

# Perioperative Medicine Symposium

20-22 March 2026  
Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre

#PMAH26



## PROGRAM – SATURDAY 21 MARCH 2026

To be held at Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre

8-8.30am	Registration and coffee	
8.30-8.40am	Welcome and program overview	Professor Laurence Weinberg
8.40-9.10am	<b>Opening plenary lecture</b> "Research in forcibly displaced populations: From traditional to cutting edge approaches"	Associate Professor Gunisha Kaur
9.10-10.50am	<b>Plenary 1: Preop optimisation</b> Weight loss, slow stomachs, fast decisions: The incretin challenge in surgery The oldest old: A bioethical framework for perioperative risk stratification From doctor knows best to what matters most: Shared decision-making in perioperative care The power of teamwork for complex surgery Panel discussion	Session Chair: Dr Rani Chahal Dr Mervyn Kyi Professor Laurence Weinberg Dr Debra Leung Dr Louise Ellard
10.50-11.20am	Morning tea	
11.20am-12.40pm	<b>Plenary 2: Perioperative care</b> Evolving strategies in perioperative vasopressor choice: Precision under pressure Central venous pressure: Rediscovering a neglected waveform Intermediate care: Enhanced Care Units Panel discussion	Session Chair: Dr Harri Beevor Dr Rahul Costa-Pinto Associate Professor Lachlan Miles Dr Ian Richardson
12.40-1.30pm	Lunch	
1.30-2pm	<b>Plenary lecture</b> "Beyond borders: Global health and medicine"	Associate Professor Gunisha Kaur
2-3.40pm	<b>Plenary 3: Perioperative</b> Intrathecal morphine: Small volume, big impact Rewriting the pain trajectory: Insights from the ROCKET Study Methadone in the OR: Resurrection or recklessness? Frailty as the new vital sign Panel discussion	Session Chair: Associate Professor Lachlan Miles Dr Katrina Pirie Professor Phillip Peyton Dr Victor Yi Associate Professor Jai Darvall

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3.40-4.10pm	Afternoon tea	
4.10-4.45pm	<b>Closing plenary lecture</b> "Long-term health outcomes of migration impacting anaesthesia"	Associate Professor Gunisha Kaur
4.45-5.30pm	<b>Closing panel session</b>  From propofol to philosophy: No pressure...ask us what you dare!	Session Chair: Professor Laurence Weinberg  Panelists: Associate Professor Gunisha Gaur Dr Debra Leung Professor Bernhard Riedel Associate Professor Lachlan Miles Dr Louise Ellard
5.30-5.40pm	Wrap-up	Professor Bernhard Riedel
5.40-7pm	Conference drinks	

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## Workshops

Venue: Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre

FRIDAY 20 MARCH		COST		
AM	PM	Consultant	Trainee	Nursing/Allied health
	<b>ALS2 (Refresher)</b> 8.30am-5.30pm	\$600.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
<b>Cardiac arrest and anaphylaxis: workshop 1</b> 8.30am-12.30pm	<b>Cardiac arrest and anaphylaxis: workshop 2</b> 1.30-5.30pm	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
<b>Prehabilitation (toolkit) and SDM (PBLD): workshop 1</b> 8.30am-12.30pm	<b>Prehabilitation (toolkit) and SDM (PBLD): workshop 2</b> 1.30-5.30pm	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
<b>Haemodynamics: workshop 1</b> 8.30am-12.30pm	<b>Haemodynamics: workshop 2</b> 1.30-5.30pm	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
	<b>High frequency jet ventilation masterclass</b> 1.30-5.30pm	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
SATURDAY 21 MARCH				
AM	PM			
<b>Austin Health and Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre Perioperative Symposium day</b>				

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SUNDAY 22 MARCH		COST		
AM	PM	Consultant	Trainee	Nursing/Allied health
<b>Gastric ultrasound: workshop</b> 8.30am-12.30pm		\$600.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
<b>Safe Airway Society workshop</b> 7.30am-1.45pm  (Separate registration through the Safe Airway Society required)				