

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



CRAFTING THE GENERAL SURGEON FOR THE MILLENNIUM

DRAFT PROGRAMME AS AT | 11 March 2025

## WORKSHOP - Saturday, 28 June 2025

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

09:00 - 15:30	<b>WORKSHOP</b> - Writing in Surgery   <b>VENUE:</b> Wits Medical School, Department of Surgery
	<b>ASSA EXCO Meeting</b>   Dinner

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

08:00 - 08:15	<b>29th Wits Biennial Surgical Symposium 2025 - Welcome and Opening</b> by Prof M. Moeng, University of the Witwatersrand
	<b>PLENARY SESSION 1   TOPIC:</b> Gastrointestinal - HPB, upper GI, paeds   <b>SESSION CHAIRPERSONS:</b> Prof J. Ramos and Prof J. Devar
08:15 - 08:30	<b>The evolving changes to the management of pancreatic neuroendocrine tumours</b>   Dr T. Marumo
08:30 - 08:45	<b>Management strategies in dealing with colorectal liver metastases</b>   Dr U. Khan
08:45 - 09:00	<b>Approaches to choledocholithiasis in the setting of altered biliary anatomy</b>   Dr Z. Ally
09:00 - 09:15	<b>Update on the management of Barrett's oesophagus</b>   Dr N. Lahoud
09:15 - 09:30	<b>Update on management of TOFs</b>   Prof A. Grieve
09:45 - 10:00	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
10:00 - 10:30	<b>TEA ► COFFEE BREAK   VENUE:</b> Gala Room (1st Floor)
	<b>PLENARY SESSION 2   TOPIC:</b> Miller Professor Presentation   Introduction by Prof M. Moeng
10:30 - 11:15	<b>Perfecting balancing clinical excellence with research output</b>   Prof S. Wren
	<b>PLENARY SESSION 3   TOPIC:</b> Trauma   <b>SESSION CHAIRPERSONS:</b> Prof K.D Boffard and Dr J. Goosen
11:15 - 11:30	<b>Creating high-impact trauma systems to improve outcomes</b>   Prof T. Razek
11:30 - 11:45	<b>Specialised approaches and considerations in paediatric trauma surgery</b>   Dr R. Jacks
11:45 - 12:00	<b>Resuscitation redefined: the future of blood products-based resuscitation, and the role of TEG</b>   Dr D. Wineberg
12:00 - 12:15	<b>Trauma and pregnancy - on-going challenges</b>   Dr N. Laher
12:15 - 12:30	<b>Surgical approach to massive burns</b>   Prof A. Muganza
12:30 - 12:45	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
12:45 - 13:45	<b>ASSA AGM   VENUE:</b> Wanderers Club, Ballroom (Ground Floor)
12:45 - 14:00	<b>LUNCH BREAK   VENUE:</b> Gala Room (1st Floor)
	<b>PLENARY SESSION 4   TOPIC:</b> Vascular   <b>SESSION CHAIRPERSONS:</b> Prof J. Pillai and Dr T. Abdool-Carrim
14:00 - 14:15	<b>Carotid artery stenosis</b>   Dr P. Mistry
14:15 - 14:30	<b>Deep venous disease</b>   Dr T. Rangaka
14:30 - 14:45	<b>Surgical oncology and vascular surgeon</b>   Dr I. Grant
14:45 - 15:00	<b>Acute mesenteric ischaemia</b>   Dr A. Arain
15:00 - 15:15	<b>Evolving role of endovascular techniques in peripheral disease</b>   Dr Z. Khan
15:15 - 15:30	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
15:30 - 16:00	<b>TEA ► COFFEE BREAK   VENUE:</b> Gala Room (1st Floor)
	<b>PLENARY SESSION 5   TOPIC:</b> Breast   <b>SESSION CHAIRPERSONS:</b> Dr I. Buccimazza and Dr N. Murugan
16:00 - 16:15	<b>The role of MDTs in the management of breast cancer - the surgeon's role</b>   Prof J. Edge
16:15 - 16:30	<b>Oncoplasty for the general surgeon: integrating aesthetic techniques into breast cancer surgery</b>   Prof C. Benn
16:30 - 16:45	<b>The DCIS paradox: why less may be more in breast surgery</b>   Dr P. Ndwambi
16:45 - 17:00	<b>Innovations in Breast Surgery: a look at emerging technologies and techniques</b>   Dr S. Nietz
17:00 - 17:15	<b>Benign but bewildering: surgical strategies for challenging benign breast disease</b>   Prof H. Cubasch
17:15 - 17:30	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
17:30 - 18:00	<b>Invited Speaker</b>   Dr I. Sooliman, Gift of the Givers
18:00	<b>Welcome Cocktail Party   VENUE:</b> Gala Room (1st Floor)

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

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

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	Soft tissue malignant tumours: where are we?   <i>Details to be confirmed</i>
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 Prof 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. Mokgoko
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. Macroberts
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