



AGENDA
MLPAO 2025 Annual Conference
June 13, 2025 | Leadership Summit

TIME	SESSION
7:00 – 8:30 a.m.	Registration
7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast, Networking and Book Signing
8:30 – 8:45 a.m.	Welcome – Michelle Hoad
8:45 – 9:30 a.m.	Session: Jean-François Ménard – Train (Your Brain) Like an Olympian Sponsored by Roche Diagnostics
9:30 – 9:45 a.m.	Break/Book Signing
9:45 – 10:15 a.m.	Session: Patrick Nelson & Michelle Hoad - An Update on Advocacy and Politics in Ontario
10:15 – 10:45 a.m.	Session: Dr. Harriet Feilotter – Introduction to Ontario Laboratory Medicine Program
10:45 – 11:00 a.m.	Energy Break
11:00 – 11:45 p.m.	Session: Stephanie Whitehead & Dr. Melody Boudreaux Nelson - What if Sustainable Change Starts in the Lab? <i>Reimagining Laboratory Value Through the LABCARES Framework</i>
11:45 – 12:30 p.m.	Session: Rosetta Belcastro, Christine Bruce, and John Tzountzouris – Micro-credential Panel Discussion
12:30 – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 – 1:30 p.m.	Session: Check-in with Michelle Hoad
1:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Session: Kat Clewley – Building Resilience Sponsored by Roche Diagnostics
4:00 – 4:15 p.m.	Session: Michelle Hoad - Closing Remarks
4:15 – 6:00 p.m.	Free Time
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Social Event – 80s Theme on the Island Queen - Sponsored by belairdirect Insurance



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MLPAO 2025 Annual Conference June 14, 2025 | Conference Day

TIME	SESSION
7:00 – 8:30 a.m.	Registration
7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast with Vendors
8:30 – 9:15 a.m.	Welcome, Opening Remarks, and Awards Ceremony
9:15 – 10:00 a.m.	Session: Dr. Gino Somers – Wellbeing and Burnout in Laboratory Medicine: Learning to Surf
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Energy Break with Vendors
10:30 – 11:15 a.m.	Session: Dr. Matthew Cecchini - Lab 2.0: Unlocking Potential – How AI and Digital Pathology Can Empower Medical Laboratory Professionals
11:15 – 12:00 p.m.	Session: Annual General Meeting
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch with Vendors
1:00 – 1:30 p.m.	Session: Dr. Basem Gohar and Carol Ibrahim - Envisioning Change: A Solution-Focused Approach Towards the Retention of Hospital-based Medical Laboratory Technologists in Ontario
1:30 – 2:00 p.m.	Session: Dr. Michael Knauer - Exploring New Horizons in Point-of-Care Testing: Enhancing Accessibility, Clinical Impact and Reliability
2:00 – 2:30 p.m.	Session: Dr. Shawn Clark – What’s Old is New Again: Advancements in Laboratory Testing for Emerging and Re-emerging Pathogens
2:30 – 3:00 p.m.	Energy Break with Vendors
3:00 – 3:45 p.m.	Session: Dr. Kris Cunningham – Frontiers in Forensic Pathology
3:45 – 4:00 p.m.	Session: Michelle Hoad - Wrap Up and Closing Remarks



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