
USSONAR Spring Newsletter

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April 2023

President's Message

Hi to All! Hope everyone has been having a blast the past few months – over winter and now spring. USSONAR has been busy holding several events as you can see in this newsletter. We also welcome our gold sponsors for supporting USSONAR this year 2023. We welcome back Pfizer as a sponsor, and we welcome our new ones: Horizon, Novartis, Sanofi, AstraZeneca.

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US Guided Synovial Biopsy

We have successfully held two US Guided synovial biopsy courses thus far - one in September 2022 at the Long Island Marriott and the Northwell Bioskills Laboratory, in Great Neck, New York, then in January 2023 at the Marriott Riverside Convention Center and the Loma Linda University Bodies For Science Program/Swatek Anatomy Laboratory. Kudos to Drs Ami Ben Artzi, Darren Tabechian, Art Mandelin and Diane Horowitz and the SRAHEC for pulling those off.

Thank you to Exagen for their support of these courses.

USGBy also held their townhall meeting last 3/2/23. About 80 folks registered, 30 attended.



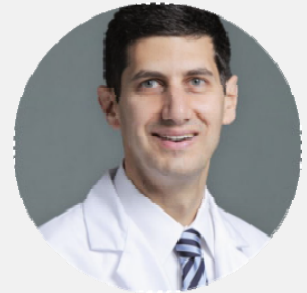
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ByLaws Committee

Welcome to our newest members! Jonathan Dau, who graciously volunteered to be on this committee at the USSONAR Business Meeting at the Logan Hotel in Philadelphia last November, and Jonathan Samuels, USSONAR Board Secretary.

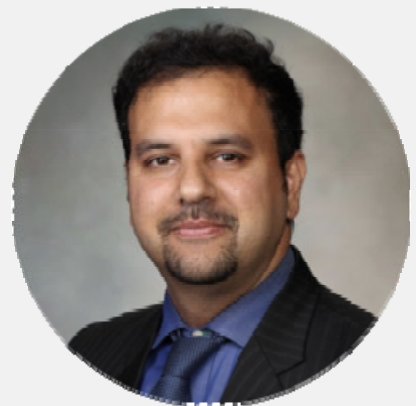
Yearly reviews of the By-Laws are being done, to keep up to date with the needs of our organization. Kudos to Jane Nishio for leading this committee for the past several years.



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Scientific and Logistics Planning Committee

In response to many inquiries about USSONAR holding musculoskeletal ultrasound courses – both basic and advanced courses in a 2-3 day format, we are holding a multi track conference in May. Our courses have filled to 80% capacity at least, and we have multiple exhibitors including from companies that have hand held US machines. We look forward to seeing you or your colleagues there!



Just a handful of spots left for our **2023 USSONAR Multi-Track MSK Ultrasound Conference**. Don't miss out on your opportunity for in-person, hands-on tracks in diagnostic and procedural ultrasound at the University of South Florida Health Center for Advanced Medical Learning and Simulation (CAMLS), located at 124 S Franklin St, Tampa, Florida.

The scientific content is aimed to improve ultrasound-guided diagnosis and management of patients with a wide variety of inflammatory and soft-tissue conditions. The courses

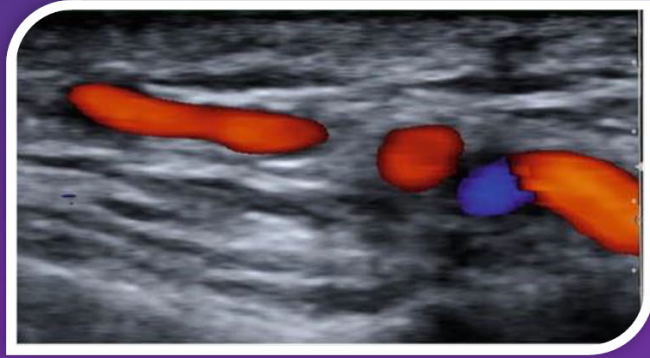
will also enable attendees to learn procedural skills in US-guided arthrocentesis, injections, and synovial biopsies.

[Learn more and register](#)



USSONAR is pleased to announce we are co-sponsoring the Vasculitis Course with University of Washington for July 2023.

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Fundamentals Committee Updates

The 2022-2023 course kicked off with about 104 fellows and 20 rheumatology professionals (MD/PA/NP) registered for the first phase. The live mid year course had about 60 participants and faculty present at University of North Texas cadaver lab.

Planning for the 2023-2024 course is underway.

We welcome David Bulbin (Geisinger Health System) and Erin Chew (2nd year fellow, Vanderbilt University) to the committee, including board members Jane Nishio and Karina Torralba to provide logistical and educational framework support. We are in the midst of updating our course materials, curriculum, and website and educational platforms.

We just recently had our Fundamentals Mid-year Course – held in January at the University of North Texas at Fort Worth, TX. Kudos to Dr Dan Malone for being this year’s course director, and Amaris Spina from SRAHEC for setting up this course, and wrangling 60 or so people to be where they should be!



Peds Committee

Survey on MSKUS education during fellowship given to current and recent peds rheumatology fellows in North America presented at Convergence 2023. Demonstrated that there is a greater lack of MSKUS education amongst peds fellowships compared to adults, but fellows' interest in MSKUS is high. Lack of MSKUS trained faculty was a major barrier. (Authors: Perron, Megan; Curran, Megan; Bloom, Jessica; De Ranieri, Deirdre; Heather Benham; Toralba, Karina; Vega Fernandez, Patricia; Ziniel, Sonja; Lin, Clara)

Therefore, virtual peds curriculum was created to fill this gap. Aim of this curriculum is a brief introduction to MSKUS targeted at programs where there is no MSKUS trained peds faculty. 3-4 month curriculum to include didactics and virtual hands-on mentoring utilizing the Butterfly Iq probes. Target to start July 2023.



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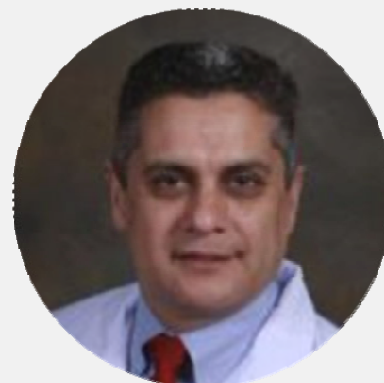


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