

ADVOCACY UPDATE

Greening the OR: CAS Position Statement on Reducing Harmful Emissions, Waste and Costs

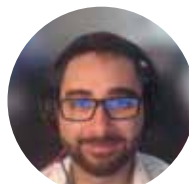
In support of the CAS Environmental Sustainability Section's advocacy efforts and the [CAS Guidelines to the Practice of Anesthesia](#), the Public Affairs Committee drafted a Position Statement outlining specific recommendations to promote sustainable anesthesia practice. The statement, and background paper, which outlines the evidence for these recommendations, was approved by the Board of Directors at the November Board meeting. The [Canadian Pediatric Anesthesia Society](#) has also fully endorsed these recommendations. The statement moves beyond what anesthesiologists and anesthesia departments can do, highlighting strategies that should be implemented by other stakeholders including healthcare facilities, procurement agencies, governments and standards organizations, to reduce the environmental footprint of anesthesia care. CAS will be using these documents in its 2025 advocacy efforts, in accordance with our recently developed strategic plan. Both documents can be accessed using the links below:

[POSITION STATEMENT](#)

[BACKGROUND PAPER](#)

Recent Policy Meetings

To ensure CAS members' voices are heard ahead of the Ontario election expected in the coming months, CAS Board members and staff met with MPP France Gélinas, NDP Health Critic, and MPP Dr Adil Shamji, Liberal Health Critic. The discussions focused on HHR issues and CAS-proposed solutions, including increased residency training positions, support for the Anesthesia Care Team model, and increased funding for Anesthesia Assistants. Additional solutions included streamlining the assessment and licensing of foreign-trained physician anesthesia providers and recognizing healthcare worker licensure and credentialing across hospitals, regions, and provinces to enable more agile workforce movement.



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Moving Forward in 2025

CAS will focus our efforts at the federal level to actively find opportunities and respond to issues that are important to our members which will include environmental consultations, perioperative care policy discussions, HCP recruitment, and macro-level health policy discussions. At the provincial level, we will focus on making in-roads with newly formed governments in New Brunswick and Saskatchewan and continue to deepen our relationship with the BC, Alberta and Nova Scotia governments on health policy impacting perioperative care.

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