

WICTA

Women in Cardiothoracic Anesthesia

A Special Interest Group of SCA



DR. DARYL OAKES

MESSAGE *From Our Chair & Chair-Elect*

The opinions expressed in the Message below are those of the WICTA Special Interest Group Chair and Chair-Elect.



DR. BOLA FALOYE

The historic decision by the US Supreme Court to overturn Roe v Wade ends half a century of protected reproductive rights for women, creating profound impacts on the professional autonomy of physicians, on the personal rights and freedoms of women and persons capable of pregnancy, and potentially, by logical extension of the ruling, on the rights and autonomy of numerous other groups.

This presents several challenges to many of us as women and as cardiac anesthesiologists. WICTA is committed to the advancement of women, URM and other minoritized individuals and to ensuring excellence in patient care through promotion of a diverse, inclusive, equitable professional community in our field. This ruling is in direct conflict with WICTA's mission. As a physician – a cardiac anesthesiologist who cares for many adults including obstetric patients – and as a leader of a women's organization, I fear that efforts to advocate for professional equity will be meaningless if our members' personal autonomy and basic right to control our bodies is being directly threatened.

We recognize that there are conflicting views on abortion and respect diverse perspectives on this issue. Nevertheless, the larger issue presented by this ruling requires a response from our professional groups. Regardless of personal or political affiliation, we all can agree that it is our duty to act in the best interest of our patients.

And with this perspective, WICTA supports the

statement put forth by the SCA Board of Directors on this issue. This statement supports "safe, equitable, unobstructed access to all healthcare" and objects to "any interference in the medical decision-making process or the physician-patient relationship". You may find this statement posted on the SCA website (<https://scahq.org/education/current-news/>) and included SCA August newsletter. Given the importance of these types of dialogues to moving our profession and our professional environment forward, we thank the SCA leadership and the WICTA membership for their passion and commitment to patients and advancing the care of the cardiovascular patient. As we balance busy careers with busy personal lives and as we strive to be successful in both, it is important to recognize the impact of community – a source of strength and support – to aid us on our personal journeys. WICTA's programs are designed to provide diverse community spaces online and at our in-person meetings.

We invite you all to tune in to our virtual quarterly WICTA Happy Hours to enjoy a cocktail and engage with others in our field, to join us at one of our WICTA-SCA professional development webinars, to become involved in one of our academic publication writing pods or to connect with us about a new program that you think should exist that will help move us all forward. New this year, WICTA is partnering with the SCA Online Education Subcommittee to host a fellow-focused enrichment series. We are excited by these opportunities to engage and encourage you to join us.



Annual Meeting & Workshops Meeting Recap

It was truly amazing to be able to meet with so many of you in person in Palm Springs. The attendance at our WICTA networking event was even better than we had hoped for. We hope you enjoyed meeting other members too! Planning is already underway for the 2023 meeting in Portland, Oregon!



WICTA Events at the ASA

We know many of our WICTA members will be heading to New Orleans for the ASA meeting and we would love to provide an opportunity to connect and network! We'll be hosting 2 events. These are open to all members and anyone who would like to learn more about our group – bring a friend! Check your email and follow us on social media for more details on the location of these events.

We will host a session geared specifically towards medical students who want to learn more about the specialty of cardiothoracic anesthesiology. This will be held on Saturday October 22, 2022, from 12:00-12:50 pm in Convention Center Room R07.

We are also hosting a WICTA meet up in conjunction with our friends from the Thoracic Anesthesia Society. This will be on Saturday October 22, 2022, from 2:15-3:00 pm in Convention Center Lounge 1. Join us for some light snacks to hear more about what these societies are doing while meeting new people and connecting with old friends.



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GOPEN Writing Workshop Series

The Gopen Writing Workshop teaches writing techniques applicable to many types of writing, including scientific writing. These tutorials were highly recommended by our last WICTA Webinar speaker, Dr. Swaminathan, as a great resource to anyone looking to publish scholarly work. We are pleased to share that WICTA was able to secure a **33% discount (original cost \$600) for any interested member. More information can be found at <https://GeorgeGopen.com>.**

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Please email Dr. Bola Faloye to obtain your unique code prior to registering at aopanug@emory.edu.

Link to register: <https://georgegopen.com/videos>

Code: Email aopanug@emory.edu for your unique discount code prior to registering

Payment: Pay directly on the website

Duration: This is a rental. You will have unlimited access for 1-year from the time you register. Accompanying workbook: <https://georgegopen.com/workbook>

WICTA WEBINAR SERIES FOR ACTA FELLOWS

WICTA, in conjunction with the SCA Online Education Subcommittee, hosted a webinar for ACTA Fellows on "*Approaching the Job Search as a Cardiothoracic Anesthesiologist*". The webinar was held on Thursday, September 22, 2022. All ACTA Fellows and any interested residents are encouraged to listen to the recorded webinar on the SCA website.

[Click Here](#) to view the webinar.



OUR MISSION AND PURPOSE

The mission of the SCA Women in Cardiothoracic Anesthesia Special Interest Group (WICTA SIG) is to ensure excellence in quality of patient care through promoting a diverse, inclusive and equitable professional community in our specialty. Our purpose is to recruit, develop, and promote women and under-represented minority (URM) physicians and leaders in cardiothoracic anesthesiology.



WICTA Speaker Database

The WICTA speaker database has already contributed to multiple speaking arrangements for our members and is being used more frequently by chairs and cardiac anesthesiology division chiefs planning grand rounds, etc. Please upload your information so those looking for speakers can contact you for potential speaking engagements. If you've given local lectures, grand rounds or talks at regional or national meetings you are more than qualified for our database! We would love for all our members to be recognized for their hard work.

A link to enroll can be found on the [WICTA webpage](#) or [Click Here](#).

If you or someone in your department is looking for speakers for Grand Rounds, conferences, etc. please submit an inquiry directly to WICTA@scahq.org to be provided with a list of speakers in the content areas you specify.

WICTA Professional Development Series

The next webinar in our professional development series has been tentatively scheduled for Tuesday December 13, 2022. We are honored to host Dr. Saadia Sherwani, Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and Executive Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs, Department of Anesthesiology, who will be speaking on *"How to Be an Effective Leader"*. You will not want to miss this! Stay tuned for more details as the event gets closer.

Non-Clinical Productivity

How is your non-clinical productivity measured and valued? We are conducting a short survey to explore the state of non-clinical time allocation and compensation structures amongst academic anesthesiology departments in the United States. If you would like to participate in our survey, please check your inbox for the link and complete the survey by **October 15, 2022, 11:59pm PT**.

SOCIAL MEDIA CORNER

To stay better connected, follow us on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook, and join our WICTA Facebook group. Anyone can join our Facebook group, and any member can post to the page. **This is a great place to network with other members, ask questions, list job openings, etc.**

Got something exciting you need to tweet – send us an email at WICTA@scahq.org and let us know about your recent publication, promotion, etc. and we'll share on our social media sites. Let us do the bragging for you.



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Job Listings

Is your department looking to hire? Let us do some advertising for you! Please send job listings to WICTA@scahq.org and we'll be happy to share with our members. You can also post to our Facebook group.

