



Lower and Upper Canada  
Anesthesia Symposium

**LUCAS**

# LOWER & UPPER CANADA ANESTHESIA SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM

February 21 & 22, 2026  
HOTEL BONAVENTURE  
MONTREAL, QUEBEC  
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# WELCOME TO LUCAS 2026!

On behalf of McGill, Queen's, the University of Ottawa, and NOSM University Departments of Anesthesia, we are pleased to invite you to attend the **10th annual Lower & Upper Canada Anesthesia Symposium (LUCAS)**; 32nd Ottawa Winter Anesthesia Symposium and 66th McGill Anesthesia Update.

LUCAS will be held from **February 21 & 22, 2026 at The Hotel Bonaventure in Montreal, Quebec**. We have combined the Ottawa Winter Anesthesia Symposium and the McGill Anesthesia Update into an event that will grow the relationships between our four institutions and continue to deliver an outstanding educational and collaborative experience.

This year, due to the success of our 2025 Hybrid Symposium, we will once again host the program hybrid, allowing attendees to **join us in-person or virtually!**

We look forward to welcoming you to Montreal in February!



**CANCELLATION POLICY:** REFUNDS LESS \$75 ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGE WILL BE ISSUED IN WRITING BY JANUARY 25, 2026. NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED FOR CANCELLATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE. ALL REFUNDS WILL BE PROCESSED AFTER THE EVENT.

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# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

## February 20th - Pre-Conference Session

- Regional Anesthesia Full-Day Workshop - \$700 + HST  
*Registration can be made during your conference registration.*

**PUB NIGHT** - \$35 + HST per ticket

**Join us for the 2nd Annual Resident Games!** A perfect time to catch up or network with colleagues!

## February 21st & 22nd IN-PERSON Registration Rates

**Early Bird Deadline: January 25th, 2026**

All fees are CAD (13% HST applicable)	Early Bird Rate January 25, 2026	Regular Rate	On-Site Rate
Physician	\$799	\$1049	\$1099
Other Healthcare Professional	\$399	\$499	\$549
Resident	\$399	\$499	\$549
Student	\$349	\$449	\$499

## February 21st & 22nd VIRTUAL Registration Rates

**Early Bird Deadline: January 25th, 2026**

All fees are CAD (13% HST applicable)	Early Bird Rate January 25, 2026	Regular Rate
Physician	\$549	\$749
Other Healthcare Professional, Resident & Student	\$299	\$399



## GUESTROOM BLOCK INFORMATION

The Lower and Upper Canada Anesthesia Symposium will be hosted at The Hotel Bonaventure Montreal. A block of rooms has been set aside with rates starting at \$239/night (plus applicable taxes).

Rooms must be booked over the phone to ensure that you receive the quoted rate. Please call the hotel and reference LUCAS 2026.

# Saturday February 21st

<b>07:00 - 07:50</b>	<b>Registration and Networking Breakfast</b>
<b>07:50 - 08:00</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductory Remarks</b>
08:00 - 08:20	Management of Uterotonics for Cesarean Delivery - Dr. Mrinalini Balki
08:20 - 08:40	The Surprise Accreta - Dr. Dina Aboutouk
08:40 - 09:05	Neuraxial Anesthesia for Cesarean Delivery: Complications, Mental Models and Rescue Strategies - Dr. Anton Chau
09:05 - 09:25	Q&A
<b>09:25 - 09:50</b>	<b>AM Refreshment Break #1 and Networking</b>
<b>09:50 - 10:20</b>	<b>Breakout Session - Round 1</b>
W1	OB Ask the Experts - Dr. Mrinalini Balki, Dr. Anton Chau & Dr. Dina Aboutouk
W2	From Clerks to Colleagues: Adapting your teaching across the learner spectrum - Dr. Jesse Cuscott
W3	Sixteen Sunsets - Dr. Kevin Fong
W4	Novel Regional Techniques in Acute Pain - Dr. Tracy Cupido
W5	Target Controlled Infusion Basics - Dr. Philippe Picard
<b>10:20 - 10:25</b>	<b>Transition to Next Session</b>
<b>10:25 - 10:55</b>	<b>Breakout Session - Round 2</b>
W1	OB Ask the Experts - Dr. Mrinalini Balki, Dr. Anton Chau & Dr. Dina Aboutouk
W2	From Clerks to Colleagues: Adapting your teaching across the learner spectrum - Dr. Jesse Cuscott
W3	Sixteen Sunsets- Dr. Kevin Fong
W4	Novel Regional Techniques in Acute Pain - Dr. Tracy Cupido
W5	Target Controlled Infusion Basics - Dr. Philippe Picard
<b>10:55 - 11:20</b>	<b>AM Refreshment Break #2 and Networking</b>
11:20 - 12:05	Ask the Experts: Regional Panel - Dr Julian Aliste, Dr. Tracy Cupido, Dr. Patrick Wong, Dr. Murray Yazer
12:05 - 12:25	Q&A
<b>12:25 - 13:25</b>	<b>Lunch and Networking</b>
<b>12:25 - 13:25</b>	<b>FPA Lunch and Networking</b>
<b>12:25 - 13:25</b>	<b>AA Lunch and Networking</b>
13:25 - 14:15	Earl Wynands Lecture - We're Wrong About Risk - Dr. Kevin Fong
14:15 - 14:35	Earl Wynands Lecture Q&A
<b>14:35 - 14:55</b>	<b>PM Refreshment Break and Networking</b>
14:55 - 16:25	Resident Grand Rounds Competition
<b>16:30 - 18:00</b>	<b>Welcome Reception</b>
18:30 - 22:00	LUCAS Conference Lecture and Banquet Dinner ( <b>seperate ticketed event</b> ) Practicing with Intention - Dr. Sarah McIsaac

# *Sunday February 22nd*

<b>07:00 - 07:50</b>	<b>Registration and Networking Breakfast</b>
<b>07:50 - 08:00</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductory Remarks</b>
08:00 - 08:20	Management of Self in Crisis - Dr. Jesse Guscott
08:20 - 09:00	AI is coming for Perioperative Care - Will you Lead or Be Replaced? - Dr. Chandi Chandrasena & Dr. Arnaud Mbadjeu
09:00 - 09:20	Q&A
<b>09:20 - 09:50</b>	<b>AM Refreshment Break #1 and Hotel Checkout</b>
09:50 - 10:40	New and Future Practice-Changing Anesthesia Medications - Dr. David Juurlink
10:40 - 11:00	Q&A
<b>11:00 - 11:20</b>	<b>AM Refreshment Break #2 and Networking</b>
<b>11:20 - 12:25</b>	<b>Team Based Anesthesia Care</b>
11:20 - 11:35	The Ottawa Experience - Dr. Ken Duncan
11:35 - 11:50	Perspectives from the CAS President - Dr. Giuseppe Fuda
11:50 - 12:05	Perspectives from the CMPA - Dr. Lucie Filteau
12:05 - 12:30	Q&A with Panel
<b>12:30 - 13:25</b>	<b>Transfusion Medicine</b>
12:30 - 12:50	Basic Transfusion Principles - Dr. Kimmo Murto
12:50 - 13:10	Clot Smarter, Not Harder: Practical Viscoelastic Testing for General Anesthesia - Dr. Matthew Cameron
13:10 - 13:25	Q&A
<b>13:25 - 13:35</b>	<b>Closing Remarks</b>

Program is subject to change