

2026 Austin Health and
Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre

Perioperative Medicine Symposium

20-22 March 2026

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

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3.40–4.10pm	Afternoon tea	
4.10–4.45pm	Closing plenary lecture “Long-term health outcomes of migration impacting anaesthesia”	Associate Professor Gunisha Kaur
4.45–5.30pm	Closing panel session 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	