

ASSA SAGES SASES SAGINS PROGRAMMES at ENDO

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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	PRE-CONGRESS WORKSHOP	VENUE: RM 2.61 - 2.63 THEME: Marcus Medical Pre-Congress Workshop	
10:30 - 18:00	SSA to GastroHepatology Foundation of SSA Postgraduate Course	10:30 - 17:00	Marcus Medical Pre-Congress Workshop	

THURSDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2026 - DAY 1							
SESSION 1	VENUE: Audi 1 THEME: Opening ceremony MODERATORS: Ernst Fredericks and Nonthalee Pausawadi						
08:30 - 09:35	Opening ceremony						
09:05 - 09:15	Glaciomar Machado Distinguished Abstract Award TBA						
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: Thiffelimbitu Luvhengo	SESSION 2	VENUE: RM 2.64 - 2.66 THEME: SAGES CHAIRPERSONS: VG Naidoo and Wayne Simmonds	SESSION 2	VENUE: NERINA THEME: SAGINS CHAIRPERSON: Marilyn Pillay
		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
		11:20 - 11:35	Minimally invasive approach in acute care surgery: pushing boundaries Arina Pothas		Use of JAK inhibitors Charles Bernstein	11:15 - 11:30	Marcus Medical
		11:35 - 12:00	Acute care surgery, a subspecialty in LMIC Adelin Muganza	11:30 - 12:00		11:30 - 11:45	First Medical
						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
		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: Ilina 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: Marilyn Pillay

		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: Ibrahim Mostafa 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	Journey of my Crohn's disease Theshan Pillay
		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: Marilyn Pillay
		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		
		17:45 - 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 Matsevyych		
		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				

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	A Funder's Perspective on Endoscopy Quality Outcomes Sivuyile Madikana		
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		