



Dear colleagues,

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

Member Services & the Ontario Anesthesia Meeting

Vote For Your New Executive

Voting [is now open](#) for multiple section executive positions.

Nominees for secretary:

- Dr. Sylvie Aucoin
- Dr. Emily Chan

Nominees for member-at-large in alphabetic order by last name (four positions to be filled):

- Dr. Anil Arekapudi
- Dr. Daniel Cordovani
- Dr. Eric Goldszmidt
- Dr. Stuart McCluskey
- Dr. Sarah McIsaac
- Dr. Ravitha Sheolal
- Dr. Jason Taam
- Dr. Vatsal Trivedi

Learn [more about the candidates](#) and then [cast your vote](#) through the OMA elections process. In addition to voting for your section executive, you will also be able to vote for three physician board members and one non-physician board director for the OMA board of directors.

Voting is open until noon on **Friday, Feb. 2 at noon.**

The following 2024-2026 section executive positions have been acclaimed:

Chair: Dr. Cindy Wang

Vice-Chair: Dr. Amanda Jasudavisius

Treasurer: Dr. Soniya Sharma

The 2024-2026 section executive will take office on May 2, 2024.

Begin or Renew Your Paid Section Membership

It's also time to pay your optional Ontario's Anesthesiologists membership dues. Paying your dues will help:

- 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.
- Fund our communication channels, leadership development programs, patient care initiatives [and more](#).
- Reduce your OAM registration fee by 20%.

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

Begin or renew your paid membership when you update your OMA membership or through your [online OMA account](#).

We greatly appreciate your support!

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



We're working on an engaging academic program that includes interactive workshops and clinically relevant topics presented by speakers from across the province.

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

Our annual Leadership Development Day will also be returning and will take place just ahead of the OAM on **Thursday, Sept. 26**.

Reminder: Members who have paid [their voluntary section dues](#) receive a 20% discount on their OAM registration fee.

Stay tuned for more details, all of which will be shared on our [dedicated OAM page](#).

WHAT OUR MEMBERS HAVE BEEN UP TO

University Health Network @UHN · Dec 5, 2023

Congrats, Dr. Frances Chung @KBLUHN, winner of the 20th annual Inventor of the Year Award! She has re-imagined the standards of care for patients living with sleep apnea through her work on the STOP-Bang questionnaire.

Show more



Wesley Rajaleelan @WRajaleelan · Dec 15, 2023

Dr Ted Crosby retires, Absolutely privileged to have worked with him for a couple of years. @OttAnesthesia @OttawaHospital @uOttawa @ON_Anesthesia @CASupdate



The Ottawa Hospital @OttawaHospital · Nov 19, 2023

"I want to treat patients individually, and make research discoveries that can hopefully improve lives globally." Dr. Alvin Tieu is receiving our Worton Researcher in Training Award for his multidisciplinary #research on life-threatening lung diseases. ohri.ca/newsroom/story...



Department of Anesthesiology & Pain Medicine @UofTanesthesia · 1h

Congratulations to Dr. Colin McCartney, who has received the American Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine Distinguished Service Award for 2024! | @colinjmccartney

Read more: bit.ly/48QTwdE



Participate in our OMA Connect Community

As an Ontario anesthesiologist, you automatically have access to our community on OMA Connect. This private, secure space is only accessible by members of your specialty and can [be easily accessed](#) using your OMA login details. Here you can interact with your peers from across the province by starting a discussion, asking questions, posting comments, sharing your challenges and successes, and letting our community know about anesthesia-related events. We hope to see you there!

Governance

Tariff Update

PSA Implementation – Year 3

The section submitted proposals to the Physician Payment Committee for Year 3 of the current PSA last fall. These would be potentially implemented April 1, 2025, pending appropriate funding where necessary. The section executive will be meeting with the PPC to discuss the submission in February.

Health-Care Advocacy and Government Relations

We continue to meet with government representatives regarding our environmental and anesthesia HHR position statements. We have recently met with representatives from the Ministry of Health; the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks; and several MPPs. We look forward to sharing future updates about our advocacy work in our spring e-newsletter.

Patient Care

Latest Blog Post: Anesthesia Myths

For [2023's final blog post](#), we looked at a few common anesthesia myths.

If you're active on social media, you're encouraged to share this and other blog posts. 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.

Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities

[1st World Day of Regional Anesthesia and Acute Pain Webinar](#)



1st World Day of Regional Anesthesia and Acute Pain Medicine Webinar

**January 27, 2024
12 pm ET**

 **CANADIAN ANESTHESIOLOGISTS' SOCIETY**

A webinar commemorating the 1st World Day of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine, consisting of informative talks on spinal anesthesia drugs and recipes, regional anesthesia techniques, trauma, and pediatric anesthesia.

www.cas.ca/regional-webinar

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PRESENTER:
DR PATRICK WONG

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DR KWESI KWOFIE

PRESENTER:
DR VIVIAN IP

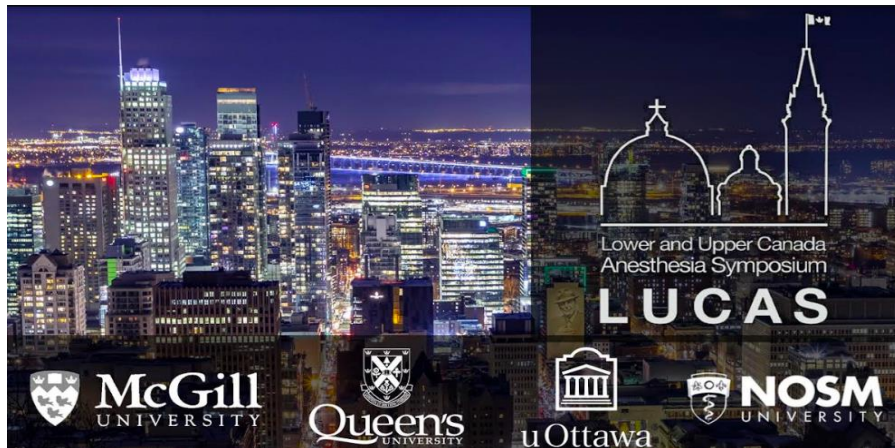
PRESENTER:
DR USHMA SHAH

Jan. 27, 2024 at noon ET

[Registration now open](#)

A free, 90-minute long webinar in collaboration with the European Society of Regional Anesthesia to celebrate the first World Day of Regional Anaesthesia and Pain Medicine.

Lower and Upper Canada Anesthesia Symposium



Feb. 10 and 11, 2024 and Pre-Conference Workshops Feb. 9
Hotel Bonaventure, Montréal

[Registration now open](#)

This year's edition of LUCAS promises to again deliver focused, practical, clinically relevant anesthesia topics and will take place at The Hotel Bonaventure in Montréal,

Quebec." It is pleased to once again host the program in a hybrid format.

Toronto Anesthesia Symposium



April 6 and 7, 2024
LiKaShing, Toronto, ON

[Register now open \(early bird rate available until March 3\)](#)

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.

[2024 CAS Annual Meeting](#)



June 7-10, 2024

Victoria Conference Centre, Victoria, B.C.
Registration will open in early 2024.

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. There are also opportunities for abstract submissions to the popular Residents and Richard Knill competitions, as well as networking at our 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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