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WEDNESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2026: PRE-CONGRESS COURSE

PRE-CONGRESS COURSE	**VENUE: RM 1.40** **THEME: SSA to GastroHepatology Foundation of SSA**
10:00 - 18:00	SSA to GastroHepatology Foundation of SSA Postgraduate Course

THURSDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2026 - DAY 1

SESSION 1	**VENUE: Audi 1** **THEME: Opening ceremony** **MODERATORS: Ernst Fredericks and Nonthalee Pausawasdi**						
08:30 - 09:35	Opening ceremony and top 3 WEO abstract awards						
09:05 - 09:15	Glaciomar Machada Distinguished Abstract Award Predictive accuracy of artificial intelligence-assisted upper gastrointestinal endoscopy in detecting early gastric neoplasia **Yuzhi Liu**						
09:15 - 09:25	Hirohumi Niwa Distinguished Abstract Award Development of an endoscopy-compatible nanofiber deposition platform for prevention of post-ESD stricture **Miguel Mascarenhas-Saraiva**						
09:25 - 09:35	Anthony Axon Distinguished Abstract Award Real-life clinical validation of AI-assisted evaluation of indeterminate biliary strictures in digital-single operator cholangioscopy: a transcontinental multicentric study **Aashal Bhavesh Shah**						
09:35 - 09:55	Solly Marks Eponymous Lecture (SAGES). Scalpel and scope: Competition, mix or transition? **Lars Aabakken**						
09:55 - 10:15	Charles Saint Eponymous Lecture (ASSA). Looking Outwards, Forwards and Upwards: From Saint's Philosophy to Modern GI Endoscopy **Eduard Jonas**						
10:15 - 10:45	**Tea Break and Exhibition**						
		SESSION 2	**VENUE: RM 2.61 - 2.63** **THEME: ASSA - Opening, Acute Care & Burns** **CHAIRPERSON: Thifhelimbilu Luvhengo**	**SESSION 2**	**VENUE: RM 2.64 - 2.66** **THEME: SAGES** **CHAIRPERSONS: VG Naidoo and Wayne Simmonds**	**SESSION 2**	**VENUE: NERINA** **THEME: SAGINS** **CHAIRPERSON:**
		10:45 - 10:50	Welcome **Martin Smith**	10:45 - 10:50	Welcome	10:45 - 11:00	Welcome by president **Marilyn Pillay**
		10:50 - 11:20	Marcus Medical Prestige Lecture New developments in AI and Robotics Surgery **Johann Potgieter**	10:50 - 11:30	Mike Moshal Eponymous Lecture IBD **Dermot McGovern**	11:00 - 11:15	Treasurer report **Bev Bates**
						11:15 - 11:30	Marcus Medical
		11:20 - 11:35	Minimally invasive approach in acute care surgery: pushing boundaries **Arina Pothas**			11:30 - 11:45	First Medical
		11:35 - 12:00	Acute care surgery, a subspecialty in LMIC **Adelin Muganza**	11:30 - 12:00	Use of JAK inhibitors **Charles Bernstein**		
						11:45 - 12:00	Vertice
12:00 - 13:30	**Lunch Break, Industry Symposia and Exhibition**						
Lunch Symposium	**VENUE: Audi 1**	**Lunch Session**	**VENUE: RM 2.61 - 2.63**	**Lunch Session**	**VENUE: RM 2.64 - 2.66**	**Lunch Session**	**VENUE: NERINA**
		12:15 - 13:00	Adcock Ingram Gastroenterology Acid Reflux **Dr Gaskin**	12:15 - 13:00	Takeda		
		SESSION 3	**VENUE: RM 2.61 - 2.63** **THEME: ASSA - Breast: Contemporary Breast Surgery: Evidence, Technique, Decision-Making and Debates** **CHAIRPERSONS: Shenaaz Ismail and Fatima Hoosain**	**SESSION 3**	**VENUE: RM 2.64 - 2.66** **THEME: SAGES** **CHAIRPERSONS: Mashiko Setshedi and Phoebe Hodges**	**SESSION 3**	**VENUE: NERINA** **THEME: SAGINS** **CHAIRPERSON::**
		13:30 - 13:45	Sentinel lymph node biopsy: who still needs it? **Aaron Ndhluni**	13:30 - 13:40	Welcome **Phoebe Hodges**	13:30 - 13:45	Hands-on demonstration in exhibition (by invitation only)
		13:45 - 14:00	The influence of postoperative radiotherapy on surgical decision-making **Justus Apffelstaedt**	13:40 - 14:00	Epidemiology of IBD in developing nations **Charles Bernstein**	13:45 - 14:00	Hands-on demonstration in exhibition (by invitation only)
		14:00 - 14:07	Panel discussion & audience questions **Chairs**	14:00 - 14:20	Advanced therapy for IBD: access and outcomes in Africa **David Epstein**	14:00 - 14:15	Hands-on demonstration in exhibition (by invitation only)
		14:07 - 14:35	**Debate:** Margins in breast-conserving surgery: "No tumour on ink" is sufficient for all subtypes Yes: **Felix Holst** (7min) No: **Innes Buccimazza** (7min) Contralateral prophylactic mastectomy provides benefit Yes: **Carol-Ann Benn** (7min) No: **Phumudzo Ndwambi** (7min)	14:20 - 14:40	Genetics of IBD in Africa: AIRE consortium results **Dermot McGovern**	14:15 - 14:30	Hands-on demonstration in exhibition (by invitation only)
		14:35 - 14:45	Voting and discussion **Chairs**			14:30 - 14:45	Hands-on demonstration in exhibition (by invitation only)
		SESSION 4	**VENUE: RM 2.61 - 2.63** **THEME: ASSA - Endocrine** **CHAIRPERSONS: Ilna Conradie and Lydia Cairncross**	14:40 - 15:00	Living with IBD in Africa: results from the first African IBD qualitative care study	**SESSION 4**	**VENUE: NERINA** **THEME: SAGINS** **CHAIRPERSON:**

		14:45 - 15:03	Updates on the 2025 ATA guidelines and management of well-differentiated thyroid cancer **Fatima Hoosain**		**Sara Cooper**	14:45 - 15:00	Hands-on demonstration in exhibition (by invitation only)
		15:03 - 15:21	Recurrent laryngeal nerve safety without intra-operative nerve monitoring - practical tips **Etienne Myburgh**	**15:00 - 15:30**	**Tea break**	15:00 - 15:15	Safmed
		15:21 - 15:39	MEN syndromes and hyperparathyroidism - when should general surgeons suspect and refer? **Shenaaz Ismail**	**SESSION 4**	**VENUE: RM 2.64 - 2.66 THEME: SAGES CHAIRPERSONS: Didintle Mokgoko and Mark Sonderup**	15:15 - 15:30	Boston Scientific
		15:39 - 15:57	Is there a role for molecular testing in thyroid nodules in South Africa? **Amir Afrogheh**	15:30 - 16:00	Louis Mirvish Eponymous Lecture Viral Hepatitis and Hepatocellular Carcinoma in SSA: Emerging Trends towards Elimination **Wendy Spearman**	15:30 - 15:45	IBD presentation **Karin Davidson**
		15:57 - 16:00	Q&A			15:57 - 16:00	Q&A
16:00 - 16:30	**Tea Break and Exhibition**						
		SESSION 5	**VENUE: RM 2.61 - 2.63 THEME: ASSA**	16:00 - 16:30	Current status of endohepatology **Vinay Dhir**	**SESSION 5**	**VENUE: NERINA THEME: SAGINS CHAIRPERSON:**
		16:30 - 17:30	ASSA AGM	16:30 - 17:00	Private Practice Update **Eduan Deetlefs**	16:30 - 17:00	Gord reflux disease **Nasief Van der Schyff**
				SESSION 5	**VENUE: RM 2.64 - 2.66 THEME: SAGES**	17:00 - 17:30	AI and endoscopy nursing **Sandie Thomson**
				17:00 - 17:45	SAGES AGM		
						17:30 - 17:45	Closing by President **Marilyn Pillay**
17:45 - 20:00	**Welcome Function**						

FRIDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2026 - DAY 2

		Morning Session	**VENUE: RM 2.61 - 2.63**	**Morning Session**	**VENUE: RM 2.64 - 2.66**		
		07:45 - 08:30	Reckitt Benckiser Rethinking Reflux: The Evolving Role of Alginates in GERD Management **Kugan Govender**	07:45 - 08:30	Medtronic		
				SESSION 6	**VENUE: RM 2.64 - 2.66** **THEME: SASES - Hernias Unplugged: Fixing What Shouldn't Be There** **CHAIRPERSON: Zach Koto and Christo Kloppers**		
				08:45 - 09:00	Para-stomal hernia prevention: mesh now, pay later **Christo Kloppers**		
				09:00 - 09:15	Weight & Wait to Win: the GLP-1 revolution in hernia prehabilitation **Abrie Vermeulen**		
				09:15 - 09:30	Preperitoneal planes: the hottest space in hernia surgery **Heather Bougard**		
				09:30 - 09:45	Open abdomen: mind the gap **Matthew Hannington**		
				09:45 - 10:00	Q&A		
10:00 - 10:30	**Tea Break and Exhibition**						
		SESSION 7	**VENUE: RM 2.61 - 2.63** **THEME: ASSA - Trauma: Precision Under Pressure: Managing Complex Visceral Injury** **CHAIRPERSON: Steve Moeng**	**SESSION 7**	**VENUE: RM 2.64 - 2.66** **THEME: SASES - MBS** **CHAIRPERSON:**		
		10:30 - 10:45	Critical neck trauma: evidence-based management of pharyngeal and cervical oesophageal injuries **Frank Plani**	10:30 - 11:00	Is medication or surgery the answer to SA's obesity epidemic? **Thinus Smit** (surgery) vs. **Wayne May** (medication) – 10 min each and then 10 minutes Q&A		
		10:45 - 11:00	Penetrating duodenal trauma: decision-making in a high-stakes environment **Naadiya Laher**				
		11:00 - 11:15	The open abdomen: anticipating, preventing and managing complications **Shumani Makhadi**	11:00 - 11:15	OAGB – Latest evidence and role in obesity treatment **Oleh Matsevych**		
		11:15 - 11:30	Damage control resuscitation: contemporary practice and emerging evidence **Chanel Changfoot**	11:15 - 11:30	Setting up a private Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Unit in SA – tips, challenges and solutions **Mpho Sandamela**		
		11:30 - 11:45	Q&A	11:30 - 11:45	Q&A		
11:45 - 13:15	**Lunch Break, Industry Symposia and Exhibition**						
		Lunch Session	**VENUE: RM 2.61 - 2.63**	**Lunch Session**	**VENUE: RM 2.64 - 2.66**		
		12:00 - 12:45	Johnson & Johnson	12:00 - 12:45	Alimentiv Why GI Clinical Trials Matter! **Peter Westerveld and Gosia George** Patient speakers		
		SESSION 8	**VENUE: RM 2.61 - 2.63** **THEME: ASSA - HPB** **CHAIRPERSON: Eduard Jonas and John Devar**	**SESSION 8**	**VENUE: RM 2.64 - 2.66** **THEME: SASES - Colorectal** **CHAIRPERSON:**		
		13:15 - 13:30	Endoscopy in gallbladder disease - endoscopic gallbladder drainage (EUS-GBD, transpapillary stenting) vs cholecystectomy in high-risk patients **John Devar**	13:15 - 13:30	Rectal Cancer - an update on watch and wait **Laura Fernandez**		
		13:30 - 13:45	Endoscopic management of post-surgical biliary complications - bile leaks, anastomotic strictures post-liver transplant or hepaticojejunostomy, and role of cholangioscopy **Marc Bernon**	13:30 - 13:45	Managing anastomotic strictures and leaks **Daniel Surridge**		
		13:45 - 14:00	Endoscopic innovations in cholangiocarcinoma and HCC - Tissue acquisition (EUS-FNA/FNB), intraductal therapies, and integration with systemic treatment **Thomas Murumo**	13:45 - 14:00	Prevention and management of parastomal hernias **Shakeel Kader**		
			Artificial intelligence (AI) in HPB				

		14:00 - 14:15	Endoscopy - Applications in ERCP and cholangioscopy image analysis, diagnostic accuracy, and future prospects **Nicola Lahoud**	14:00 - 14:15	Robotic colorectal training and proctoring - current state of affairs in SA **Ebrahim Dalwai**		
		14:15 - 14:30	Q&A	14:15 - 14:30	Q&A		
		SESSION 9	**VENUE: RM 2.61 - 2.63** **THEME: ASSA - Global Surgery** **CHAIRPERSON: Lebohang Moloi**	**SESSION 9**	**VENUE: RM 2.64 - 2.66** **THEME: SASES - Upper GI** **CHAIRPERSON:**		
		14:30 - 14:45	Surgical data systems **Kathryn Chu**	14:30 - 14:45	Epiphrenic oesophageal diverticuli – surgical and endoscopic approaches **Hendrik Bezuidenhout**		
		14:45 - 15:00	Surgical systems and policy **Mary Kinney**	14:45 - 15:00	Early upper GI cancers - endoscopy vs. laparoscopy **Simphiwe Nkomo**		
		15:00 - 15:15	Introduction to global surgery **Busisiwe Mrara**	15:00 - 15:15	Endoscopy in the emergency upper GI setting - caustic Ingestion, foreign bodies and iatrogenic injuries **Galya Chinnery**		
		15:15 - 15:30	Rural surgery and capacity development **Simon Le Roux**	15:15 - 15:30	Benign oesophageal strictures **Lucien Ferndale**		
		15:30 - 15:45	Q&A	15:30 - 15:45	Prone position oesophagectomy – a game-changer in minimally invasive surgery **Zach Koto**		
15:45 - 16:15	**Tea Break and Exhibition**						
				SESSION 10	**VENUE: RM 2.64 - 2.66** **THEME: SASES - Video Prize Session** **CHAIRPERSON:**		
				16:15 - 16:22	Endoscopic Submicosal Dissection of Large Periampullary Neuroendocrine Tumour **Aditya Kulkarni**		
				16:22 - 16:29	A Four-Stepwise Approach for Sharp Foreign Body Retrieval **Thita Intralawan**		
				16:29 - 16:36	Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection for Embedded Lumen Apposing Metal Stent Removal **Saurabh Agrawal and Saurabh Mukewar**		
				16:36 - 16:43	Endoscopic Therapy of Gastric Neuroendocrine Tumor Using Endoscopic Submucosal Resection with Elastic Band Ligation (ESMR-L): Case Report **Keilha Da Silva Andrade**		
		SESSION 10	**VENUE: RM 2.61 - 2.63** **THEME: Twilight** **CHAIRPERSON: Karin Davidson**				
		17:45 - 19:00	Twilight Session IBD Through Many Lenses: Patient, Clinician, Researcher and Advocate in Conversation **Brittany Orlik, Thania Kahn, Sara Cooper, Zozi Mhlaba**				
19:30	**Congress Dinner in Ballroom West**						

SATURDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2026 - DAY 3

		SESSION 11	**VENUE: RM 2.60** **THEME: ASSA/SASES/SAGES - Ethics** **CHAIRPERSON: Peter Barrow and TBA**		
		08:45 - 09:25	The Business of Medicine and how to stay ethical **Anthony Behrman**		
		09:25 - 10:05	Ethics Discovery		
10:00 - 10:30	**Tea Break and Exhibition**				
SESSION 13	**VENUE: Audi 1** **THEME: ENDO 2026 Closing**	**SESSION 13**	**VENUE: RM 2.60** **THEME: IBD Africa Patient Meeting**		
11:45 - 12:45	**ENDO 2026 Abstract Awards and Closing Ceremony**	11:45 - 13:45	IBD Africa		