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## Society for Anesthesia and Sleep Medicine Commitment to Action

The Society for Anesthesia and Sleep Medicine (SASM) is pleased to announce their support of the Patient Safety Movement Foundation (PSMF) and mission to eliminate preventable deaths by 2020 (OX2020).

The mission of SASM is to advance standards of care for clinical problems shared by Anesthesiology and Sleep Medicine, including peri-operative management of sleep disordered breathing, and to promote interdisciplinary communication, education and research in matters common to anesthesia and sleep.

The Society of Anesthesia and Sleep Medicine (SASM) has been founded to encourage exploration of the substantial common ground that exists between Anesthesiology and Sleep Medicine and the anesthetic and sleep states.

The Society's objectives are to:

- Encourage the cross fertilization of ideas between anesthesiology and sleep medicine.
- Promote clinical and epidemiological studies determining the associations between sleep disorder breathing and perioperative risk.
- Examine methods of minimizing perioperative risk of upper airway obstruction or ventilatory insufficiency in predisposed individuals.
- Explore the use of non-invasive positive airway pressure therapies to prevent and treat perioperative upper airway obstruction or hypoventilation.
- Stimulate research examining the relationships in respiratory, neurophysiological, neuropsychological and neuropharmacological function between anesthesia and sleep.

As a committed organization, SASM will demonstrate alliance with PSMF by the following:

1. Spread the mission of OX2020 to SASM members
2. Annually disseminate Actionable Patient Safety Solution (APSS) to SASM members.
3. Ask members who work in hospitals to implement APSS, or share their own successful processes, to eliminate preventable deaths. And, make their own commitments to action to the Patient Safety Movement Foundation.

Sincerely,

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