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Information of interest and importance to Anesthesiologist Assistants and AA Students

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Claim CMEs from 2017 Annual Meeting

The 41st AAAA Annual Meeting, recently held in Austin, TX, marked record participation as attendees enjoyed a number of educational and networking opportunities. The American Society of Anesthesiologists designated the conference activity for a maximum of 24 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*[™]. Participants should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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Florida Board rules AAs may perform epidurals/spinals

The Florida Board of Medicine has ruled that AAs who work for Dr. Richard Henry are authorized to perform epidural and spinal anesthesia. Though the Board's response was specific to a ruling request by Dr. Henry, the decision carries value to AAs throughout the state. Advocacy on behalf of AAs was conducted by the Florida Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants (FL-AAA) and the Florida Society of Anesthesiologists (FSA) at significant investment by both organizations and more than two years of Activity.

"The work by members of FL-AAA and the outcome demonstrate the need for persistence," said Eddie Bolanos, CAA, President. "The Board's ruling confirms what the FL-AAA and FSA believe to be the original legislative intent and bolsters the ability for AAs to practice throughout the state of Florida in more settings."

The practice initiative was financially supported by the Legislative Fund of the American Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants (AAAA). The Florida Board of Medicine will issue a declaratory statement in June.

For more information, [click here](#).

Celebrate CAA Week, June 4-9

National CAA week takes place June 4-9 commemorating the many contributions anesthesiologists assistants provide to the medical profession and patient health. Mark calendars for the first week of June, as CAAs across the country participate in celebratory activities and events.

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