SAMBA members, and I look forward to hearing from you. 