

Abhijit Lele, MBBS, MD, MS, Candidate Statement for Director at Large

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I am a neuroanesthesiologist-neurointensivist with interest in stroke, traumatic brain injury, and quality improvement. I have been an active member of SNACC since 2008 and have attended every meeting from 2008 to 2017.

My contributions towards SNACC have been as a member of the perioperative stroke task force (2014), leader of the task force on perioperative management of external ventricular and lumbar drains (2016-2017), designing SNACC Google maps for neuroanesthesia and neurocritical care fellowships (2016), co-chair of perioperative medicine and critical care special interest group (2012-current), member of the SNACC Communications Committee (2016-current), ENLS workshop speaker (2014, 2016), and author on SNACC bibliography project for cerebrospinal fluid, cerebral blood flow and brain death (2012-current).

Since the management of our neurocritically ill patients is a continuum of care that does not start nor end in the operating room but rather a continuum of care from time of injury till recovery, we as neuroanesthesiologists and neurointensivists leave a unique footprint during critical periods. I pledge to continue my efforts to support SNACC in its mission to advance perioperative neuroscience in creation of neuroanesthesia performance measures, quality metrics, and clinical practice guidelines and promoting perioperative patient safety by streamlining the perioperative handoff process. This would involve integrating emergency neurological life support, trauma quality improvement measures, and Brain Trauma Foundation guidelines, into creation of neurosciences quality metrics to improve delivery of quality care with goal to improve outcomes of patients with traumatic brain injury. Similarly, integration of emergency neurological life support algorithm, American Heart Association guidelines, will inform neurosciences quality metrics for patients with spontaneous intracerebral hemorrhage. I would be happy to talk by phone to discuss further details (1-206-744-7598).

It would be my honor to serve SNACC, and I seek your support in championing these causes, and respectfully ask for your vote.