Dear Colleagues,

The COVID-19 worldwide pandemic presents physicians, other healthcare workers, and healthcare systems with enormous challenges. Simultaneously, anesthesiologists have opportunities to rise and meet the needs of our patients. The CAESAR educational series is the product of intense yeoman’s work by all of the members of a joint committee representing the ASA, APSF, SOCCA, and SCCM. Specifically designed and written for consumption by the practicing general anesthesiologist who already has a strong background in critical care by virtue of their residency training, this product will serve as a primer to rapidly jumpstart the reader to facilitate bedside critical care safely and effectively. As COVID-19 necessitated rapid development of this tool, we will continuously update materials in an ongoing fashion to keep the reader on the forefront of relevant critical care medicine until this crisis abates. We deeply thank the authors listed below along with the leadership and educational staff of our four organizations for making this project possible.

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