

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	Facilitators: Dr Greta Pearce, Dr Andrew Good, Dr Bridgette Mckenzie and Dr Scott Robinson
2.30-3pm	Afternoon tea	
3-4.30pm	Workshop 2: Anaphylaxis emergency response workshop	Facilitators: Dr Greta Pearce and Dr Scott Robinson
3-4.30pm	Workshop 3: Anaphylaxis emergency response workshop	Facilitators: Dr Andrew Good and Dr Bridgette Mckenzie

Saturday 7 March

7.30	Registration	
8.10-8.30am	Mihi whakatau (Māori welcome ceremony)	Mana Tāhuna
Session 1: Anaphylaxis: New directions and new perspectives?		Chairs: Dr Kim Phillips & Dr Aoi Moniwa
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
	Discussion	
10-10.30am	Morning tea	
Session 2: Contemporary mechanisms and new insights into common culprits		Chairs: Dr Alec Beresford and Dr Greta Pearce
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
	Discussion	
12-12.45pm	Lunch	

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12.45–2.15pm	Session 3.1: Malcolm Fisher Prize session	Session 3.2: Perioperative allergy for anaesthetists: Pragmatic answers to challenging questions
	<p>Chair: Dr Kellie Rozdarz</p> <p>Judging Panel: Dr Danielle Crimmins Dr Joseph de Luca Dr Karen Pedersen</p> <hr/> <p>A Cohort Study Comparing the Rates of Surgical Site Infections After Administration of Clindamycin or Cefazolin for Surgical Prophylaxis in Patients with Penicillin Allergy Dr Libia Machado Munoz</p> <hr/> <p>Re-audit of the efficiency and documentation of the Princess Alexandra Anaesthetic Allergy Clinic Dr Jonathan Emmerson</p> <hr/> <p>Anaphylaxis and the Anaesthetist: Quality Improvement Project on Management of Perioperative Anaphylaxis at Mackay Base Hospital Dr Jing Yi Goh</p> <hr/> <p>Management of anaphylaxis: Insights from an outpatient perioperative allergy clinic Dr Andrew Lindberg</p> <hr/> <p>Improving surgical antibiotic prophylaxis in patients with penicillin allergy labels: does removing alternative antibiotics from theatre work? Dr Caitlyn Lovi</p>	<p>Chairs: Dr Robyn Tran Dr Asha D'Arville</p> <p>Panel Discussion: Dr Helen Kolawole Dr Helen Crilly Dr Chris Clemens</p>
2.15–2.45pm	Afternoon tea	
Session 4	Refining practice: Update on the new ANZAAG recommendations for perioperative hypersensitivity skin testing	Chairs: Dr Caydee Pollock and Dr Katherine Nicholls
2.45–4.15pm	Refining practice: Update on the new ANZAAG recommendations for perioperative hypersensitivity skin testing	Dr Sarah Green, Dr Anisha Kulkarni, Dr Mathew Yarrow and Dr Richard Scolaro
4.15–4.45pm	Tea break	
Session 5	Direct provocation testing: Current practice and the path ahead	Chairs: Dr Helen Kolawole and Dr Maia Brewerton
4.45–5.45pm	Panel discussion	Dr Ben Krupowicz, Professor Charles Tacquard, Dr Christopher Fiddes and Dr Andrew Good

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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

10.30-11.30am Session 2 – ANZAAG business meeting

11.30am Lunch