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## SEMINAR REPORT

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July 23-27, 2023



**Weill Cornell**  
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# F A C T S



**30** fellows  
from **Laos, Nepal,  
the Philippines, and  
Vietnam**



**29** fellows' case  
presentations



**6** faculty members  
from the USA



**7** excellent case  
presentations



**15** didactic lectures



**1** simulation training



**1** round table  
with local experts

# GROUP PHOTOS







**OMI Vietnam Weill Cornell Seminar in Anesthesiology, Critical Care, and Pulmonology**  
**Sunday, July 23 – Thursday, July 27, 2023**  
 Peace Room | 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor | Building I | VinUni Campus

		Sunday 23.07.2023	Monday 24.07.2023	Tuesday 25.07.2023	Wednesday 26.07.2023	Thursday 27.07.2023
08:00	09:00		BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST
09:00	10:00		Introductions Pre-Seminar Test	Sepsis Augustine M.K. Choi, MD	New Generations of Cardiac Output Monitoring Devices Liang Shen, MD, MPH	Interstitial Lung Disease: Assessment and Management Robert J. Kaner, MD
10:00	11:00		Intraoperative Use of Vasopressors and Inotropes Christine Lennon, MD	Sepsis Resuscitation and Adjunctive Therapies Edward J. Schenck, MD, MS	Thoracic Anesthesia Hugh C. Hemmings Jr., MD, PhD, FRCA	Major Clinical Trials in Critical Care, Including COVID-19 Edward J. Schenck, MD, MS
11:00	11:15		COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK
11:15	12:15		Epidemiology and Treatment of Respiratory Infections Robert J. Kaner, MD	COPD: Diagnosis and Therapy Robert J. Kaner, MD	Workshop Fellows' Case Presentations	Post-Seminar Test Evaluation & Discussion
12:15	13:15		LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	<u>12:15-13:00</u> LUNCH
13:15	14:15		Perioperative Pacemaker and ICD Management Liang Shen, MD, MPH	Anesthesia for Abdominal Transplant Christine Lennon, MD	Workshop Fellows' Case Presentations	<u>13:00-14:00</u> Round Table with Experts from the Region
14:15	15:15		Mechanical Ventilation for Acute Respiratory Failure Edward J. Schenck, MD, MS	Venoarterial and Venovenous ECMO Liang Shen, MD, MPH	Simulation Training	<u>14:00-15:00</u> VinUni Campus Tour for Fellows  <u>14:00-16:00</u> VinMec Tour for Faculty
15:15	15:30		COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK		
15:30	16:30		Perioperative Bleeding and Patient Blood Management Christine Lennon, MD	Workshop Fellows' Case Presentations		
16:30	17:30		Workshop How to Present a Case Case Presentations by Faculty to Fellows			
17:30	18:00	<u>17:00-18:00</u> FACULTY MEETING TO REVIEW THE WEEK				
18:00	19:00	WELCOME DINNER FOR FACULTY	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	GRADUATION CEREMONY & DINNER
19:00	21:00					

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**Robert J. Kaner, MD** has been involved in investigative pursuits in pulmonary and critical care research throughout his career, with major translational research interests in interstitial lung disease and mechanisms of accelerated emphysema in HIV+ smokers. He was the Principal Investigator of the Weill-Cornell site of the NIH-sponsored Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF) Clinical Research Network for which he chaired the Adjudication Committee (adjudication for IPF diagnosis for enrollment and endpoints such as acute exacerbations, respiratory hospitalizations, etc.). He has extensive experience in the phenotyping of subjects with lung disease and their enrollment in research studies. He leads a twice monthly multidisciplinary interstitial lung disease (ILD) conference. He directs a WCM Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation Clinical Center of Excellence, participating in their research registry, as well as unrelated multicenter clinical trials evaluating various pharmacologic interventions in IPF and other ILDs, sponsored by both NIH and pharma. Dr. Kaner has extensive experience with submitting IRB protocols, enrolling lung disease subjects and controls in research protocols, performing research bronchoscopies and collecting biological samples for acquisition of high-quality RNA and cell cultures of alveolar macrophages and airway epithelial cells, used as the basis for airway basal cell cultures, as well as endobronchial biopsies. In that regard, he has performed all the research bronchoscopies for Columbia U. in the bronchoscopy sub study of the NHLBI SPIROMICS and is now leading the SPIROMICS bronchoscopy substudy. He is currently analyzing data from a network-wide analysis of all the alveolar macrophage samples by RNA-sequencing. In a separate NHLBI-funded pilot study, he carried out research bronchoscopies on subjects with HIV and COPD and/or emphysema before and after 3 months of doxycycline or placebo as a proof-of-concept study for BAL matrix metalloproteinase (MMP) inhibition. This was based on his previous observations of upregulated alveolar macrophage gene expression of MMPs as well as MMP proteins in BAL fluid in HIV+ individuals with early emphysema. This work has led to an NIH-funded Phase II clinical trial to test the efficacy of doxycycline in slowing emphysema progression in people living with HIV. He is also participating in pharmacologic intervention studies in COPD and emphysema sponsored by the DOD and NIH.



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**Christine Lennon, MD** is an anesthesiologist who specializes in transplant anesthesiology. Dr. Lennon grew up in New Jersey and New York. She completed her undergraduate studies at Dartmouth College and graduated from Rutgers Medical School. She completed her anesthesiology residency at Cedars Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, CA, where she was chief resident. She went on to complete her fellowship in critical care medicine at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, IL. Dr. Lennon joined the faculty of Weill Cornell Medicine/ New York-Presbyterian Hospital in 2012 and is currently an Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology. She has served as Chief of Abdominal Transplant Anesthesiology since 2017; in this role she oversees clinical operations involving liver and kidney transplant and complex hepatobiliary surgery and contributes to educational efforts including formal resident and fellowship didactics and development of simulation-based learning modules. For several years Dr. Lennon has been a co-director of the Tristate Regional Liver Transplant Anesthesiology conference, sponsored by the Society for the Advancement of Transplant Anesthesia, also serving as speaker and session moderator. Dr. Lennon recently co-authored chapters on anesthesia for liver and kidney transplantation in the upcoming book Yao & Artusio's *Anesthesiology: Problem-Oriented Patient Management* 8th ed. Dr. Lennon's other clinical activity focuses on neuroanesthesia, perioperative medicine, and critical care medicine.



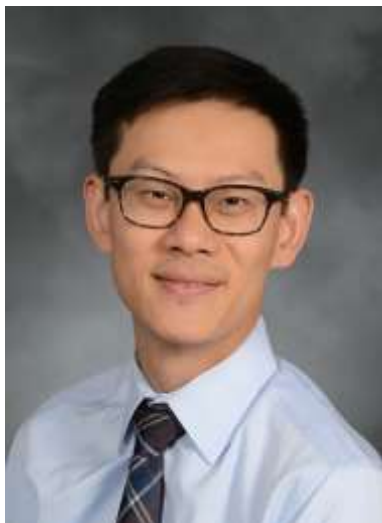
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**Edward J. Schenck, MD, MS** is a practicing intensivist with expertise in the treatment of sepsis and acute respiratory failure. Dr. Schenck grew up in Rhode Island located in the Northeastern United States and holds a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science and Biology from the University of Pennsylvania. He graduated from Temple University School of Medicine and completed his internal medicine residency at New York-Presbyterian Hospital Weill Cornell Medical Center. He served as chief resident at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. He then completed a clinical fellowship in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at New York University Langone Medical Center. Since completing his fellowship, Dr. Schenck has served as a faculty member in the division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine in the Department of Medicine at Weill Cornell Medicine. After working clinically for several years specializing in the management of sepsis and acute respiratory failure, Dr. Schenck developed a research interest in the clinical, computational, and translational physiology of critical illness. His goal is to help us understand the complexity and heterogeneity of critical illness through machine learning and translational methodology. Mentored by Dr. Augustine M. K. Choi MD and supported by grants from the NHLBI, Dr. Schenck's research impact has grown. Recent publications include an early report of the respiratory mechanics and gas exchange of a large cohort of patients with COVID-19 associated respiratory failure, and a novel analysis of the differential trajectory of organ dysfunction in patients with sepsis. He is a peer reviewer for multiple major critical care journals and is an associate editor for the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care medicine. Dr. Schenck remains on the faculty of Weill Cornell Medical College and New York Hospital as Assistant Professor of Medicine. He lives in Westchester County adjacent to New York City with his wife Dr. Kelly Axsom and children Emilia and Nathan.





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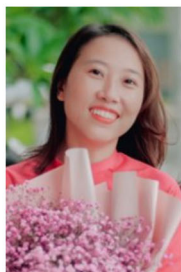
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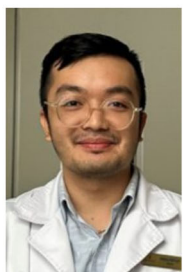
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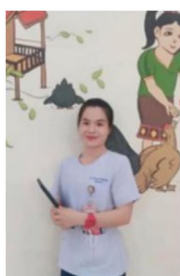
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# Faculty Feedback

"The OMI is a global leader in promoting the most updated continuing medical education for physicians worldwide. Maintaining the longstanding impact the OMI seminars have had in Salzburg and Mexico City, Weill Cornell Medicine faculty members are proud to participate in the inaugural OMI Vietnam courses. This program, held in Hanoi, has been amazingly successful, as we have enjoyed our interactive seminar with young colleagues from Southeast Asia. We are looking forward to continued success!"

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# OMI VOICES



**“The simulation training was truly a special experience! With three stations to explore, I had the chance to learn from skilled professionals about transthoracic echocardiography, airway management, and ACLS. Dr. Shen’s case scenario of cardiac arrest after cardiac surgery resonated with me deeply. I gained valuable new insights that I can now apply in my practice.**

Anh Pham Duc, MD  
OMI fellow from Vietnam



**“Dr. Kaner’s talk on interstitial lung disease was truly engaging. I found his lecture to be very relevant to my practice as we frequently admit patients with this kind of disease. The information he shared was incredibly valuable and I cannot wait to apply it to the practice.**

Quyen Tran Thanh, MD  
OMI fellow from Vietnam



**“This seminar was indeed a memorable experience. I learned a lot from the esteemed faculty and even from the fellows through their unique cases presentations. I very much enjoyed the networking opportunities with other professionals. I made new friends from Laos, the Philippines, and Vietnam. Thanks to the OMI for giving me this amazing opportunity to learn and to be a better doctor.**

Anurag Bajracharya, MD  
OMI fellow from Nepal





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“After the lectures, the seminar took an interactive turn with the fellows’ case presentations. The diversity of the cases added important value to the learning experience. Sharing my case and getting feedback from the international experts was very encouraging.

Gerardo Briones, MD  
OMI fellow from the Philippines



“Dr. Hemmings’ talk on thoracic anesthesia caught my attention. His presentation provided valuable updates that will definitely benefit my practice. During the coffee break, I had a wonderful opportunity to interact with him. We discussed my interest in transesophageal echocardiography, and he offered valuable guidance and encouragement in pursuing this endeavor.

Smriti Mahaju Bajracharya, MD  
OMI fellow from Nepal



“Dr. Shen’s lectures were the highlight of the seminar for me. As a cardiovascular anesthesiologist, I found his talks highly relevant to my daily practice. The discussions on pacemakers, cardiac output monitoring, and ECMO were particularly valuable. Additionally, the simulation of a cardiac arrest patient provided a relatable case scenario, allowing me to learn new techniques and ideas to implement in my work.

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