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 Dr. Gregory Hickman (top) leads a seminar on orthopedic anesthesia recently at Andrews Institute. Anesthesiologists from across the country traveled to Gulf Breeze for the session.

Hickman's expertise attracts anesthesiologists to seminar

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Dr. Gregory Hickman was the course director at a November seminar attracting 24 anesthesiologists from around the United States to the Andrews Institute in Gulf Breeze.

The seminar included classroom work and moved into the cadaver lab for hands-on training on utilizing ultrasound needle placement to administer numbing medicine directly to the affected nerve. The seminar was sponsored by the ON-Q C-

bloc, and the topic was Continuous Peripheral Nerve Blocks.

Hickman is an early adopter and pioneer of acute post-operative pain management, leading a specialized program designed to enhance pain management techniques for ambulatory surgery.

"This is the first and only seminar that ON-Q has sponsored and dealt with," Hickman said. He will be the course director for an upcoming anesthesia seminar in Las Vegas as well.

The attendees stayed in the area for two to three nights, mainly occupying hotel rooms

on Pensacola Beach.

ON-Q C-bloc is designating the Andrews Institute as one of four educational centers in the United States for expanding knowledge of regional anesthesia. Others are Duke University Medical Center, University of California, San Diego and Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center.

The seminar was presented by a panel of experts, including J. Brandon Winchester, M.D. from Duke University; Heather Samady, M.D. of Emory University; Charles Finch, M.D. of Marietta, Ga.; and Jennifer Greger, M.D. of Houston.