Eger Lecture Speaker

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Dr. Gropper is Professor and Chair of the Department of Anesthesia and Perioperative Care at UCSF. He is also Professor of Physiology and an Investigator in the Cardiovascular Research Institute. A San Francisco native, Dr. Gropper he received his undergraduate degree in Physiology from UC Davis. He then studied under Norman Staub in the CVRI at UCSF, receiving his PhD in respiratory physiology. He subsequently obtained his MD from UCLA. Dr. Gropper returned to UCSF and completed a residency in anesthesia and fellowship in critical care medicine, and has remained on the faculty. He works clinically in the operating rooms, specializing in thoracic anesthesia, and in the ICU’s at UCSF.

Dr. Gropper is internationally known for his work in improving outcomes in critically ill patients and has spearheaded successful efforts to reduce hospital-acquired harms in the ICU. His research interests are in the area of acute respiratory failure, severe sepsis, transfusion lung injury, and teamwork and communication in the ICU. He was Principal Investigator of Project EMERGE at UCSF, a comprehensive program to prevent harm and engage patients and families in their care in the ICU. Dr. Gropper has authored over 130 peer-reviewed publications, and has received both NIH and private foundation funding for his work.