

AIRWAY MANAGEMENT SIG MEETING

ONE AIRWAY, ONE TEAM

Thursday 27 August 2026
 Elysium Noosa Resort, Queensland

PROGRAM

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7.30am	Registration opens	
8.30-8.45am	Welcome from the Airway Management SIG convenor	<i>Dr Rani Chahal</i>
8.45-9.25am	From Mendelson to modern day: Lessons from 80 years of airway research	<i>Professor Matt Wiles (United Kingdom)</i>
9.25am-10.30am	Session 1: Assessment and planning for the difficult airway	<i>Chair: Dr Rani Chahal</i>
9.25-9.50am	Nasendoscopy – “Practical approaches to the use of nasendoscopy in the assessment of the difficult airway”	<i>Dr Andrew Wilson</i>
9.50-10.15am	What is new in the 2025 DAS guidelines on the unanticipated difficult airway	<i>Dr Helen Iliff</i>
10.15-10.30am	Q&A	<i>Includes Professor Matt Wiles</i>
10.30-11am	Morning tea	
11am-12.30pm	Session 2: Managing the airway in action	<i>Chair: Dr Andrew Loneragan</i>
11-11.25am	Hyperangulated VL – “Practical approaches to successful hyperangulated videolaryngoscopy”	<i>Dr Rosalyn Boyd</i>
11.25-11.50am	Awake VL – “Practical approaches to successful awake videolaryngoscopy”	<i>Dr Nicola Fracalossi</i>
11.50am-12.15pm	AFOI – “Practical approaches to successful awake fibreoptic intubation”	<i>Dr Maryanne Balkin</i>
12.15-12.30pm	Q&A	
12.30-1.15pm	Lunch	
1.15-3pm	Session 3: Managing the airway after surgery	<i>Chair: Dr Nadia Koehler Vargas</i>
1.15-1.40pm	Making the call on a surgical tracheostomy	<i>Dr Colm Dorris</i>
1.40-2.05pm	Practical tips on tube exchanges and exchange catheters	<i>Dr Scott Douglas</i>
2.05-2.45pm	PUMA Extubation Guideline Launch Professor Matt Wiles Dr Nick Chrimes Associate Professor Louise Ellard Professor Andy Higgs	
2.45-3pm	Q&A	

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3-3.30pm	Afternoon tea	
3.30-5.10pm	Session 4: People, equipment, and systems	<i>Chair: Dr Linda Beckmann</i>
3.30-3.55pm	What should go into your hospital's DAT and why?	<i>Dr Jinbin Zhang</i>
3.55-4.20pm	Airway cognitive aids: Some reflections on trying	<i>Dr Jon Graham</i>
4.20-4.45pm	Ventilation through a straw: The game changing solution for critical airway obstruction	<i>Dr Sivan Wexler</i>
4.45-5pm	Q&A	
5-5.10pm	Closing remarks: Dr Rani Chahal – Airway Management SIG Chair	