



## OPDA SPRING Virtual Meeting AGENDA

**Friday, April 10, 2026**  
**10:00 am – 4:00 pm Eastern Time**

[Register here](#) to Access the Zoom Link

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| 10:00 am – 10:15 am | Welcome and Introductions<br><br>Adena Rosenblatt, MD, PhD, University of Chicago, Chair, Organization of Program Director Associations (OPDA)<br>Helen Burstin, MD, MPH, MACP, CEO, Council of Medical Specialty Societies (CMSS)   |
| 10:15 am – 11:00 am | Thalamus + Cortex Season Update<br>Jason Reminick, MD, MBA, MS, CEO & Founder, Thalamus<br>Vlad Eidelman, PhD, Chief Product & Technology Officer, Thalamus<br>Jeffrey Berns, MD, Chief Academic Officer, Thalamus   |
| 11:00 am – 12:15 pm | Residency Recruitment Updates - Program Signals, Specialty Specific Essays/Statements /ERAS Pilots<br>Dana Dunleavy, Senior Director, Selection and Admissions Program, Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC)<br>Rebecca Fraser, PhD, Director, Admissions and Selection Development, AAMC<br>Marcy Verduin, MD, Associate Dean for Students, University of Central Florida College of Medicine<br>Laura Fletcher, PhD, Senior Researcher, AAMC<br>Richard Peng, ERAS Director, AAMC<br><br><b>Panel of Specialty Representatives:</b><br>Andrea Dutoit, MD, Director, Residency Program, University of Nebraska Medical Center Department of Anesthesiology |



Amber Leis, MD, FACS, Plastic Surgery Residency Program  
Director, Associate Professor, WashU Medicine

Updates on Residency Guides  
Margaret Lo, MD, FACP, University of Florida College of  
Medicine, Secretary/Treasurer, OPDA

12:15 pm – 12:45 pm

**Lunch Break**

12:45 pm – 1:15 pm

**Fellowship Start Dates**

Jeffrey Berns, MD, Former, President, National Association of  
DIOs (NADIO)

1:15 pm – 2:15 pm

**Transitional Year**

Jill Catalanotti, MD, MPH, FACP, Associate Dean for Clinical  
Public Health & Population Health Practice, Vice Chair for  
Academic Affairs (Medicine)

2:15 pm – 2:45 pm

**Fellowship Signaling**

Richard Peng, ERAS Director, Association of American Medical  
Colleges (AAMC)

2:45 pm – 3:45 pm

**AI Integration into the Clinical Learning Environment**

Sachin Shah, MD, Chief Medical Information Officer, UChicago  
Medicine

Chrissy Babcock, MD, Associate Dean of GME, DIO, University  
of Chicago

Sara Perkins, MD, Associate Program Director, Assistant  
Residency Director, Dermatology, Yale Medicine

Jean Wong, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor of Family  
Medicine, Program Director and Residency Director, University  
of Michigan

Lynn Fitzgibbons, MD, FIDSA, Program Director, Internal  
Medicine Residency Program, Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital



3:45 pm - 4:00pm

General Discussion and New Business  
Approval of Bylaws

4:00 pm

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