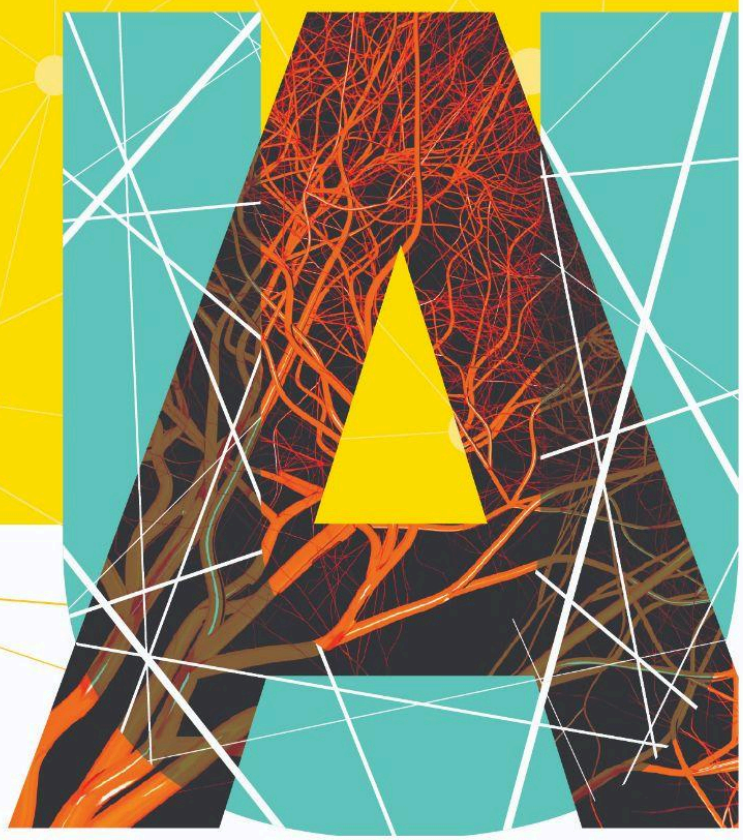
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- *Local Anesthetics Certification FAQ*



Local Anesthetics

Become certified to provide safe and effective pain management for your patients using local anesthetics.

Frequently Asked Questions

I don't see my course in my eclass, what do I do?

Refer to **step 3** in the eclass external instruction email for the course link (we do not use the same instance of eClass used by regular UofA courses). If you are still having challenges, reach out to dentce@ualberta.ca for support.

When do I receive my text book? Will you be sending my course materials in the mail?

You must purchase your own textbook as outlined in the initial registration email.

Handbook of Local Anaesthesia, 7th Ed. by Dr. Stanley F. Malamed, available from the University of Alberta Bookstore (780-492-4215), or online from Chapters/Indigo, or Amazon.

All course study materials, other than the Malamed textbook, are on eclass external.

Is the date I registered for when the course starts, or when I write the exam?

The date registered for is the exam date. We strongly recommend a minimum of 3 months to study all the materials.

When are exams held?

Theory exams through the UofA are typically held on the first Wednesday of each month.

When is the supplemental exam?

Supplemental exams through the UofA are typically administered on the first Wednesday of each month. We recommend a minimum of 1 month in between exams. Click here to register for a supplemental exam.

Can I push my exam date to a later date?

Yes, you can click here to reschedule your exam. Note, there is a $100 exam extension fee to change exam dates. Extensions remain valid for up to 3 months and must be paid prior to exam date.

I changed my mind and no longer want to do this course. Can I get a refund?

If you have accessed the eclass external course, then absolutely NO refunds are permitted, as per the one of the first sentences on the eclass external instruction email which they receive upon registration.

Do I need current CPR for the theory exam?

Yes.

Can I write my exam at a test center?

Yes, CDE accepts: Universities, colleges, public libraries as acceptable testing centers.

We require the following information a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the exam date:

- Name of Institution
- Name and Email address of proctor (ensure accuracy)
- Date and time of exam (can be within 1 week of the UofA date they initially registered for).

I'm a nurse registered with CARNA, can I take the LA theory course?

Yes, as long as your regulatory body approves you taking this course. We've had several RN's in recent months sign up for this course (usually coming from the OMFS office).

I failed my supplemental exam. When can I take it again?

You will have to register for the entire theory course again (full price) after a waiting period of 6 months.

I can't access modules 2 and 3 in my course on eclass, can you open them up for me?

Modules will open automatically once you pass the quizzes/tests in each module. You have to complete them in order. .

What happens if I register for both the theory and clinical modules ahead of time but fail the theory exam?

You will be automatically bumped to the next available LA clinic, as it is first come first serve to those who pass the exam. This is why we recommend that you must pass the LA theory exam PRIOR to registering for the LA clinic.

If I fail my theory exam, can I get a refund on my LA clinic fees?

Yes, until you pass you are on a waitlist and can request a refund at any time.

Note, if you pass and register for a clinic cohort (i.e. no longer on the waitlist) then decide to request a refund, you will be charged a $500 cancellation fee.

Can I sign up for the LA clinic at the same time as the LA theory exam?

You must pass the LA theory exam first before being accepted into the LA Clinic. If you do sign up your fees will be held and a spot may be held for you tentatively – BUT LA clinic is FIRST COME FIRST SERVE. Once the clinic is full with people who have successfully passed the LA theory exam, you will be automatically bumped to the next clinic, regardless if you paid first.

Do I need to bring my own instruments to the LA Clinic?

No. Instruments are provided, and some materials, such as needles and anesthetic are donated by Septodont. You will need to bring your own scrubs, indoor shoes, safety glasses, and face shield.

I'm pregnant, can I still come to the LA Clinic?

Yes, you can still come but **you must arrange to bring your own proxy patient to receive LA on your behalf**.

I have contraindications to receiving Local Anesthetic, can I still come to the LA clinic?

Yes, you can still come but **you must arrange to bring your own proxy patient to receive LA on your behalf**.