

2026 ANZAAG Symposium

# Off the beaten path: Updates in perioperative anaphylaxis

6–8 March 2026

Crowne Plaza, Queenstown, New Zealand



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## Program

### Friday 6 March

12pm	Workshop registration
1–2.30pm	Workshop 1: Anaphylaxis emergency response workshop
2.30–3pm	Afternoon tea
3–4.30pm	Workshop 2: Anaphylaxis emergency response workshop

### Saturday 7 March

7.30–8.10am	Registration	
8.10–8.30am	Mihi whakatau (Māori welcome ceremony)	Mana Tāhuna
<b>Session 1</b>		<b><i>Chairs: Dr Kim Phillips &amp; Dr Aoi Moniwa</i></b>
8.30–10am	Update on the pathophysiology of anaphylaxis	Professor Charles Tacquard
	MRGPRX2 in drug hypersensitivity: where are we?	Associate Professor Graham Mackay
	Triggering mechanisms of anaphylaxis: what is known and what is still debated	Professor Charles Tacquard
10–10.30am	Morning tea	
<b>Session 2</b>		<b><i>Chairs: Dr Alec Beresford and Dr Greta Pearce</i></b>
10.30am–12pm	Antibiotic allergy	Dr Maia Brewerton
	Sugammadex anaphylaxis	Dr Danielle Crimmins
	NMBA anaphylaxis in New Zealand	Dr Karen Pedersen
	Ceph-Fast	Dr Fionnuala Cox
12–12.45pm	Lunch	
12.45–2.15pm	<b>Session 3.1: Malcolm Fisher Prize session</b>	<b>Session 3.2: Perioperative allergy for anaesthetists: pragmatic answers to challenging questions</b>
	Panel: Dr Danielle Crimmins Dr Joseph de Luca Dr Karen Pedersen	Speakers: Dr Helen Kolawole Dr Helen Crilly Dr Chris Clemens
2.15–2.45pm	Afternoon tea	

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Session 4		<i>Chairs: Dr Caydee Pollock and Dr Katherine Nicholls</i>
2.45–4.15pm	Refining practice: Update on the new ANZAAG recommendations for perioperative hypersensitivity testing	Dr Sarah Green
4.15–4.45pm	Tea break	
Session 5		<i>Chairs: Dr Helen Kolawole and Dr Maia Brewerton</i>
4.45–5.45pm	Direct provocation testing: Current practice and the path ahead	Dr Ben Krupowicz, Professor Charles Tacquard, Dr Russell Clarke and Dr Andrew Good
5.45–6.45pm	Welcome reception	
7–10pm	Meeting dinner	Venue: Stoneridge Estate

## Sunday 8 March

8.30–9am	Registration
9–10.30am	Session 1 – Big breakfast
10–10.30am	Morning tea
10.30–11.30am	Session 2 – ANZAAG business meeting
11.30–12.30pm	Lunch