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32nd Annual USC National Trauma, Critical Care and Acute Care Surgery Symposium

Thursday, May 21, 2026-Friday, May 22, 2026

**Westin Pasadena
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Presented by:

The Division of Acute Care Surgery and Surgical Critical Care, LA General Medical Center, USC Office of Continuing Medical Education and Institute of Continuing Education for Nurses, Department of Nursing



PROGRAM AGENDA

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026

- 6:30 am Registration & Breakfast
7:15 am Welcome
Demetrios Demetriades, MD, PhD
Opening Remarks
Jorge Orozco, CEO, Los Angeles General Medical Center

SESSION 1: Prehospital, Emergency Room and Hospital Systems Hot Topics

Moderator: Kenji Inaba, MD, MSc

- 7:30 am Emergency Cricothyroidotomy in the Difficult Neck: Disasters and How to Avoid Them!
Meghan Lewis, MD
7:45 am Prehospital Needle Thoracostomy: Use, Abuse, Tips and Pitfalls
Maryanne Howard, DO
8:00 am Briging the Hospital to the Field- What Works, What Doesn't (WB/ PRBC Programs, Thoracotomy in the Field, REBOA, Intubation, Etc.)
Angela Neville, MD
8:30 am Intra-Osseous Access: How I Do It
Caitlyn Braschi, MD

SESSION 2: Military Session

Moderator: CDR Kevin Petersen, MD

- 8:40 am Military & Civilian Collaborations in Trauma Training: The USC-US Navy Program
CDR Kevin Petersen, MD
8:55 am Military and Civilian Gunshot Injuries: Should They Be Treated Differently?
MAJ Joshua Dilday, MD
9:10 am Shock Trauma Platoon During the Afghansitan Evacuation. Providing Trauma Care During a Mass Casulty Event
LCDR Nicole Cook, MD
9:25 am Trench Warfare and Drones: Changing the Battlefield Evacuation and Medical Care
Benjamin Franklin, MD
9:35 am Discussion

SESSION 3: International Trauma Outreach

Moderator: Damon H. Clark, MD

- 9:45 am Lessons Learned From the USC-LAGMC Community Outreach Programs
Damon H. Clark, MD
10:00 am Lessons Learned in Organizing a Trauma Training Program in a Poor Country with Limited Resources
Geoffrey Anderson, MD, MPH
10:15 am Discussion

10:45 am Break

SESSION 4: The David and Debra Garry Nursing Scholarship

Moderator: Lydia Lam, MD

- 11:10 am Don't Get Sloppy with CAUTIs: Quality Improvement Project to Reduce Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infection (CAUTI) Rates in the Surgical ICU
Lyubov (Luba) Tashlyk, DNP, RN, CCRN, Gero-BC

SESSION 5: Organ Donation

Moderator: Lydia Lam, MD

- 11: am Beyond Visceral Organ Donation
Lydia Lam, MD

SESSION 6: Keynote International Lecture

Moderator: Demetrios Demetriades, MD, PhD

- 11:30 am Trauma System in a Modern Megacity in China: Past, Present, and Future
Professor Dingyuan Du, MD

SESSION 7: Hot Topics in 2026

Moderator: Matthew Martin, MD

- 12:00 pm The New Classification of Traumatic Brain Injuries
Arun Amar, MD
12:10 pm REBOA in 2026: Evidence and Guidelines
Anaar E. Siletz, MD, PhD
12:20 pm Fluids and Blood Product Resuscitation for TBI Patients: Does It Matter?
Peter Rhee, MD, MPH
12:30 pm Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump or ECMO?
Bradley Allen, MD
12:40 pm Discussion

12:50 pm Lunch Pick Up

SESSION 8: The Kenneth L. Mattox Luncheon Lecture

Moderator: Demetrios Demetriades, MD, PhD

- 1:05 pm It's a Small World
Kenneth L. Mattox, MD

SESSION 9: Surgical Infections

Moderator: Brad Spellberg, MD

- 1:30 pm TQUIP QI Filter: Monitoring and Improving Surgical Site Infections
Aaron Strumwasser, MD, MSc
1:45 pm The Latest on Prophylactic and Therapeutic Antibiotics in Surgery: Intravenous or Oral, Inpatient or at Home, Short or Long Duration?
Noah Wald-Dickler, MD
2:00 pm Discussion

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SESSION 10: Common Practical Challenges in Trauma

Moderator: Kazuhide Matsushima, MD

- 2:10 pm Prophylactic Angioembolization in the Trauma Patient: Balancing Risks and Benefits
Kazuhide Matsushima, MD
- 2:20 pm Flail Chest in Severe Multi-Trauma and High-Risk Patient: Observation or Rib Fixation?
Natalie Hodges, MD
- 2:30 pm Necrotizing Soft Tissue Infections: Diagnostic and Therapeutic Tips and Pitfalls
Areg Grigorian, MD
- 2:40 pm Anesthesia Management in Traumatic Brain or Spinal Injuries
Rodney McKeever, MD
- 2:50 pm Discussion

3:00 pm Break

SESSION 11: In the ICU

Moderator: Meghan Lewis, MD

- 3:25 pm Improving Outcomes of TBI with Pharmacological Interventions
Jamie Knell, MD
- 3:40 pm Routine or Selective VTE Surveillance in the ICU for Trauma Patients?
Anaar E. Siletz, MD
- 3:55 pm Predicting the Breath Ahead: AI for Ventilatory Support and Tracheostomy
J. Perren Cobb, MD
- 4:10 pm Discussion

SESSION 12: One Hour with Dimitri: Believe It or Not!

Moderator: Demetrios Demetriades, MD, PhD

- 4:20 pm Panel
Kenneth L. Mattox, MD
Daniel R. Margulies, MD
Brant A. Putnam, MD
Michael E. Lekawe, MD

5:20 pm Adjourn

FRIDAY MAY 22, 2026

- 7:00 am Registration & Breakfast
7:15 am Welcome
Demetrios Demetriades, MD, PhD

SESSION 13: Addressing Systemic Trauma Challenges

Moderator: Areti Tilou, MD

- 7:30 am ACS Updates for Trauma Center Verification
Eugenia Lee, MD
- 7:45 am New Approach to Geriatric Trauma: Practical Implications of the New Trauma Center Verification Requirements
Areti Tilou, MD
- 8:00 am Using TQIP Benchmarking in Planning Quality Improvement in Trauma
Daniel R. Margulies, MD
- 8:15 am Leadership Skills in the Trauma Bay and Beyond
Brant A. Putnam, MD
- 8:30 am Discussion

SESSION 14: Challenging Problems in Emergency Surgery

Moderator: Galinos Barmparas, MD

- 8:40 am Updates on Adhesive Small Bowel Obstruction: Prevention, Operative or Conservative Management
Jeffrey C. Chao, MD
- 8:55 am Managing the Short Bowel Syndrome
Keyur Patel, MD
- 9:10 am The Open Abdomen: Reducing the Risk of Enteroatmospheric Fistulas
Michael E. Lekawe, MD
- 9:25 am Abdominal Emergencies in the Morbidly Obese Patient
Jennifer Chen, MD
- 9:40 am Rescue Procedures in the Management of the Difficult Cholecystectomy: Are They Safe Options?
Matthew Martin, MD
- 9:55 am Discussion

SESSION 15: Special Session: Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Special Enforcement Bureau Medical Program, Past, Present, and Future

Moderator: Kenji Inaba, MD, MSc

- 10:10 am TBD
Jennifer Shepard, Paramedic Coordinator Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
- 10:25 am TBD
Michael Port, Medical Director, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

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10:40 am Break

SESSION 16: The Tom Noguchi

Session: The Medical Examiner's Corner

Moderator: Demetrios Demetriades, MD, PhD

11:10 am Forensic Pathology Wound
Evaluation Post Surgical and Organ
Procurement Procedures
Odey C. Ukpo, MD, MS

11:25 am Post-Mortem: CT Scan or Autopsy?
Brice Hunt, MD

11:35 am Discussion

SESSION 17:

Moderator: Aaron Strumwasser, MD, MS, MSc

11:40 am Hernia Repair: Mesh or No Mesh,
Synthetic or Biologic Mesh?
Galinos Barmparas, MD

11:55 am Vascular Reconstruction in
Trauma: Advances in Biologic
Grafts
Kenneth Ziegler, MD

12:10 pm Updates in the Management of
Acute Diverticulitis: Operation or
Observation, Ostomy, Antibiotics
and Other...
Jennifer A. Smith, MD

12:25 pm Discussion

SESSION 18: Rheepardy

Moderator: Peter Rhee, MD, MPH

12:35 pm Rheepardy
TBD Cedars Sinai-, MD
Harbor UCLA-, MD
UC Irvine-, MD
LA General-, MD

SESSION 19: CLOSING REMARKS, RAFFLE-

Moderator: Lydia Lam, MD

1:35 pm **Raffle & Adjourn**
Lydia Lam, MD

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Dingyuan Du, MD



Professor Dingyuan Du is the Chief Surgeon & Professor of Surgery and serves as the Director of Chongqing Trauma Medical Center, the Director of Chongqing University Trauma Medical Center, the Executive Director of China National Regional Center for Trauma Medicine, and Member of the Expert Group for the Certification of China National and Regional center for Trauma Medicine. He serves as the leader of academic technology in Chongqing, and the "Innovation Leader" of Chongqing, a modern megacity of 32 million people.

Professor Du also serves in many other national committees and organizations, including Vice President of Committee on Trauma of the Chinese Medical Association, the Vice Chairman of China Trauma Rescue & Treatment Association, the Chairman of Chongqing Trauma Rescue & Treatment Association, the Deputy

Chief Editor of the Chinese Journal of Trauma, the Deputy Chief Editor of Trauma Surgery, and sits on the editorial boards of numerous journals. He co-edited two trauma textbooks.

Professor Du is a national leader in the field of trauma in China and plays a major role in the establishment of China's national trauma care system.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The annual *USC National Trauma, Critical Care and Acute Care Surgery Symposium* is presented by the Division of Acute Care Surgery of Keck USC and the Los Angeles General Medical Center, one of the largest trauma centers in the United States. The symposium features timely topics for lectures, high-caliber plenary sessions, interactive and provocative panel discussions, and inspiring keynote addresses by leaders in the field of acute care surgery, trauma and surgical critical care. A balance between evidence-based principles and innovative thought-provoking discussion will be maintained during lively expert debates. Each session focuses on understanding leading-edge management, latest medical controversies and the implementation of practical procedural skills.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of the program the participant should be able to:

- Outline optimal care in the prehospital and emergency room setting.
- Integrate new technology and devices for monitoring and treatment in trauma and critical care.
- Plan an evidence-based approach to current controversies in trauma, acute care surgery and critical care patient management.
- Integrate new temporizing and definitive management options for complex surgical disease.
- Discuss the importance of organ donation.
- Understand the QI process and how it improves practice.

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CONFERENCE INFORMATION

REGISTER FOR COURSE

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Mail: Office of CME, 1540 Alcazar Street, CHP 223, Los Angeles, CA 90033

Phone: (323) 442-2555 (for AMEX)

Email: usccme@usc.edu

CANCELLATION POLICY

Registration cancellations must be emailed to the USC Office of CME by May 15, 2026 for a refund to be issued. A \$50 cancellation fee will be applied. USC will not refund any travel costs incurred.

TARGET AUDIENCE

This course is intended for physicians, nurses, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, prehospital providers and other medical personnel working in the field of acute care surgery and trauma care, as well as all allied health professionals who care for adults and seek to enhance their understanding of trauma care and treatment options to optimize management of their patients.

ACCREDITATION STATEMENT

The Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

CREDIT DESIGNATION

The Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California designates this live activity for a maximum of 15.25 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credits commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

The following may apply *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™* for license renewal: Registered Nurses may report up to 15.25 credit hour(s) toward the CME requirements for license renewal by their state Board of Registered Nurses (BRN). CME may be noted on the license renewal application in lieu of a BRN provider number.

Physician Assistants: The National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants states that *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™* accredited courses are acceptable CME requirements for recertification.

Self-Assessment CME Credit, Part 2 of the American Board of Surgery (ABS) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Program: This activity has also been designated as Self-Assessment CME credit, applicable to Part 2 of the ABS MOC Program. For additional information on the ABS MOC program and its requirements, visit the ABS website: www.absurgery.org.

Prehospital CE credits offered by LA General Medical Center Prehospital #19-0012. 13 hours of MICN credit.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

To reserve a room at the Westin Pasadena under the special rate of \$229 for a single or double room, please visit this link: <https://book.passkey.com/e/51088333> Please reserve before **April 29, 2026**, to secure the rate.

The USC Office of CME strongly encourages registrants to book overnight accommodations at the Westin Pasadena. By staying at the conference headquarters hotel, you help the USC Trauma Symposium meet its contractual obligations with the hotel and maintain your current conference benefits, as well as keep future hotel guest room rates and registration fees reasonable.

PARKING

Valet parking is discounted \$24 daily maximum and self-parking is \$19 daily maximum. Parking rates are subject to change because parking is managed by the city of Pasadena.

REGISTRATION FORM

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TUITION

LIVE: Early registration fees available until May 15, 2026, noon PST.
On-site fees will add \$50 to the prices listed.

MD/DO	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500, May 21-22	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300, May 21	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300, May 22
NP/PA/APP or RN/AH	<input type="checkbox"/> \$375, May 21-22	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200, May 21	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200, May 22
Fellow/Resident/Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300, May 21-22	<input type="checkbox"/> \$175, May 21	<input type="checkbox"/> \$175, May 22

OPTIONAL SESSIONS

Separate registration and cover fee. **Contact angela.martinez@med.usc.edu to register.**
CME eligible for physicians only. Course Location: Keck School of Medicine of USC

BASIC ENDOVASCULAR SKILLS FOR TRAUMA-REBOA (BEST)

Tuesday, May 19, 2026: 8:30 am-1:30 pm

Tuition: \$1,560 includes breakfast, lunch, cadaver and lab fees. A comprehensive hands-on experience! This ACS-COT course provides a certificate of completion and covers indications, contraindications, procedural steps and cadaver-based training. This session will only commence with a minimum of four surgical learners.

Registration deadline: May 12, 2026

Course Director: Kazuhide Matsushima, MD, FACS

ADVANCED SURGICAL SKILLS FOR EXPOSURES IN TRAUMA (ASSET)

Thursday, May 20, 2026: 7:15 am-4:30 pm

Tuition: \$2,145 includes ASSET manual, breakfast, lunch, cadaver and lab fees.

Must be PGY-4 or above to qualify. This session will only commence with a minimum of four surgical learners.

Registration deadline: May 12, 2026

Course Director: Lydia Lam, MD, FACS

ABS MOC CREDIT

Attendees who wish to claim ABS MOC credit should provide the following:

Birth Day _____ Birth Month _____

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Name _____

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address* _____

Institutional Affiliation _____

Special Dietary or Physical Needs _____

We strive to accommodate dietary restrictions. Please note that not all food items may meet special requirements. Food items will be labeled for your convenience.

* Correspondence and confirmations are sent by email.

METHOD OF PAYMENT

No cash accepted.

☐ Check Payable to USC. Check payment must be postmarked by May 15, 2026.

☐ Credit Card: Mastercard or Visa. American Express by phone or mail only.

Credit Card Number _____

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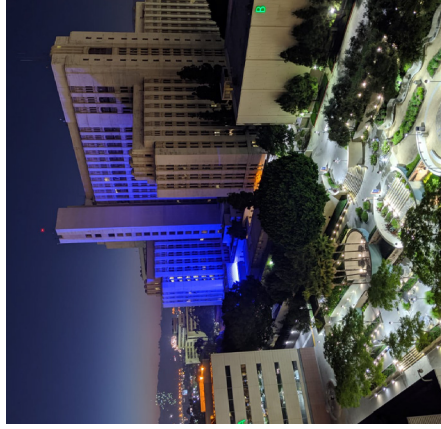


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