

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	<b>Registration and coffee</b>	
8.30-8.40am	Welcome and program overview	Professor Laurence Weinberg
8.40-9.10am	<b>Opening plenary lecture</b> "Beyond borders: Global health and medicine"	Associate Professor Gunisha Kaur
9.10-10.50am	<b>Plenary 1: Preop optimisation</b>	Chair: Professor Bernhard Riedel
	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
	Frailty as the new vital sign	Associate Professor Jai Darvall
	Panel discussion	
10.50-11.20am	<b>Morning tea - To be served on Level 13</b>	
11.20am-12.40pm	<b>Plenary 2: Perioperative care</b>	Chair: Dr Debra Leung
	Evolving strategies in perioperative vasopressor choice: Precision under pressure	Dr Rahul Costa-Pinto
	Central venous pressure: Rediscovering a neglected waveform	Associate Professor Lachlan Miles
	The power of teamwork for complex surgery	Dr Louise Ellard
	Panel discussion	
12.40-1.30pm	<b>Lunch - To be served on Level 13</b>	
1.30-2pm	<b>Plenary lecture - Research in forcibly displaced populations: From traditional to cutting edge approaches</b>	Associate Professor Gunisha Kaur
2-3.40pm	<b>Plenary 3: Perioperative</b>	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
	Intermediate care: Enhanced Care Units	Dr Ian Richardson
	Panel discussion	

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<b>3.40–4.10pm</b>	<b>Afternoon tea - To be served on Level 13</b>	
4.10–4.45pm	<b>Closing plenary lecture</b> “Long-term health outcomes of migration	Associate Professor Gunisha Kaur
4.45–5.30pm	<b>Closing panel session</b>  From propofol to philosophy: No pressure...ask us what you dare!	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
<b>5.40–7pm</b>	<b>Conference drinks - Level 13</b>	

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## Workshops

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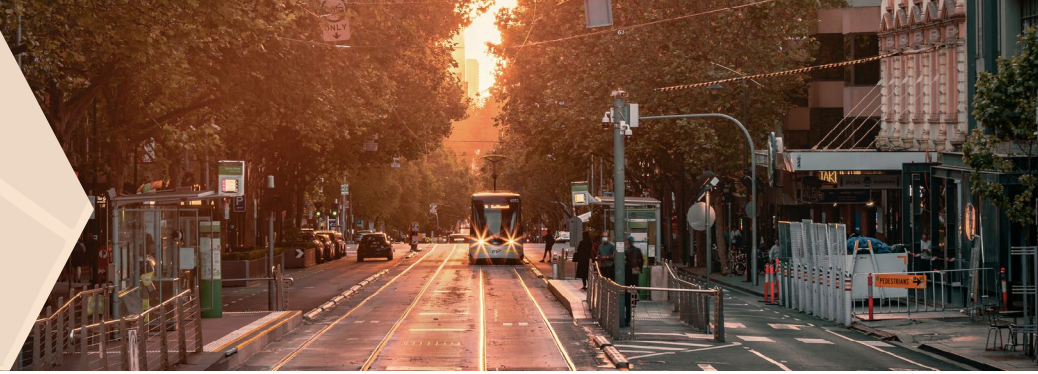
FRIDAY 20 MARCH		COST		
AM	PM	Consultant	Trainee	Nursing/Allied health
<b>ARC ALS2 recertification course</b> 8.30am-5.30pm		\$600.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
<b>Cardiac arrest and anaphylaxis: workshop 1 FULL</b> 7.30am-12pm	<b>Cardiac arrest and anaphylaxis: workshop 2 FULL</b> 12.30-5pm	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$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		
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<p><del>Gastric ultrasound: workshop</del> <b>FULL</b> 8.30am-12.30pm</p>		\$600.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
<p><b>Optimising and maintaining brain health in contemporary anaesthesia</b> Dr Mark Hohenberg 8.30am-10.30am <b>CANCELLED</b></p>		\$200.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
<p><b>Safe Airway Society workshop</b> 7.30am-1.45pm (Separate registration through the <u>Safe Airway Society</u> required)</p>				

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