



Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society  
Société canadienne de fertilité et d'andrologie

**CFAS 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting 2026**  
**“Fertility Reimagined: Patients First, Progress Always”**

September 17<sup>th</sup> – September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

BMO Centre, Calgary, AB

**PRECONFERENCE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

8:00am – 9:00am	Registration 7:30 Am – 15:00 Pm  Exhibitor Set Up All Day	Light Breakfast Room 225/226			
9:00am – 12:00pm		<b>Nursing SIG X Counselling SIG</b> <b>Room 210/211</b>  <i>Patient Mental Health And Wellbeing/ Supporting Practitioners</i> <b>Leah Hughes</b>  <i>Strategies And Quick Non-Medical Tips And Tricks Counsellors And Nurses Can Share With Patients (Ex: For Pain Management, Stress Etc.)</i> <b>Dr. Erika Kelley, PhD</b>	<b>ART Lab SIG</b> <b>Room 209</b>  TBD <b>Debbie Venier, MS, TS</b>  TBD <b>Carli Chapman, ELD (ABB)</b>  <i>Interactive Workshop</i> <b>Debbie Venier, MS, TS</b>	<b>Lab Director Exam #1</b> <b>Room 206</b> <b>9:00 – 11:00</b>	<b>Lab Director Exam #2</b> <b>Room 207</b> <b>9:00 – 11:00</b>
12:00pm – 13:00pm		Lunch Room 225/226			
13:00pm – 16:00pm	<b>Nursing SIG X Counselling SIG</b> <b>Room 210/211</b>  <i>Clinical Strategies for Hard Conversations: Navigating Complexity, Uncertainty, and the Age of AI with Fertility Patients</i> <b>Dara Roth Edney, MSW, RSW</b>  <i>Nourish, Move, Restore: A Holistic Approach to Clinician Wellness</i> <b>Kristina Virro, MA, Msc</b>	<b>2SLGBTQ+ SIG</b> <b>Room 209</b>  TBD <b>Rachel Epstein</b>  <i>Strategies At The Intersections Of 2SLGBTQ+ Fertility Disability, And Neurodiversity</i> <b>Ana Luisa Santo</b>  <i>Panel: Insights From Donor Conceived People: 2SLGBTQ+ Family Building</i> <b>Makeda Zook And Freya Lyon</b>	<b>Leadership And Management SIG</b> <b>Room 208</b>  <i>The ART Of Response: Handling Online Criticism In Fertility Care</i> <b>Lindsay Clara, MSW</b>  <i>Supporting Emotional Boundaries</i> <b>Anda Fabrig, BA, Bed</b>		
16:00pm	Nurse Award Ceremony And Cocktail				



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– 17:00pm	Sponsored By <b>EMD Serono*</b> <b>3rd Floor Foyer</b> (Open To ALL CFAS Conference Attendees)
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**OFFICIAL PROGRAM START - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

8:00am – 9:00am	Light Breakfast In Exhibit Hall <b>Champion Ballroom BC</b>	<b>Women’s Caucus Breakfast: Voices Behind The Journey</b> <i>Sponsored By Organon*</i> <b>Room 225/226</b> Moderator: <b>Dr. Lucky Sekhon, MD</b> <b>Kristen Tanche, Tanya Driscoll, And Brianna Gill</b>		
9:00am - 12:30pm	Registration 7:00 Am – 15:00 Pm Exhibits Open From 9:00 Am – 16:30pm	<b>Opening Lecture And Symposium I</b> <b>Opening Remarks, Land Acknowledgement, Award Ceremony &amp; Award Of Excellence</b> <b>Champion Ballroom A</b>  <b>Opening Lecture - Albert Yuzpe Lecture</b> <i>44 Years After The Petri Dish: From Experiment To Empowerment</i> <b>Elizabeth Carr, The First US IVF Baby</b>  <b>SYMPOSIUM I</b> <i>A Short History Of Sperm And Why They Matter</i> <b>Dr. Paul Turek, MD</b>  <i>From Vikings To Visionaries: What Harald Bluetooth And Alexander The Great Teach Us About Building IVF Networks</i> <b>Dr. Francisco Arredondo, MD</b>		
12:30pm – 13:30pm	Lunch In Exhibit Hall <b>Champion Ballroom BC</b>			
13:30pm – 15:30pm	TBD <b>Dr. Tim Carter, PhD</b>  TBD <b>Dr. Salah Abdelgadir, PhD</b>  TBD <b>Dr. Mahmoud Aarabi, MD, PhD</b>	<b>Concurrent B: Research In Reproductive Science SIG</b> <b>Percheron Ballroom CD</b> Theme: “How IVF Procedures Shape The Offspring Health And The Epigenome”  <i>Optimizing Assisted Reproduction Outcomes Using A Mouse Model</i> <b>Dr. Marisa Bartolomei, PhD</b>	<b>Concurrent C: Nursing SIG</b> <b>Percheron Ballroom FG</b>  <i>The Role Of The UK Fertility Nurse Consultant: Autonomy, Advocacy And Advanced Nursing Practice</i> <b>Ellis Moody (BFS Speaker)</b>  <i>Panel</i> <b>Katie Smith-Parent, Dr. Miranda Fidler-</b>	<b>Science Light</b> <b>Champion Ballroom A</b> <b>1:00-2:00pm</b>  <i>The STAR System: AI- Guided Detection And Recovery Of Rare Sperm In Azoospermic Patients</i> <b>Dr. Eric Forman, MD</b>  <b>Concurrent D: Leadership &amp; Management SIG</b> <b>Percheron Ballroom HI</b> <b>2:00-3:00</b>



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			<p>TBD</p> <p><b>Dr. Sarah Kimmins, PhD</b></p> <p><i>Add-Ons, Innovation And What Personalized Reproductive Medicine Should Look Like</i></p> <p><b>Dr. Anja Pinborg, MD</b> (ESHRE Speaker)</p>	<p><b>Benaoudia, PhD And Dr. Haley Biryukov, PhD</b></p>	<p><i>Gen Z, Millennials, And Boomers—Oh My! Navigating Today's Multi-Generational Workplace</i></p> <p><b>Lisa Duran</b></p>
15:30pm – 16:00pm		<p>Health Break In <b>Exhibit Hall</b> <b>Champion Ballroom BC</b></p>			
15:30pm – 17:00pm		<p>Poster Presentation <b>3rd Floor Foyer</b></p>			
17:00pm – 18:30pm		<p>Oral Communication – Basic Science I <b>Percheron Ballroom AB</b></p>	<p>Oral Communication – Clinical Science I <b>Percheron Ballroom CD</b></p>		
18:30pm – 19:30pm		<p><b>Cocktail Reception</b> <i>Sponsored By Ferring Pharmaceuticals*</i> <b>3rd Floor Foyer</b></p>			

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

8:00am – 9:00am	<p>Registration Open 7:30am – 16:00pm</p> <p>Exhibit Hall Open 8:00am – 16:00pm</p>	<p>Light Breakfast In <b>Exhibit Hall</b> <b>Champion Ballroom BC</b></p>			
8:00am – 9:00am		<p><b>CARTR Report</b> <b>Champion Ballroom A</b></p>			
9:00am – 10:30am		<p>Oral Communication – Basic Science II <b>Percheron Ballroom AB</b></p>	<p>Oral Communication – Clinical Science II <b>Percheron Ballroom CD</b></p>		
10:00am – 10:30am		<p>Health Break In <b>Exhibit Hall</b> <b>Champion Ballroom BC</b></p>			

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<p>10:30am – 12:30pm</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>Van Campenhout Lecture</u></b> <b>Champion Ballroom A</b></p> <p align="center"><i>IVF-Based Mitochondrial Donation Technology</i> <b>Dr. Louise Hyslop, PhD</b></p> <p align="center"><b><u>Symposium II:</u></b> <i>How Do High Performance Laboratories Function</i> <b>Dr. Kevin Doody, MD</b></p>				
<p>12:00pm - 2:00pm</p>	<p align="center"><i>Uterus Transplant: Reimagining Fertility Through Innovation, Iterative Refinement, And Research</i> <b>Dr. Kathleen O’Neill, MD</b></p>				
<p>12:30pm – 13:30pm</p>	<p align="center">Lunch In Exhibit Hall Room: Champion Ballroom BC</p>				
<p>13:30pm – 15:30pm</p>	<p><b><u>Concurrent E: Andrology SIG &amp; 2SLGBTQ+ SIG</u></b> <b>Percheron Ballroom AB</b></p> <p>TBD <b>Dr. Lara Des Roches, MD</b></p> <p><i>Banking on Choice: How the Black Sperm Donor Shortage Shapes Queer Family Formation</i> <b>Dr. Alyssa Newman, PhD</b></p> <p>TBD <b>Dr. Jesse Ory, MD</b></p>	<p><b><u>Concurrent F: Ethics &amp; Law SIG &amp; Genetics SIG</u></b> <b>Percheron Ballroom CD</b></p> <p><i>Genetics Conundrum: The Clinical, Ethical And Legal Perspectives Of Abnormal PGT-A Results</i></p> <p>Clinical Perspective <b>Dr. Amber Cooper, MD</b></p> <p>Ethical Perspective <b>Dr. Louise King, MD, JD</b></p> <p>Legal Perspective <b>Jan Martin, LL.B</b></p>	<p><b><u>Concurrent G: Counselling SIG</u></b> <b>Percheron Ballroom FG</b></p> <p><i>Family Functioning and Child Adjustment in Families Formed Using Third Party Reproduction</i> <b>Dr. Vasanti Jadva, PhD</b></p> <p><i>Weathering as a Potential Stressor in Reproductive Mental Health: Rethinking Stress and Health Equity</i> <b>Dr. Loree Johnson, PhD</b></p>	<p><b><u>Concurrent H: Fertility Preservation SIG</u></b> <b>Percheron Ballroom H</b></p> <p><i>Ovarian Tissue Transportation And Centralized Cryobanking</i> <b>Dr. Stine Gry Kristensen, PhD</b></p> <p><i>Fertility Preservation In Non-Malignant Indications</i> <b>Dr. Leena Nahata, MD</b></p> <p><i>Fertility Preservation in Patients with Atypical Endometrial Hyperplasia and Endometrial Cancer</i></p>	<p><b><u>Concurrent I: Imaging &amp; Reproductive Surgery SIG</u></b> <b>Percheron Ballroom I</b></p> <p>TBD <b>Dr. Ally Murji, MD</b></p> <p><i>ASRM MAC2021 And The Recent Changes With The On-Line Platform With Educational Widgets</i> <b>Dr. Steve Lindheim, MD</b></p> <p>TBD <b>Dr. John Petrozza, MD</b></p>



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					<b>Dr. Karen Glass, MD</b>	
15:30pm – 16:00pm			Health Break In Exhibit Hall Champion Ballroom BC			
15:30pm – 17:00pm			Poster Presentation 3rd Floor Foyer			
17:00pm – 17:45pm			<b><u>State Of The ART Lecture</u></b> Champion Ballroom A <i>TBD</i> <b>Dr. Paula Amato, MD (ASRM Speaker)</b>			
17:45pm – 18:15pm			<b><u>Debate</u></b> Champion Ballroom A <i>PGTP How Far Do We Go?</i> <b>Dr. Alex Lagunov, PhD (Con) Vs Dr. Gary Nakhuda, MD (Pro)</b>			
19:30pm – 00:00am			<b><u>President's Dinner - Dr. Prati A. Sharma</u></b> <i>Boots And Bollywood Night</i> The Big Four Roadhouse			

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

8:00am – 9:00am			Light Breakfast In Exhibit Hall Champion Ballroom BC			
8:00am – 8:30am	Registration Open 7:30am – 11:00am	Exhibit Hall Open 8:00am – 13:30pm	<b><u>AGM (Members Only)</u></b> Champion Ballroom A <b>Dr. Prati A. Sharma, CFAS President &amp; Emily McIntosh, CFAS Executive Director</b>			
8:30am – 10:00am			<b><u>John Collins Lecture</u></b> Champion Ballroom A  <i>The IVF Lab Is Changing. All at Once.</i> <b>Dr. Alejandro Chavez-Badiola, MD, PhD</b>  <i>Patients First: How Law Enables Better Fertility Care</i> <b>Michelle Flowerday, LL.B</b>  <i>TBD</i> <b>Dr. Shruthi Mahalingaiah, MD</b>			
10:00am – 10:30am			Poster Presentations 3rd Floor Foyer			

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10:30am – 11:00am		Health Break In <b>Exhibit Hall</b> <b>Champion Ballroom BC</b>
11:30am – 12:30pm		<b>Panel And Closing Ceremony</b> <b>Champion Ballroom A</b>  <b>Panel</b> <i>Optimizing ART: Clinical Pregnancy, Live Birth, and Perinatal Outcomes in Fresh and Frozen Embryo Transfers</i> <b>Dr. Nigel Pereira, MD And Dr. Noor Ladhani</b>  <b>Closing Ceremony</b> <b>Dr. Prati A. Sharma, CFAS President And Emily Mcintosh, CFAS Executive Director</b>
12:30pm – 13:30pm		Lunch In <b>Exhibit Hall</b> <b>Champion Ballroom BC</b>

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