

Los Angeles County Harbor-UCLA Medical Center

8th Annual Critical Care & Trauma Surgery Symposium



Friday, September 5, 2025
7:00am – 4:30pm
An *in-person* educational event

The Grand Long Beach
4101 E Willow St
Long Beach, CA 90815

Presented by:
The Division of Trauma & Acute Care Surgery,
Clinical Professional Development, Department
of Nursing and Harbor-UCLA Medical Center



PROGRAM AGENDA

6:30 am Continental Breakfast and In-Person Registration

7:15 am Welcome
Molly Deane, M.D.

Opening Remarks
Griselda Gutierrez, M.D.

Session 1: Making a Difference on the Front Line

Moderator: Brant Putnam, M.D.

7:30 am Early Whole Blood Transfusion
Kelsey Wilhelm, M.D.

7:45 am Severely Injured Kids: Is the Resuscitation Different?
Ilene Claudius, M.D.

8:00 am Critical Care in the ED
Alexander Grohmann, M.D.

8:15 am The Dark Side of Trauma in the ED
(LAC Medical Examiner), M.D.

8:30 am What Makes a Great Team Leader?
Amber Himmeler, M.D.

8:45 am Panel Q&A

9:00 am Break

Session 2: Difficult Decision Making

Moderator: Jessica Keeley, M.D.

9:20 am Trauma Care in Austere Environments
Augustus Gleason, M.D., U.S.N. M.C.

9:35 am Damage Control and the Triad of Death
Angela Neville, M.D.

9:50 am Chest Tube vs. OR for Severe Chest Trauma
Caroline Dong, M.D.

10:05 am Using TEG to Guide Massive Transfusion
George Singer, M.D.

10:20 am A Palliative Care Consult: Best Choice or Giving Up?
Katherine Lee, M.D.

10:35 am Panel Q&A

10:50 am Break

Session 3: Monitoring the Critical Patient

Moderator: Kassi Kronfeld, M.D.

11:10 am Role of End-Tidal CO₂
Gianna Ramos, M.D.

11:25 am Targeted Temperature Management in 2025
Kabir Yadav, M.D.

11:40 am Implications of Non-OR Anesthesia
Maulik Rajyaguru, M.D.

11:55 am Arterial Waveform Analysis: SV and SVV
Jennifer Smith, M.D.

12:10 pm Pulmonary Artery Catheters: When and How?
Mitchell Weksler, M.D.

12:25 pm Panel Q&A

12:30 pm Lunch

Session 4: The IMPROV—Lessons Learned by the Trauma Team

Alexander Schwed, M.D.



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Session 5: Cardiopulmonary Challenges in the ICU

Moderator: Joseph Thomas, M.D.

- 1:20 pm ARDS Therapies in 2025
Christiana Hayward, M.D.
- 1:35 pm Heart Block: Recognition and Treatment
Brandon Schwartz, M.D.
- 1:50 pm Role of the Right Ventricle
Charles Lanks, M.D.
- 2:05 pm Mechanical Cardiac Support Devices
Nichelle Megowan, M.D.
- 2:20 pm The Neuro Black Box – Vasospasm and Seizure
Phoebe Johnson-Black, M.D.
- 2:35 pm Panel Q&A
- 2:45 pm Break



Session 6: Pushing the Envelope

Moderator: Susan Stein, M.D.

- 3:00 pm Optimizing Nutrition in the ICU
Heather Hyungyoon Kim, R.D.
- 3:15 pm The Pregnant Critical Care Patient: AFE and PRES
Manasa Kavasery, M.D.
- 3:30 pm ECMO 2.0: Post-Cannulation Management
Molly Deane, M.D.
- 3:45 pm Post Intensive Care Syndrome (PICS)
Ryan Dwyer, M.D.
- 4:00 pm Panel Q&A
- 4:15 pm Case Presentations: Are You Ready?
Brant Putnam, M.D.
- 4:30 pm Evaluations / Adjournment

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Course Information

The Department of Nursing and the Division of Trauma / Acute Care Surgery is pleased to announce its 8th Annual Critical Care & Trauma Surgery Symposium highlighting the latest advances in care for this patient population. The objective of this conference is to provide an overview of innovative therapies and best practices relevant to the care of critical care, trauma, and surgical patients.

Target Audience

This course is intended for physicians, nurses, pharmacists, respiratory therapists, social workers, executive leaders, and other allied health professionals interested in critical care, trauma and acute care surgery.

Contact Hours

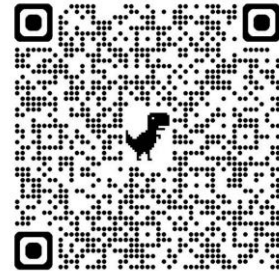
Provider approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing provider number 13638 for 7.0 contact hours of continuing education credit, and by the Los Angeles County EMS Continuing Education Provider 19-008 for 3.0 hours of MICN continuing education credit. No partial credits will be issued. Participants must attend the entire symposium to receive full credit.

Registration

The registration fee for Harbor-UCLA employees and RN nursing students is \$135. For DHS non-Harbor employees, the registration fee is \$160, and for non-DHS professionals, \$190. Registration fee includes a continental breakfast, lunch, and contact hours. Registration is through Eventbrite.

Exhibits

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