



2012 ANNUAL JOURNAL SYMPOSIUM “Respiratory Depression”

The American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) and its journal, *ANESTHESIOLOGY*, announce the 21st annual Journal Symposium, to be held at the ASA Annual Meeting on Monday, October 15, 2012, in Washington, D.C. The 2012 Journal Symposium will highlight up-and-coming and noteworthy concepts in anesthesia research and clinical practice.

Various perioperative interventions associated with anesthesia and surgery significantly influence respiratory function. Patterns and severity of the perioperative respiratory depression may significantly depend on coexisting diseases, consciousness, and other structural and functional factors relating to breathing stability.

This symposium will explore mechanisms and clinical managements for preventing, detecting and treating respiratory depression that should change our clinical practice and patient outcomes.

Two invited speakers will lead the session: Kingman Strohl, M.D., Professor of Medicine and Physiology & Biophysics, Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine, University Hospitals Case Medical Center, Case Western Reserve University, will provide new evidence of the pathophysiology of respiratory depression that incorporates breathing patterning and genetic predisposition as factors operating in our clinical practice; and, Matthias Eikermann, M.D., Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Anesthesia, Critical Care, and Pain Medicine, Massachusetts General Hospital, and Harvard Medical School, will discuss how anesthesia, surgery, and immobility influence perioperative respiratory muscle function.

Investigators from around the world with an interest in this subject are invited to submit their work to the ASA for the Annual Meeting. Abstracts from both basic and clinical sciences are welcome. Studies examining or evaluating mechanisms and clinical managements of respiratory depression are encouraged. Abstracts should be submitted *via* the usual online process (which can be accessed through the Web sites www.asahq.org and www.anesthesiology.org). Interested individuals should make sure to check the “Journal Symposium” box on the abstract submission form to be considered for inclusion in this special session. The deadline for abstract submission is March 31, 2012. Abstract selections will be made by the symposium organizers in conjunction with members of the *ANESTHESIOLOGY* Editorial Board.

The authors of abstracts selected for the symposium will be offered an opportunity to submit their work to *ANESTHESIOLOGY* for inclusion in an issue to be published in the spring of 2013.

THE ANESTHESIA FOUNDATION AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL

The Anesthesia Foundation announces The Anesthesia Foundation Award for Excellence in Educational Material to be presented in 2012 at the American Society of Anesthesiologists Annual Meeting.

This prestigious award will be awarded for excellence and innovation in books or multimedia with significant impact on the science and practice of anesthesiology, critical care, or pain medicine. No more than two-author submissions are eligible.

The award is \$5,000 (to be divided if there are two authors).

Deadline for receipt of contributions is December 15, 2011.

For further information and specific criterion please contact www.anesthesiafoundation.org/index.html.

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