



Dear colleagues,

Here's what your OMA section, Ontario's Anesthesiologists, has been doing for you.

Member Services & the Ontario Anesthesia Meeting

OA Advocates for Our Members

We have noticed that there has been a lot of messaging and media coverage recently advocating for increased family physician compensation. While we appreciate and support the OMA pivoting to advocacy on direct compensation matters, we believe the **OMA's compensation advocacy efforts in the media and at the negotiating table must include anesthesiologists and other specialists whose needs have taken a back seat for far too long at the OMA.** To voice our opinion, we have sent a [letter to the OMA's CEO and Board Chair](#) to ask that Ontario's Anesthesiologists be included in the OMA's compensation advocacy efforts in the media and at the negotiating table.

There's Still Time to Begin or Renew Your Section Membership

Thank you to everyone who has opted to pay their voluntary section dues. Your support helps to fund a strong voice that advocates for you and your profession.

Paying your optional section fees helps:

- Directly support our advocacy efforts, which includes highlighting the value of anesthesiologists to key players within the health system.
- Ensure we have a strong voice when negotiating for our profession during Physician Service Agreements.
- Reduce your OAM registration fee by 20%.
- Fund our communication channels, leadership development programs, patient care initiatives [and more](#).

If you haven't paid yet, you can do so at any time via your [online OMA account](#).

At only \$300 (or \$100 for physicians in their first year of practice), we believe the fee is a small amount to pay to support your representation.

We greatly appreciate your support!

Now Open: Submissions for the 2024 Distinguished Service Award

Our [Distinguished Service Award](#) is our organization's highest honour. Presented during our Ontario Anesthesia Meeting, it recognizes an anesthesiologist who has provided significant service to our profession. If you know an outstanding colleague who has

demonstrated excellence and leadership in clinical services, research, humanitarian work, and/or teaching, this is your chance to recognize them!

Nominations for the 2024 DSA are now open. [Learn more about this award and how you can nominate a colleague](#). All nominations are due by Saturday, June 1.

Save September 27-29 for the Ontario Anesthesia Meeting and Conference Weekend



We'll be returning to last year's venue, [The Marriott Downtown at CF Toronto Eaton Centre](#), centrally located at 525 Bay Street.

Returning will be our FP-A and Chiefs Luncheons and our Saturday Evening Social. Registration opens this summer.

New Spotlight Live



Member Spotlight:
**Dr. Angela
Jerath**

- Cardiac Anesthesiologist with Sunnybrook Hospital
- Associate Professor with the University of Toronto Department of Anesthesiology & Pain Medicine
- Adjunct Scientist with the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences

Have you visited our Instagram account lately? Stop by and check out the new Spotlight interview with [Dr. Angela Jerath](#) that we posted last week.

Over the coming year, we plan on showcasing more members who are going beyond the mask. Have a suggestion for who we should profile next? [Let us know.](#)

In addition to finding them on our Instagram page, you can also find the Spotlights [over at our website.](#)

Member Highlights

 **Wesley Rajaleelan**
@WRajaleelan

Just wrapped up chairing a session on history of Anesthesia, ICU & palliative care at the @wfsawca - such a stimulating exchange of insights and ideas! Grateful for the opportunity to contribute to such an esteemed gathering #WCA2024 @GSOAC_TOH @CAS_IEF @CASUpdate @ON_Anesthesia



 **CASCADEN**
@cascades_en

Desflurane-free from 2023!
Dr Anita Rao, Chair of CASCADEN's Sustainable Perioperative Care National Spread shares some welcome news during SickKids Perioperative Services Grand Rounds @SKAnesthesia @ON_Anesthesia



 **Department of Anesthesiology & Pain Medicine**
@UofTAnesthesia

Dr. Nadia Alam has been appointed as the Faculty Leader for Ontario Anesthesia Human Resource Planning!

Dr. Alam will work to advance anesthesia workforce planning and support physician anesthesia care providers in Ontario.

Learn more: bit.ly/3Oj8iC1



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Governance

Tariff Update

Given the large amount of material that needed to be covered, last week we sent you our [Tariff Report](#), featuring important information on:

1. Changes to E409A/410A
2. Implementation of year 3 of the current PSA (2023-24)
3. Expedited approach to Year 1 of the new PSA (2024-25)
4. Physician Payment Committee (PPC) Process

Patient Care

Latest Blog Post: Anesthesia Myths

Our first blog post of 2024 [is now live](#). Intended for patients and their families, it breaks down the basics of undergoing general anesthesia. We encourage our members to share this post with patients and the public, to help better inform them about what we do.

Our blog is aimed at informing the public about anesthesiologists and the value we bring to Ontario's health-care system. If you have a suggestion for a future post, please let us know info@ontariosanesthesiologists.ca.

Advocacy and Stakeholder Relations

Human Resources Advocacy

In January, past section chair Dr. Monica Olsen appeared on [Ottawa's 580 CFRA](#) to discuss the human resource challenges facing our profession.

Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities

[Toronto Anesthesia Symposium](#)

A promotional banner for the Toronto Anesthesia Symposium. The left side has a dark blue background with white text: "Toronto Anesthesia Symposium", "Elevating Maternal Care - Key Updates and Clinical Outcomes in Obstetric Anesthesia", and "April 6 & 7, 2024 | LiKaShing Knowledge Institute". The right side features a photograph of a patient in a green surgical cap and mask, with a clear anesthesia mask being held over their face by a person in blue scrubs.

April 6 & 7, 2024

LiKaShing, Toronto, ON

[Registration now open](#)

This year's theme will bring together experts to discuss advances and best practices in obstetric anesthesia, as well as approaches to challenging cases. Lectures, interactive problem-based learning discussions (PBLDs) and hands-on workshops will be presented by internationally recognized University of Toronto faculty and guest speakers.

[Earth Day Webinar 2024](#)

A promotional graphic for the Earth Day Webinar 2024. It features three circular headshots of speakers: Dr. Matthew Walker (Moderator), Dr. Carole Lin (Presenter), and Dr. Anita Rao (Presenter). The text includes "Earth Day Webinar 2024", "A webinar on the invisible plastics in our daily practice in health care, and how we can be the leaders in advocating environmentally sustainable practice", "April 22, 2024", "8 pm ET", and the website "www.cas.ca/earth-day-2024". The Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society logo is at the bottom.

April 8, 2024 at 8 pm ET

[Registration now open](#)

This webinar will discuss the invisible plastics in our daily practice in health care, and how to be the leaders in advocating environmentally sustainable practice. It features a presentation on environmental political advocacy in health care from our Environmental Sustainability Working Group lead, Dr. Anita Rao (learn more about [Dr. Rao](#)).

[2024 CAS Annual Meeting](#)



June 7-10, 2024

Victoria Conference Centre, Victoria, B.C.

[Registration now open](#)

Join CAS for an unforgettable experience at the 2024 CAS Annual Meeting in scenic Victoria where history and learning converge. Don't miss out on this exceptional annual event boasting a compelling scientific agenda and ample networking opportunities. For those unable to attend in person, select sessions will be available via virtual streaming. Take advantage of early bird rates by registering by April 19, 2024.

The [2024 program](#) includes:

- A comprehensive program filled with stimulating sessions, problem-based learning discussions (PBLDs), and interactive workshops
- Competitions like the Residents'; and Richard Knill Oral Competitions, along with the return of the Resident SIM Olympics
- Networking events, including the CAS Soirée and CARF/CASIEF Kick Off Party
- A bustling Exhibit Hall showcasing the latest innovations and services in anesthesiology

[CAS' 2024 Annual Meeting](#) will feature several engaging sessions, focusing on the latest developments in anesthesia. Attendees will also be able to participate in problem-based learning discussions (PBLDs), test-enhanced learning sessions and hands-on workshops. [Explore the program.](#) There are also opportunities for abstract submissions to the popular Residents and Richard Knill competitions, as well as networking at the annual President's Party.

Thank you for spending your time reading our e-newsletter. If you have any comments or questions for the section and the executive, please reach out to us at info@ontariosanesthesiologists.ca.

Sincerely,

Ontario's Anesthesiologists
A Section of the Ontario Medical Association

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Mission

To advocate for and represent the best interests of Ontario's anesthesiologists.

To strengthen the leadership role of anesthesiologists within the health system.

Vision

Anesthesiologists as leading partners, delivering the highest standards of innovative, safe and sustainable patient care.

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