

UNC Department of Anesthesiology **37th Annual**  
**Carolina Refresher Course**  
*in Anesthesiology, Pain & Critical Care Medicine*

Kiawah Island, South Carolina  
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