

Program

Day 1: 2025 OAGS Surgical Symposium - CPD APPROVED 6.5 CREDITS



Saturday, November 8, 2025 (8am-7:30pm)

It's confirmed! This year's 2025 OAGS Surgical Symposium is slated for Saturday, November 8 at the Hilton Toronto. Current OAGS members can attend for free but must register in advance. This will be a 1 day exhibit event.

This event is an Accredited Group Learning Activity (SECTION 1) as defined by the Maintenance of Certification Program of the Royal College of Physician and Surgeons of Canada and approved by the Canadian Association of General Surgeons. You may claim a maximum of 6.5 hours.

Plenary Meeting: Toronto Ballroom I, Conventions Level, Hilton Toronto

Meals/Breaks/Exhibit Hall: Toronto Ballroom II & III

Lunch Symposium: Tom Thomson Room, Conventions Level

Evening Mixer: Ballroom II&III, Conventions Level

Last Year's Program (2024) – (download PDF version (https://oagsannualmeeting.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/2024program_singles_web.pdf))

NOTE: Be sure to check "**Unaccredited Symposia** (<https://oagsannualmeeting.org/sponsor-symposia/>)" for any additional sponsored talks/events not shown below.

Overall Learning Objectives

Through participation in this event, attendees will be able to:

1. Acquire knowledge of evidence-based practices in general surgery
2. Develop pragmatic skills to effectively manage patient care activities in general surgery.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025

Topics	Speakers
7:00am-8:30am BREAKFAST - Exhibit Hall Networking	
8:00am-8:25am UNACCREDITED SYMPOSIA - Sponsored Breakfast Talk - Tom Thomson Room (Limit: 30) - Breakfast will be served inside the room	
8:30am-8:35am Introduction & Welcome	Dr. Scott Rieder, OAGS VP & Education Committee Chair (Morning Moderator)
8:35am-8:45am Resident Grant Winner: Research Updates	Dr. Fay Alresaini
8:45am-9:35am Panel - AI Programs: Transforming your surgical practice with AI (15min each, 10 min joint Q&A)	a) Dr. Jessica Dy b) Dr. Joel Moktar c) Dr. Amin Madani
Learning Objective: Integrate AI programs to increase efficiency, decrease errors and decrease workload.	

9:35am-10:25am

International Keynote Talk#1: Pancreatic Cancer: What's on the horizon?

(40min talk, 10min Q&A)

Dr. Alice Wei

Learning Objective: Demonstrate understanding in the current and emerging workup and treatment pancreatic cancer.

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10:25am-10:50am

MORNING BREAK - Exhibit Hall Networking

10:50am-11:30am

Breast Cancer Panel: Updates in screening, imaging and SLNB (15min each, 10 min joint Q&A)

a)Update on Axilla Management & Sentinel Node

b)Update on Breast Imaging and Screening

a) Dr. Tulin Cil

b) Dr. Anat Kornecki

Learning Objective: Examine the role of sentinel lymph node biopsy in early breast cancer, examine the revised breast cancer screening guidelines and new imaging modalities.

11:30am-12:25am

Panel - Cutting-Edge Endoscopy: Emerging technology, tips and tricks from advanced endoscopists (15min each, 10 min joint Q&A)

a) Dr. Andras Fecso

b) Dr. Jeff Hawel

c) Dr. Jeffrey Mosko

Learning Objective: Identify new techniques to increase adenoma detection rate. Assess novel endoscopic bariatric procedures.

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12:25pm-1:25pm

LUNCH BREAK - Exhibit Hall Networking

12:35pm-1:00pm

UNACCREDITED SYMPOSIA - Sponsored Lunch Talk - Tom Thomson Room (Limit: 30) - Lunch will be served inside the room

1:25pm

Welcome Back!

Dr. Julie Ann Van
Koughnett, OAGS
Secretary (Afternoon
Moderator)

1:25pm-2:15pm

Debate - Showdown in the Downtown: Robotic vs. Laparoscopic Surgery (Surgical Oncology) (15min each, 10min debate, 10 min joint Q&A)

a) Dr. Alice Wei
b) Dr. Fayez Quereshy

Learning Objectives: Appraise the benefits and pitfalls of laparoscopic and robotic surgery.

2:15pm-2:40pm

Expanding the Role of Robotics in Surgery: How to start up a robotics program at your centre (20min talk, 5min Q&A)

Learning Objective: Develop a strategy for implementation of a robotics program.

Dr. Sunil Patel

2:40pm-3:05pm

From the Right to the Rectum! - Tips and Tricks to Minimally Invasive Approaches in Colorectal Surgery (20min talk, 5min Q&A)

Learning Objective: Demonstrate how to optimize exposure during laparoscopic colorectal using novel techniques and practices.

Dr. Sami Chadi

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3:05pm-3:30pm

AFTERNOON BREAK - Exhibit Hall Networking

3:30pm-3:55pm

Bariatric Complications and How to Deal With Them (20min talk, 5min Q&A)

Learning Objective: Illustrate common bariatric complications with practical approaches to dealing with them.

Dr. Timothy Jackson

3:55pm-4:55pm

Case Study Panel: When Disaster Strikes - Dealing with the Unexpected on Acute Care Surgery (20min per case, incl. Q&A)

Learning Objective: Formulate strategies for dealing with unexpected complications in abdominal wall, hepato-biliary and colorectal emergency surgery

- a) Dr. Zaid Khot
- b) Dr. David Carver
- c) Dr. David Paskar

4:55pm-5:15

Billing Corner: Code Updates

Learning Objective: Review the latest changes to billing codes in the schedule of benefits related to surgical procedures.

Dr. Kevin Lefebvre,
OMA Section Chair,
Tariff Committee

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5:15pm-6:00pm

Business Meeting (OAGS & Section)

Dr. Scott Rieder, OAGS
Vice President
(Moderator)

Last Year's Minutes - download

- 1) 5:15pm - Welcome (Dr. Scott Rieder, OAGS VP & Business Mtg Chair)(5min)
- 2) 5:20pm – OAGS Housekeeping & Treasury (10min)

Motions to approve:

■ Today's Agenda;

■ Last Year's Minutes Nov.2, 2024)

OAGS Election: ■ Candidates; ■ Vote/Acclamation

Treasury: Motions to approve: ■ 2024 Financial Review; ■ Millards
commissioned accountants

- 3) 5:30pm – OAGS Resident Update (Dr. Tyler McKechnie– Resident Representative) (5min)
- 4) 5:35pm - OAGS President's Report (Dr. Ravinder Singh) (10 min)

5) 5:45pm - OMA Section Chair's Report (Dr. Kevin Lefebvre) (5 min)

6) 5:50pm - Other Business/ Open Discussion: (10 min)

Day 2: CAGS /OAGS Polypectomy Course

Annual Meeting - OAGS - Motion

Final Prize Draw

- 7) 6:00pm – Motion to Adjourn



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