CONFERENCE PROGRAM

26th Annual Scientific Meeting of
The Australasian College of Phlebology
24 - 27 April 2026
Park Hyatt, Melbourne, Australia

ACP2026
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24 - 27 APRIL 2026

WELCOME

24 APRIL

6:30PM TRILOGY PARK HYATT

Join us for a relaxing gathering to celebrate and reconnect with our wonderful phlebology community. Dress is smart casual.

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PROGRAM

	Friday 24 April	Saturday 25 April	Sunday 26 April	Monday 27 April
830 900 930	Basic Training Stream Advanced Training Stream	Lymphatic–Venous Pathophysiology Across the Lifespan and Thrombotic Risk	Periorbital and Facial Venous Interventions	Endovenous Therapies in Practice
1000	Morning Tea			
1030 1100 1130 1200	Basic Training Stream Advanced Training Stream		Morning Tea	
		Contemporary Approaches to Venous Thrombosis and Prevention	From Brain Drain to Pulmonary Embolism: The Expanding Clinical Spectrum of Venous–Lymphatic Disorders	Rethinking Venous Disease: Controversy, Integration and Future Directions
1230 1300	Lunch			
1330 1400	Basic Training Stream Advanced Training Stream	Lunch		ACP2026 Closing
1430		Artificial Intelligence in Phlebology: Clinical Integration, Ethical Challenges and Future Directions	Masterclasses	
1500	Afternoon Tea			
1530 1600 1630	Basic Training Stream Advanced Training Stream	Poster Session		
1700 1730				
1800			Pre-ceremony drinks	
1830	Welcome Reception		Conferring Ceremony and Gala Dinner	
Registration	0800-1600	0730-1430	0800-1430	0800-1130
Exhibition		1000-1430	1000-1430	1000-1130
Speaker Prep Room		0730-1430	0730-1130	0800-1130

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FRIDAY 24 APRIL

Foundations Day for Basic Phlebology Trainees (Room - Fairmont 1)

Orientation

830	Welcome & introduction to ACP curriculum and expectations	*Dr Lisa Marks*
840	Outline of modules and learning outcomes (anatomy, diagnosis, sclerotherapy, ethics)	*Dr Lisa Marks*
850	Pre-test quiz (10 MCQs to benchmark baseline knowledge For CPD points	*Dr Gilles Laur*

Principles & Foundations of Phlebology

900	Skin manifestations of chronic venous disease	*Dr Stuart McMaster*
920	Venous Anatomy 1: Lower Limbs	*Dr Lisa Marks*
940	Venous Physiology & Pathophysiology	*Dr Joseph Grace*
1000	Morning Tea	
1030	**Sclerotherapy Essentials (Live Demo & Discussion)** Demonstration: mock sclerotherapy with foam generator on training model Sclerosing agents: detergent sclerosants, mechanism of action Foam vs liquid Adverse effects and complications of sclerotherapy Safe injection principles demonstrated on models	*Dr Simon Thibault* *Supported by Getz Healthcare*
1130	**Hands-On Compression Application & Fitting** **Measuring & Fitting Compression Stockings** Accurate measurement technique (ankle, calf, thigh, length) Choosing compression class and material (flat vs circular knit) Troubleshooting fit issues (rolling, constriction, oedema shift) **Bandaging Techniques for Ulcers & Oedema** Step-by-step multilayer and short-stretch bandaging Indications for each type and when to transition to stockings **Adjunctive Compression Technologies** Demonstration of pneumatic pumps, wraps, and Velcro systems When to use intermittent vs continuous compression **Patient Education & Adherence** Tips for improving patient compliance Managing dermatitis, discomfort, and donning aids Counselling for elderly or mobility-limited patients	*Supported by Sigvaris Group*

FRIDAY 24 APRIL

1230	Lunch	
1330	**Imaging & Mapping Skills Workshop** Duplex Ultrasound Fundamentals Knobology Probe orientation and identifying GSV, SSV, and perforators Recognising reflux and abnormal flow Ordering and interpreting duplex vein maps	*Dr Peter Paraskevas* *Supported by Ultrana Medical*
1515	Afternoon Tea	
1530	**Ethics, Consent & Risk Assessment** Assessing risk of venous thromboembolism (VTE) Informed consent and medicolegal principles in venous procedures Ethical considerations: patient selection, cosmetic indications, documentation	*Dr Chris Lekich*
1600	**Formulating a Management Plan (Interactive Case Discussion)** Integration of anatomy, diagnosis, and patient factors Choosing modality: compression, foam, ablation, surgery	*Dr Andrew Stirling*
1645	**Review, Assessment & Feedback** Mini written test and feedback session Certification of participation	*Dr Gilles Laur*
1700	Finish	

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FRIDAY 24 APRIL

Advanced Phlebology Trainee Workshop (Room - Fairmont 2)

Orientation

830	Welcome & introduction to ACP curriculum and expectations	*Dr Simon Thibault*
840	Outline of modules and learning outcomes (anatomy, diagnosis, sclerotherapy, ethics)	*Dr Simon Thibault*
850	Pre-test quiz (10 MCQs to benchmark baseline knowledge for CPD points	*Dr Gilles Laur*

Hands-On Venous Mastery

900	**Endovenous Ablation Suite (Thermal & Non-Thermal)** Ultrasound-guided cannulation & fibre placement on phantom limbs Energy calibration for EVLA & RFA; power density, pull-back control Non-thermal systems (cyanoacrylate / n-BCA / mechanochemical / foam) Managing immediate complications (spasm, extravasation, glue reactions)	*Dr Peter Paraskevas* *Supported by FujiFilm Sonosite, Getz Healthcare and Medisol*
1000	Morning Tea	
1030	**Advanced Sclerotherapy & Ambulatory Phlebectomy** Foam generation techniques, catheter-directed sclerosant delivery Complication drills: intra-arterial injection management, pigmentation and matting Tumescent anaesthesia and sclerotherapy Mini-stab phlebectomy & CHIVA mapping discussion (oral presentation)	*Dr Andrew Stirling* *Supported by Getz Healthcare and FujiFilm Sonosite*
1145	**Vascular laser** Laser–Tissue Fundamentals: Understand principles of selective photothermolysis, wavelength absorption by hemoglobin, and depth of penetration for common vascular lasers (KTP, PDL, Nd:YAG). Device Setup & Safety: Review parameter settings (fluence, pulse duration, spot size), cooling techniques, and essential laser safety measures for both patient and operator. Treatment Technique: Perform hands-on practice for spider veins, telangiectasia, and facial vascular lesions, focusing on endpoint recognition and even energy delivery. Clinical Case Simulation: Adjust treatment parameters for different vessel sizes and skin types (Fitzpatrick I–VI); discuss common pitfalls such as purpura, matting, or pigment change. Post-Treatment Care & Complication Management: Learn appropriate aftercare instructions, compression guidance, and strategies to prevent and manage adverse events.	*Dr Darren Ng* *Supported by Cutera*

FRIDAY 24 APRIL

1230	Lunch	

Advanced Ultrasound Workshop

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1330	**DVT scan**	*Ms Rylee White*
1515	Afternoon Tea	
1530	**Chronic Venous insufficiency scan**	*Ms Rylee White*
1645	**Review, Assessment & Feedback**	*Dr Gilles laur*
	Summary of key learning points	
	Discussion of advanced certification pathways	
	Post-course evaluation & CME credit confirmation	
1700	Finish	
1830	**Welcome Reception**	

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SATURDAY 25 APRIL

Lymphatic–Venous Pathophysiology Across the Lifespan and Thrombotic Risk		
Chairperson	Prof. Neil Piller	
Moderator	Dr Lisa Marks	
830	Welcome to ACP2026 and ANZAC Tribute	*Dr Stephen Benson*
840	Lymphatic and venous malformations – natural history and complications	*Prof. Vaughan Keeley*
900	Can CEAP be applied in the real world?	*Ms Monika Samolyk*
920	Resting, Sitting, Standing or Physical Activity – the good & the bad	*Prof. Andre van Rij*
940	Thrombophilia & Intrauterine Fetal Death	*Dr Lisa Marks*
1000	Panel discussion	
1030	Morning Tea	

Contemporary Approaches to Venous Thrombosis and Prevention		
Chairperson	Prof. Kurosh Parsi	
Moderator	Dr Stuart McMaster	
1130	Ultrasound Differences Between Deep Venous Thrombosis (DVT) and Deep Venous Sclerosis (DVS)	*Dr Kathryn Malherbe*
1150	Lower-Limb Paraesthesia Following Endovenous Thermal Ablation: Incidence and Risk Factors	*Dr Preshy Varghese*
1210	Fibrinolysis and plasminogen activation: beyond clot removal	*Prof. Robert Medcalf*
1230	Thromboprophylaxis in Individuals undergoing superficial endovenous treatment (THRIVE) a multi-centre assessor-blind randomised-controlled trial	*Prof. Daniel Carradice*
1250	The Evolving Landscape of Venous Disease Management	*Prof. Daniel Carradice*
1310	Panel discussion	
1330	Lunch	

Artificial Intelligence in Phlebology: Clinical Integration, Ethical Challenges and Future Directions		
Chairperson	Dr Stephen Benson	
Moderator	Dr Zach Kidman	
1430	AI: Foe or Friend? Understanding Artificial Intelligence and the Challenges of the Future	*Dr Gilles Laur*
1450	Imaging the Invisible: Ultrasound & AI	*Dr Kathryn Malherbe*
1510	AI in the Clinic: What's Real, What's Hype, and What's Next	*Mr Joel Freiberg*
1530	How AI is shaping the future direction of medical practice	*Mr Marko Novakov*
1550	AI in Healthcare: Obligations and Risks, and Implications for Doctors and Medical Businesses	*Mr Marko Novakov*
1610	Panel discussion	

SATURDAY 25 APRIL

Poster Session - Emerging Evidence and Clinical Insights in Phlebology and Lymphatic Medicine		
Host	Dr Stuart McMaster	
Judge	Dr Andrew Stirling	
1630	Comparative Outcomes of Radial-Emitting and Bare-Tip Laser Fibres in Endovenous Laser Ablation: Evidence Review and Clinical Implications	*Dr Preshy Varghese*
1650	Shining a Light on Power Variations in the 1470 nm Endovenous Laser System	*Dr Sophie Camens*
1700	Patient Perspectives on Distraction Methods to Improve Comfort During Radiofrequency Ablation of Varicose Veins: A Retrospective Survey	*Dr Shaun Butler*
1710	The Effects of Lymph Taping on Functional, Physiological and Clinical Parameters Across Various Conditions: A Systematic Review	*Ms Yian Qi*
1720	Incidence and Ultrasound classification of Endothermal Heat Induced Thrombosis (EHIT) post Radiofrequency Ablation (RFA) of varicose veins at a tertiary Australian centre within the past 5 years	*Dr Shalin Parikh*
1730	Bridging Phlebology and Oncology: Venous Intervention Before Radiotherapy	*Dr Carlos Tahuil Ochoa*
1730	Finish	

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SUNDAY 26 APRIL

Periorbital and Facial Venous Interventions		
Chairperson	Dr Adrian Lim	
Moderator	Prof. Kurosh Parsi	
830	Facial Venous & Arterial Anatomy - Surface Landmarks and Ultrasound Anatomy	*Dr Stefania Roberts*
850	Botox-Assisted Decompression of Supratrochlear and Supraorbital Veins	*Dr Stefania Roberts*
910	Periorbital Vein: Advances in Ultrasound and AI interpretation	*Dr Kathryn Malherbe*
930	Vascular Lasers in Phlebology: Applying Venous Principles to the Treatment of Facial Cutaneous Vascular Lesions	*Dr Darren Ng*
950	Retrospective analysis of peri-orbital vein sclerotherapy	*Dr Ali Al-lami*
1010	Panel discussion	
1030	Morning Tea	

From Brain Drain to Pulmonary Embolism: The Expanding Clinical Spectrum of Venous–Lymphatic Disorders		
Chairperson	Dr Joseph Grace	
Moderator	Dr Simon Thibault	
1130	Brain Drains- The role and importance of the lymphatic system – Can we impact POTS?	*Prof. Neil Piller*
1150	Clinical Relevance of Patent Foramen Ovale (PFO) in the Context of Fat, Thrombus and Air Embolism Risk During Venous Procedures and Lipoedema Extraction Surgery	*Dr Chris Lekich*
1210	Is there a role for CDT in the treatment of Intermediate-risk PEs?	*Dr Jacob Gordon*
1230	Beyond Venous Insufficiency: The Overlap Between Venous and Lymphatic Pathology in the Lower Extremity	*Ms Monika Samolyk*
1250	What is the true prevalence of lymphoedema? Investigating the relationship between diabetes and arthritis with lymphoedema	*Ms Teodora Robbins*
1310	Panel discussion	
1330	Lunch	

Masterclasses (concurrent sessions)		
1430	**Advanced Cerebrovascular and Venous Ultrasound Applications in Clinical Practice**	*Dr Chris Lekich*
	Supported by Getz Healthcare	
1430	Using Handheld Ultrasound to Improve Venous Consultation Skills (Getz)	
1500	Transcranial Doppler for PFO: Technique, Protocols & Pitfalls (Dr Chris Lekich)	
1530	Finish	

SUNDAY 26 APRIL

1430	**Advanced Venous Ultrasound Imaging on Abdominal Venous Axis**	*Ms Rylee White*
	Supported by FujiFilm Sonosite	
1430	Pelvic Vein Imaging Ultrasound Masterclass	
1530	Advanced Renal Vein-Portal vein-IVC-splenic vein Ultrasound Masterclass	
1630	Finish	

1430	**Facial Vascular Ultrasound: Anatomy, Risk Recognition and Interventional Safety**	*Dr Sefania Roberts*
	Supported by GE Healthcare	*Dr Kathryn Malherbe*
1430	Facial and Vascular Anatomy on Ultrasound	
1530	Management of Intravascular Occlusion on the Face	
1630	Finish	

1800

Ceremony and Gala Dinner

2300

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The Golden Age of Hollywood

Step back in time and experience the glamour, elegance, and timeless allure of The Golden Age of Hollywood at our Gala Dinner. Join us for an unforgettable evening where shimmering gowns, classic tuxedos, and vintage sophistication set the stage for a night of celebration. Guests will be transported to an era of iconic stars, dazzling lights, and cinematic magic—complete with exquisite dining, sparkling entertainment, and a touch of old-Hollywood charm. Get ready to walk the red carpet and revel in a night where everyone is a star.

Dress: Vintage Formal or Old Hollywood Celebrity

26 April

6PM

GALA DINNER

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MONDAY 27 APRIL

Endovenous Therapies in Practice		
Chairperson	Prof. Andre van Rij	
Moderator	Dr Chris Lekich	
830	Foam Sclerotherapy: The Main Driver of Intramuscular Venous Thrombosis (IMVT) in Multimodality Outpatient Phlebology	*Dr Luke Matar*
850	Long-term effectiveness of symptom control comparing radiofrequency ablation vs glue ablation for superficial lower limb venous incompetence	*Dr Mike Wu*
910	Regional outcomes of cyanoacrylate medical adhesive in the treatment of superficial venous insufficiency	*Dr Jacob Gordon*
930	Preliminary Registry Outcomes of Computer-Assisted Vacuum Thrombectomy for Proximal DVT	*Dr Alan Rossman*
950	Why so much LA!!	*Dr Stephen Benson*
1000	Panel discussion	
1030	Morning Tea	

Rethinking Venous Disease: Controversy, Integration and Future Directions		
Chairperson	Prof. Kurosh Parsi	
Moderator	Dr Anuya Deshpande	
1130	How to treat venous disease? Controversy & conflict	*Prof. Daniel Carradice*
1150	Developing a novel algorithm for the diagnosis of post-thrombotic syndrome	*Mr Omer Taha*
1210	Vascular Insights in Lipoedema Management: A Phlebology-Guided Surgical Protocol	*Dr Chris Lekich*
1230	New treatment of varicose veins through muscle regeneration of lower limb muscles without removing varicose veins	*Dr Ki JiLee*
1250	Patient-led research: Future priorities	*Prof. Daniel Carradice*
1310	Panel discussion	
1330	A word from the President and Closing	*Dr Stephen Benson*
1340	Finish	

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