

# 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 |
| 2.30–3pm | Afternoon tea                                       |
| 3–4.30pm | Workshop 2: Anaphylaxis emergency response workshop |

### Saturday 7 March

|                  |                                                                               |                                                                                                         |
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| 7.30–8.10am      | Registration                                                                  |                                                                                                         |
| 8.10–8.30am      | Powhiri (Māori welcome ceremony)                                              | Mana Tāhuna                                                                                             |
| <b>Session 1</b> |                                                                               | <b><i>Chairs: Dr Kim Phillips &amp; Dr Aoi Moniwa</i></b>                                               |
| 8.30–10am        | Update on the pathophysiology of anaphylaxis                                  | Professor Charles Taquard                                                                               |
|                  | 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 Taquard                                                                               |
| 10–10.30am       | Morning tea                                                                   |                                                                                                         |
| <b>Session 2</b> |                                                                               | <b><i>Chairs: Dr Alec Beresford and Dr Greta Pearce</i></b>                                             |
| 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                                                                                        |
| 12–12.45pm       | Lunch                                                                         |                                                                                                         |
| 12.45–2.15pm     | <b>Session 3.1: Malcolm Fisher Prize session</b>                              | <b>Session 3.2: Perioperative allergy for anaesthetists: pragmatic answers to challenging questions</b> |
|                  | Panel:<br>Dr Danielle Crimmins<br>Dr Joseph de Luca<br>Dr Karen Pedersen      | Speakers:<br>Dr Helen Kolawole<br>Dr Helen Crilly<br>Dr Chris Clemens                                   |
| 2.15–2.45pm      | Afternoon tea                                                                 |                                                                                                         |

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| Session 4   |                                                                                                        | <i>Chairs: Dr Caydee Pollock and Dr Katherine Nicholls</i>                         |
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| 2.45–4.15pm | Refining practice: Update on the new ANZAAG recommendations for perioperative hypersensitivity testing | Dr Sarah Green                                                                     |
| 4.15–4.45pm | Tea break                                                                                              |                                                                                    |
| Session 5   |                                                                                                        | <i>Chairs: Dr Helen Kolawole and Dr Maia Brewerton</i>                             |
| 4.45–5.45pm | Direct provocation testing: Current practice and the path ahead                                        | Dr Ben Krupowicz, Professor Charles Tacquard, Dr Russell Clarke and Dr Andrew Good |
| 5.45–6.45pm | Welcome reception                                                                                      |                                                                                    |
| 7–10pm      | Meeting dinner                                                                                         | Venue: Stoneridge Estate                                                           |

## Sunday 8 March

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|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| 8.30–9am      | Registration                        |
| 9–10.30am     | Session 1 – Big breakfast           |
| 10–10.30am    | Morning tea                         |
| 10.30–11.30am | Session 2 – ANZAAG business meeting |
| 11.30–12.30pm | Lunch                               |