

29th Wits Biennial Surgical Symposium | 30 June - 1 July 2025



CRAFTING THE GENERAL SURGEON FOR THE MILLENNIUM

DRAFT PROGRAMME AS AT | 20 November 2024

WORKSHOP - Saturday, 28 June 2025

08:00 - 17:00	WORKSHOP - Hernia Workshop Further details to be confirmed in due course
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WORKSHOPS | MEETINGS - Sunday, 29 June 2025

09:00 - 15:30	WORKSHOP - Scientific Writing Course VENUE: Wits Medical School, Department of Surgery
Details TBC	ASSA EXCO Meeting VENUE: Further details to be confirmed

DAY 1 | Monday, 30 June 2025 | **VENUE:** Wanderers Club, Ballroom (Ground Floor)

08:00 - 08:15	29th Wits Biennial Surgical Symposium 2023 - Welcome and Opening by Prof M. Moeng, University of the Witwatersrand
PLENARY SESSION 1 TOPIC: Gastrointestinal - HPB, upper GI, paeds SESSION CHAIRPERSONS: Prof J. Ramos and Dr J. Devar	
08:15 - 08:30	The evolving changes to the management of pancreatic neuroendocrine tumours Dr T. Marumo
08:30 - 08:45	Management strategies in dealing with colorectal liver metastases Dr U. Khan
08:45 - 09:00	Approaches to choledocholithiasis in the setting of altered biliary anatomy Dr Z. Ally
09:00 - 09:15	Update on the management of Barrett's oesophagus Dr N. Lahoud
09:15 - 09:30	Update on management of TOFs Prof A. Grieve
09:45 - 10:00	Q&A
10:00 - 10:30	TEA ► COFFEE BREAK VENUE: Gala Room (1st Floor)
PLENARY SESSION 2 TOPIC: Miller Professor Presentation Introduction by Prof M. Moeng	
10:30 - 11:15	Perfecting balancing clinical excellence with research output Prof S. Wren
PLENARY SESSION 3 TOPIC: Trauma SESSION CHAIRPERSONS: Prof K.D Boffard and Dr J. Goosen	
11:15 - 11:30	Creating high-impact trauma systems to improve outcomes Prof T. Razek
11:30 - 11:45	Specialised approaches and considerations in paediatric trauma surgery Dr R. Jacks
11:45 - 12:00	Resuscitation redefined: the future of blood products-based resuscitation, and the role of TEG Dr D. Wineberg
12:00 - 12:15	Trauma and pregnancy - on-going challengers Dr N. Laher
12:15 - 12:30	Surgical approach to massive burns Prof A. Muganza
12:30 - 12:45	Q&A
12:45 - 13:45	ASSA AGM VENUE: Wanderers Club, Ballroom (Ground Floor)
12:45 - 14:00	LUNCH BREAK VENUE: Gala Room (1st Floor)
PLENARY SESSION 4 TOPIC: Vascular SESSION CHAIRPERSONS: Prof J. Pillai and Dr T. Abdool-Carrim	
14:00 - 14:15	Carotid artery stenosis Dr P. Mistry
14:15 - 14:30	Deep venous disease Dr T. Rangaka
14:30 - 14:45	Surgical oncology and vascular surgeon Dr I. Grant
14:45 - 15:00	Acute mesenteric ischaemia Dr A. Arain
15:00 - 15:15	Evolving role of endovascular techniques in peripheral disease Dr Z. Khan
15:15 - 15:30	Q&A
15:30 - 16:00	TEA ► COFFEE BREAK VENUE: Gala Room (1st Floor)
PLENARY SESSION 5 TOPIC: Breast SESSION CHAIRPERSONS: Dr I. Buccimazza and Dr N. Murugan	
16:00 - 16:15	The role of MDTs in the management of breast cancer - the surgeon's role Prof J. Edge
16:15 - 16:30	Oncoplasty for the general surgeon: integrating aesthetic techniques into breast cancer surgery Prof C. Benn
16:30 - 16:45	The DCIS paradox: why less may be more in breast surgery Dr P. Ndwambi
16:45 - 17:00	Innovations in Breast Surgery: a look at emerging technologies and techniques Dr S. Nietz
17:00 - 17:15	Benign but bewildering: surgical strategies for challenging benign breast disease Prof H. Cubasch
17:15 - 17:30	Q&A
17:30 - 17:45	Invited Speaker Dr I. Sooliman, Gift of the Givers
18:00	Welcome Cocktail Party VENUE: Gala Room (1st Floor)

DAY 2 | Tuesday, 1 July 2025 | **VENUE:** Wanderers Club, Ballroom (Ground Floor)

PLENARY SESSION 6 TOPIC: Ethics SESSION CHAIRPERSON: Prof P. Goldberg	
08:00 - 08:30	Keeping global research ethical and equitable Prof T. Razek
08:30 - 08:45	Commentary
PLENARY SESSION 7 TOPIC: ACS SESSION CHAIRPERSONS: Prof M. Smith and Dr C. Molewa	
08:45 - 09:00	NSTI: who should treat them Dr A. Pothas
09:00 - 09:15	The giant perforated ulcer. What should I do? Prof D. Montwedi
09:15 - 09:30	Pushing the boundaries: how far can we go with MIS in emergency general surgery Prof Z. Koto
09:30 - 09:45	Put your foot down: the true cost of an amputation Dr H. Gopee
09:45 - 10:00	Palliative vs. futility care: Can we be kinder? Dr B. Hart
10:00 - 10:15	Q&A
10:15 - 10:45	TEA ► COFFEE BREAK VENUE: Gala Room (1st Floor)
PLENARY SESSION 8 TOPIC: Peri-op SESSION CHAIRPERSONS: Dr P. Motshabi and Dr T. Monareng	
10:45 - 11:00	Biomarkers in risk stratification Dr I. Cassimjee
11:00 - 11:15	Peri-operative anticoagulation Dr D. Le Roux
11:15 - 11:30	Perioperative optimization and updates of a Transplant Recipient Prof J. Loveland
11:30 - 11:45	Q&A

PLENARY SESSION 9 | TOPIC: Endocrine and soft tissue tumours | SESSION CHAIRPERSONS: Prof L. Cairncross and Prof T. Luvhengo

11:45 - 12:00	Management strategy of large, long standing multinodular goiter Prof I. Bombil
12:00 - 12:15	Management of medullary and anaplastic thyroid carcinoma in low middle income setting Dr N. Sishuba
12:15 - 12:30	The pros and cons of focused parathyroidectomy in under resourced environment Dr K. Bulabula
12:30 - 12:45	Artificial intelligence and decision making in endocrine surgery Dr C. Sanders
12:45 - 13:00	Soft tissue malignant tumours: where are we? Dr E. Miller
13:00 - 13:15	Q&A
13:15 - 14:00	LUNCH BREAK VENUE: Gala Room (1st Floor)

PLENARY SESSION 10 | TOPIC: Trauma | SESSION CHAIRPERSONS: Prof F. Plani and Dr T. Hardcastle

14:00 - 14:15	Addressing the unique challenges in Geriatric Trauma care Dr S. Wren
14:15 - 14:30	Advancements in Traumatic brain injury management Dr R. Pretorius
14:30 - 14:45	The open abdomen and the surgeon: can we do better Dr S. Makhadi
14:45 - 15:00	Managing complex liver trauma Dr E. Laney
15:00 - 15:15	The role of the orthopaedic surgeon in major pelvic trauma Dr T. Mazibuko
15:15 - 15:30	Q&A
15:30 - 15:45	TEA ► COFFEE BREAK VENUE: Gala Room (1st Floor)

PLENARY SESSION 11 | TOPIC: Gastrointestinal surgery - colorectal, paed, endoscopy | SESSION CHAIRPERSONS: Dr B. Bebington and Dr L. Prodehl

15:45 - 16:00	The use of AI to improve endoscopic KPIs Dr D. Magoko
16:00 - 16:15	Approach to ano-rectal malformations Dr E. Mapunda
16:15 - 16:30	A rational approach to fistula in ano Dr N. Macrobets
16:30 - 16:45	How to make and care for the perfect stoma Dr J. Pattinson
16:45 - 17:00	Current management of diverticular disease Dr N. Nkosi
17:00 - 17:15	Q&A
17:15 - 17:20	2025 CONGRESS CLOSURE