

AORA launches hybrid fellowship programme to advance regional anaesthesia skills & knowledge

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Initiative aims at training over 50 anaesthesiologists in 3 years to raise standard of care to regional anaesthesia



Mumbai-based Academy of Regional Anaesthesia (AORA) recently unveiled a pioneering 12-month hybrid fellowship in regional anaesthesia, blending virtual theory with hands-on training at Aesculap Academy's Guiding Centres.

With regional anaesthesia used in approximately 50% of surgeries and with increase in ultrasound, sonography (USG) machines, the demand for skilled practitioners is urgent, and this initiative addresses the most needed training gaps by offering a structured curriculum for working anaesthesiologists.

The programme ensures a comprehensive learning experience spanning seven modules such as anatomy theory, simulation, cadaveric and ultrasound workshops, observatory sessions, and clinical practice. Upon completion, participants will receive a co-branded certification from AORA and Aesculap Academy and accreditation from KU Leuven University, a renowned institution in medical education.

With an ambitious goal of training over 50 anaesthesiologists within three years, the program is poised to create a transformative ripple effect on patient care across India.

The programme will also benefit surgeons, fostering better collaboration with anaesthesiologists to optimise pain management and surgical outcomes.

Dr J. Balavenkatasubramanian, Advisory Board Member of AORA, remarked, "This fellowship is more than a learning opportunity—it's a catalyst for elevating clinical excellence. By nurturing a strong, skilled workforce of anaesthesiologists, we're directly advancing patients' quality of care through refined techniques and standardised protocols."

Navin Hans, Vice President – Sales & Marketing, B. Braun Medical India highlighted how the fellowship supports structured learning by delivering a harmonised curriculum backed by state-of-the-art learning platforms. He stated, "This program ensures every anaesthesiologist, regardless of their home institution, gains access to the same high-quality protocols and

expert mentorship. Together, we're setting a new benchmark for consistency, competence, and collaboration in regional anaesthesia training."