

Anaesthesia meeting concludes Wednesday May 5, 2010

A series of mini-debates make up the session “Controversies in anaesthesia” today (**Wednesday, May 5**) the final day of the Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists in Christchurch.

The thought-provoking titles of the “Controversies in anaesthesia” mini-debates are “BIS is only for people who don’t know what they’re doing”, “TIVA is just for anaesthetists who want to complicate a good anaesthetic”, “Anaesthetists should concentrate on being expert at giving an anaesthetic and not worry about being peri-operative physicians” and “Anaesthetists should always use the best available drug, no matter what the cost”.

The final session, titled “The last lecture I’ll ever give (at this meeting) - life skills, anaesthesia and philosophy” will feature keynote speakers Professor Talmage Egan, Professor Michael “Monty” Mythen, Professor Steve Shafer and Professor Paul Myles.

The meeting concludes with the College’s closing ceremony at 11am.

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The program and abstracts can be found at www.anzca.edu.au