



Meeting Speaker Bios



Neena Qasba, MD, MPH, FACOG

Associate Professor

OBGYN, Complex Family Planning Specialist

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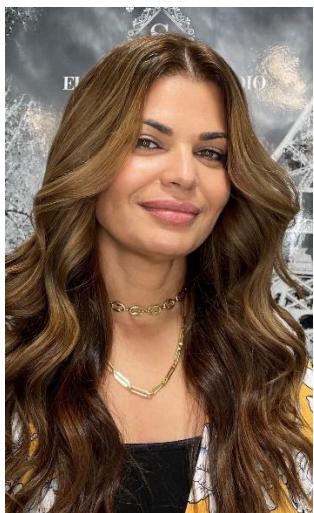
Associate Program Director, Complex Family Planning Fellowship

Neena T. Qasba (she/her) is a complex family planning sub-specialist and obstetrician and gynecologist at the University of Connecticut and an Associate Professor at University of Connecticut School of Medicine. She currently serves as the Division Director of Family Planning and Associate Program Director of their new complex family planning fellowship. Dr. Qasba has strong CT roots. She is an alumna of the UConn School of Medicine, Class 2011. She received a Master's in Public Health from Yale University School of Public Health where she completed her fellowship. Dr. Qasba is currently the lead author for Society of Family Planning (SFP) in updating their guidelines on anesthesia in abortion care. SFP is working collaboratively with SOAP (Society Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology) and the American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology on this guideline.



Peter Mancini, MD
Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology at the Yale School of Medicine

Peter Mancini, MD is Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology at the Yale School of Medicine. He graduated from Middlebury College with a B.A. in classical studies and received his M.D. at Albany Medical College. After five years in the U.S. Navy, he completed residency in anesthesiology at Yale and joined the clinical faculty. He has worked closely with Yale's complex family planning service for a decade, an experience that inspired him to complete Yale's obstetric anesthesiology fellowship in 2021.



Muna Swairjo DPT
President of the Hartford Argentine Tango Society

Muna Swairjo is the President of the Hartford Argentine Tango Society (HARTS) and a leading advocate for Argentine Tango in Connecticut. In her primary career, she is a Doctor of Physical Therapy, owning and practicing in a private physical therapy clinic, where she integrates movement science, rehabilitation, and wellness. As the director of The Garage Dance Studio & Gallery in New Britain, Muna brings together dancers of all levels through classes, practica, milongas, and cultural events that celebrate the art and tradition of tango. Under her leadership, HARTS hosts local, national, and international artists, fostering community, connection, and the transformative power of dance.

Muna is also an experienced tango DJ and instructor with over a decade of teaching and social dance involvement, drawing on her long-standing passion for tango's music, movement, and community.



Joseph Navarrete BSN, RN, CCRN, SRNA
Yale New Haven Hospital School of Nurse Anesthesia

Joe Navarrete is a 3rd-year SRNA at the Yale New Haven Hospital School of Nurse Anesthesia, pursuing his Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice (DNAP) degree. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Rhode Island College in 2019. Joe began the first year of his nursing career on the surgical stepdown unit at Rhode Island Hospital.



Stephanie Stewart DNP, CRNA, APRN
Associate Professor DNAP Central Connecticut State University

Stephanie Stewart is an Associate Professor in the Central Connecticut Doctorate of Nurse Anesthesia Program with extensive experience in nurse anesthesia education. She began clinical teaching after graduating from nurse anesthesia school in 2004 and expanded into didactic instruction in 2011. She earned her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree in 2019 and in 2024 she took a full-time position teaching

at CCSU. Most recently Stephanie was nominated for the Excellence in Teaching Award by her students, reflecting her commitment to high-quality teaching and mentorship.



Dr. Rosenblatt, MD

Professor of Anesthesiology at Yale School of Medicine

Director of Head and Neck Anesthesia at Yale New Haven Hospital

Dr. Rosenblatt is a professor of anesthesiology at the Yale School of Medicine, Director of Head and Neck Anesthesia at Yale New Haven Hospital and member of the American Society of Anesthesiologists Difficult Airway Task Force where he was a chief designer of the new 2022 ASA Difficult Airway Infographic and Decision Tree Tool. Dr. Rosenblatt has authored more than 80 original articles and book chapters on difficult airway management and is the editor of Master Techniques in Airway Management (LLW 2015, 2nd ed in production). He is also a member of the PUMA working group, designing universal airway management guidelines. His education project, AirwayOnDemand, has hosted more than 140 on-site airway management courses for practices and societies.

Dr. Rosenblatt maintains the largest free, on-line, airway management video content in the world. The AirwayOnDemand YouTube channel includes nearly 400 videos, has 85,000 subscribers and 46 million views.

Outside of medicine, Dr. Rosenblatt is Founder and President of REMEDY, Recovered Medical Equipment for the Developing World. REMEDY was established as a 501-c-3, tax exempt charity in 1991. REMEDY has moved hundreds of tons of prepared but unused medical supplies from over 600 hospitals in the United States to developing world health centers. In 1996, REMEDY received the Rolex award for Enterprise. Though REMEDY remains active at Yale New Haven Hospital, Dr. Rosenblatt's attention has turned to REMEDY's off-shoot program Med-Eq. Med-Eq is a virtual warehouse where more than 15,000 material donations have been made to its 400 charity members.



Brian Thalheimer BSN, RN, CCRN, SRNA
Integrated Anesthesia Associates' Nurse Anesthesia Program of Hartford

Brian Thalheimer is a third year SRNA at the Integrated Anesthesia Associates' Nurse Anesthesia Program of Hartford, pursuing his DNAP degree. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Nursing from UConn in 2015. Throughout his nursing career Brian has worked in the CTICU and spent time travel nursing in Colorado and California.



Christopher Tynan BSN, RN, CCRN, SRNA
Integrated Anesthesia Associates' Nurse Anesthesia Program of Hartford

Chris Tynan is a 3rd-year SRNA at the Integrated Anesthesia Associates' Nurse Anesthesia Program of Hartford, pursuing his Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice (DNAP) degree. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Nursing from UConn in 2018. Chris began his nursing career in the intensive care unit at The Hospital of Central Connecticut.



Thomas Curtin BSN, RN, CCRN, SRNA

Integrated Anesthesia Associates' Nurse Anesthesia Program of Hartford

Tom Curtin is a 3rd year SRNA in the Nurse Anesthesia Program of Hartford, pursuing his Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice Degree from Central Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Program (DNAP). He received his Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Central Connecticut State University in 2018 and worked as a nurse in the ICU at UCONN Health. In his free time, he enjoys reading Nagelhout and long walks on the beach.



Russell Jones BSN, RN, CCRN, EMT-B

Yale New Haven Hospital School of Nurse Anesthesia

Russell Jones is a critical care nurse with three years of experience in the cardiothoracic ICU at Yale New Haven Hospital. Russell is now in his third year at the Yale New Haven Hospital School of Nurse Anesthesia. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Eastern Connecticut State University, concentrating in Marketing and Business Information Systems.

Building on that foundation, he pursued nursing. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Connecticut, where he was inducted into the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society for Nursing and received the Connecticut League for Nursing Peer Recognition Award.

Prior to his nursing career, he worked as an Emergency Medical Technician for the Ambulance Service of Manchester, providing prehospital care and transport.

Russell is also a veteran of the United States Air Force, Connecticut Air National Guard, where he served as an Aircraft Electrical and Environmental Systems Maintenance Technician, achieving the rank of Staff Sergeant.

His unique background spanning critical care, emergency medicine and military service reflects a lifelong commitment to patient care, teamwork and professional growth.