



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.

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 prior to January 19, 2026 to ensure that you receive the quoted rate.

Click [here](#) to book today!

Saturday February 21st

07:00 - 07:50	Registration and Networking Breakfast
07:50 - 08:00	Welcome and Introductory Remarks
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
09:25 - 09:50	AM Refreshment Break #1 and Networking
09:50 - 10:20	Breakout Session - Round 1
W1	OB Ask the Experts - Dr. Mrinalini Balki, Dr. Anton Chau & Dr. Dina Aboutouk
W2	Adjusting Teaching to Learners - Dr. Jesse Guscott
W3	We're Wrong About Risk - Dr. Kevin Fong
W4	Novel Regional Techniques in Acute Pain - Dr. Tracy Cupido
W5	Target Controlled Infusion Basics - Dr. Philippe Picard
10:20 - 10:25	Transition to Next Session
10:25 - 10:55	Breakout Session - Round 2
W1	OB Ask the Experts - Dr. Mrinalini Balki, Dr. Anton Chau & Dr. Dina Aboutouk
W2	Adjusting Teaching to Learners - Dr. Jesse Guscott
W3	We're Wrong About Risk - Dr. Kevin Fong
W4	Novel Regional Techniques in Acute Pain - Dr. Tracy Cupido
W5	Target Controlled Infusion Basics - Dr. Philippe Picard
10:55 - 11:20	AM Refreshment Break #2 and Networking
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
12:25 - 13:25	Lunch and Networking
12:25 - 13:25	FPA Lunch and Networking
12:25 - 13:25	AA Lunch and Networking
13:25 - 14:15	Earl Wynands Lecture - 16 Sunsets - Dr. Kevin Fong
14:15 - 14:35	Earl Wynands Lecture Q&A
14:35 - 14:55	PM Refreshment Break and Networking
14:55 - 16:25	Resident Grand Rounds Competition
16:30 - 18:00	Welcome Reception
18:30 - 22:00	LUCAS Conference Lecture and Banquet Dinner (seperate ticketed event) Practicing with Intention - Dr. Sarah McIsaac

Sunday February 22nd

07:00 - 07:50	Registration and Networking Breakfast
07:50 - 08:00	Welcome and Introductory Remarks
08:00 - 08:20	Management of Self in Crisis - Dr. Jesse Guscott
08:20 - 09:00	How AI is transforming Healthcare: Outside the OR - Dr. Chandi Chandrasena
09:00 - 09:20	Q&A
09:20 - 09:50	AM Refreshment Break #1 and Hotel Checkout
09:50 - 10:40	New and Future Practice-Changing Anesthesia Medications - Dr. David Juurlink
10:40 - 11:00	Q&A
11:00 - 11:20	AM Refreshment Break #2 and Networking
11:20 - 12:25	Anesthesia Care Teams
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
12:30 - 13:25	Transfusion Medicine
12:30 - 12:50	Point of Care Coagulation - Dr. Matthew Cameron
12:50 - 13:10	Basic Transfusion Principles - Dr. Kimmo Murto
13:10 - 13:25	Q&A
13:25 - 13:35	Closing Remarks

Program is subject to change