

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



CRAFTING THE GENERAL SURGEON FOR THE MILLENNIUM

PROGRAMME AS AT | 08 June 2025

WORKSHOP - Saturday, 28 June 2025

08:00 - 17:00 **WORKSHOP** - Hernia Workshop | **VENUE:** Edenvale Hospital

WORKSHOPS | MEETINGS - Sunday, 29 June 2025

09:00 - 15:30 **WORKSHOP** - Writing in Surgery | **VENUE:** Wits Medical School, Department of Surgery

ASSA EXCO Meeting | Dinner

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

08:00 - 08:15 **29th Wits Biennial Surgical Symposium 2025 - 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 Prof 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

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 challenges** | Dr N. Laher

12:15 - 12:30 **Surgical approach to massive burns** | Prof A. Muganza

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 Prof 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 M. Z. Khan

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

Q&A

17:30 - 18:00 **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 M. Molewa

08:45 - 09:00 **NSTI: who should treat them** | Dr C. 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

Q&A

10:00 - 10:15 **TEA ► COFFEE BREAK | VENUE:** Gala Room (1st Floor)

PLENARY SESSION 8 | TOPIC: Peri-op | **SESSION CHAIRPERSONS:** Prof 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** | Dr S. Rambarran

Q&A

PLENARY SESSION 9 TOPIC: Endocrine and soft tissue tumours SESSION CHAIRPERSONS: Prof T. Luvhengo and Prof I. Bombil	
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	Q&A
13:00 - 13:45	LUNCH BREAK VENUE: Gala Room (1st Floor)
PLENARY SESSION 10 TOPIC: Trauma SESSION CHAIRPERSONS: Prof F. Plani and Prof T. Hardcastle	
13:45 - 14:00	Addressing the unique challenges in Geriatric Trauma care Dr S. Wren
14:00 - 14:15	Advancements in Traumatic brain injury management Dr R. Pretorius
14:15 - 14:30	The open abdomen and the surgeon: can we do better Dr S. Makhadi
14:30 - 14:45	Managing complex liver trauma Dr E. Laney
14:45 - 15:00	The role of the orthopaedic surgeon in major pelvic trauma Dr T. Mazibuko
15:00 - 15:15	Q&A
15:15 - 15:30	TEA ► COFFEE BREAK VENUE: Gala Room (1st Floor)
PLENARY SESSION 11 TOPIC: Gastrointestinal surgery - colorectal, paeds, endoscopy SESSION CHAIRPERSONS: Dr B. Bebington and Dr L. Prodehl	
15:30 - 15:45	The use of AI to improve endoscopic KPIs Dr D. Mokgoko
15:45 - 16:00	Approach to ano-rectal malformations Dr E. Mapunda
16:00 - 16:15	A rational approach to fistula in ano Dr N. Macrobert
16:15 - 16:30	How to make and care for the perfect stoma Dr J. Pattinson
16:30 - 16:45	Current management of diverticular disease Dr N. Nkosi
16:45 - 17:00	Q&A
17:00 - 17:15	2025 CONGRESS CLOSURE