



Association Of Veterans Affairs
NURSE ANESTHETISTS

DRURY PLAZA HOTEL, ORLANDO, FLORIDA

AVANA ANNUAL MEETING

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and earn CE Credits!**

OCTOBER 9 - 11, 2026
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REGISTRATION DETAILS

DRURY PLAZA HOTEL

2000 Hotel Plaza Blv, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830

Book at druryhotels.com

FULL CONFERENCE

Member Rate
\$750

Active Military Rate
\$750

Non-Member Rate
\$825

Student Rate
\$150

DAILY

Member Rate
Fri. \$200 | Sat./Sun. \$350

Active Military Rate
Fri. \$200 | Sat./Sun. \$350

Non-Member Rate
Fri. \$275 | Sat./Sun. \$425

Student Rate
Fri./Sat./Sun. \$50

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SEPT. 17





AGENDA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Registration and Exhibitors

12:00 – 1:00 PM

**When Stress Becomes Biology: The Adaptive Brain
in High-Acuity Healthcare**

Stephanie Leopold

1:00 – 2:00 PM

VA National Anesthesia Service Update

2:00 – 2:30 PM

Break & Visit With Exhibitors

2:30 – 3:30 PM

High Flow Nasal Oxygen

Greg Buck

3:30 – 4:30 PM

Anesthesia for Barostim

Maureen Kawka

4:30 – 5:30 PM

Meet & Greet Happy Hour

Sponsored by Verathon

THE MEETING WILL PROVIDE AT MINIMUM 15 CREDIT HOURS, PENDING
AANA APPROVAL



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026

7:00 – 8:00 AM

Registration and Exhibitors

8:00 – 10:00 AM

Difficult Airway Management

Dr. Rosenblatt

10:00 – 10:30 AM

Break, Visit Exhibitors & Posters

10:30 – 11:30 AM

**ND4 Gene Mutation &
Anesthetic Implications**

Michael Tran

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Lunch & Learn: Vertex

12:30 – 1:30 PM

**Procedural Sedation or
Induction With Byfavo - A Focus
on Medically Compromised
Patients**

*Erik Rauch, DNP, MBA, CRNA,
NSPM-C*

1:30 – 2:30 PM

Neuro Meds

Debra Diaz

2:30 – 3:00 PM

Break & Visit Exhibitors

3:00 – 4:00 PM

Airway Training

Megan Summerlin

4:00 – 5:00 PM

AVANA Update & Business Meeting

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026

7:00 – 8:00 AM

Registration and Exhibitors

8:00 – 10:00 AM

POCUS Live Demo

Jonathan Kline

10:00 – 10:30 AM

Break, Visit Exhibitors & Posters

10:30 – 11:30 AM

AI in Anesthesia

Jose D. Castillo

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

VA Case Presentations

12:30 – 1:30 PM

Lunch & Exhibitors

1:30 – 2:30 PM

Journavax

Mayte Diaz

2:30 – 3:30 PM

Topic TBD

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