

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: WEO and Gastroenterology Foundation of SSA Postgraduate Course	PRE-CONGRESS WORKSHOP	VENUE: RM 2.61 - 2.63 THEME: Marcus Medical and CMR Pre-Congress Workshop	
10:30 - 18:00	WEO and Gastroenterology Foundation of SSA Postgraduate Course	10:30 - 17:00	Marcus Medical and CMR The Evolution of Robotic Surgery	
15:00	Congress registration opens			

THURSDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2026 - DAY 1							
07:00	Congress registration opens						
SESSION 1	VENUE: Audi 1 THEME: Opening ceremony MODERATORS: Ernst Fredericks and Nonthalee Pausawasdi						
08:30 - 09:35	Opening ceremony and awards						
08h39 - 08h45	ENDO 2026 Congress Chairs Welcome Lars Aabakken and Mashiko Setshedi						
08h45 - 08h49	Awards Ceremony Moderator: Mario Dinis Ribeiro						
08h49 - 08h52	WEO Master Endoscopist Award – Guido Costamagna (Italy) Presented by Marianna Arvanitakis						
08h52 - 08h55	WEO Research Mentoring Award – Luis Caro (Argentina) Presented by Asadur Tchekmedyian						
08h55 - 08h58	WEO Distinguished Educator Award – Douglas Faigel (USA) Presented by Yutaka Saito						
08h58 - 09h01	WEO Lifetime Achievement Award – Hisao Tajiri (Japan) Presented by Lars Aabakken						
09h01 - 09h05	Speech on Behalf of All Awardees Douglas Faigel						
09:05 - 09:15	Glaciomar Machado Distinguished Abstract Award Efficacy of 1-L versus 2-L polyethylene glycol plus ascorbate for bowel preparation in elderly outpatients: a multicenter, non-inferiority randomized trial (The PLATONE Study) Marcello Maida						
09:15 - 09:25	Hirohumi Niwa Distinguished Abstract Award Real-Life Clinical Validation of AI-Assisted Evaluation of indeterminate biliary strictures in Digital-single operator cholangioscopy: a Transcontinental Multicentric Study Miguel Mascarenhas-Saraiva						
09:25 - 09:35	Anthony Axon Distinguished Abstract Award Predictive accuracy of artificial intelligence-assisted upper gastrointestinal endoscopy in detecting early gastric neoplasia 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: 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			11:15 - 11:30	Marcus Medical
		11:35 - 12:00	Acute care surgery, a subspecialty in LMIC Adelin Muganza	11:30 - 12:00	Use of JAK inhibitors Charles Bernstein	11:30 - 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 CHAIRPERSON: Kay Karlsson	Lunch Session	VENUE: NERINA
		12:15 - 13:00	Adcock Ingram Gastroenterology		Takeda		
			Acid Reflux Dr Gaskin	12:15 - 13:00	Raising the bar in IBD treatment: Finding a path to improved outcomes Thania Kahn and Trevlyn Burger		
		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	Friend, Foe or Bystander? The Gut Microbiome in IBD Heather Armstrong	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
			14:35 - 14:45	Voting and discussion Chairs			14:30 - 14:45
				SESSION 4	VENUE: RM 2.61 - 2.63 THEME: ASSA - Endocrine CHAIRPERSONS: Ina Conradie and Lydia Cairncross	14:40 - 15:00	Living with IBD in Africa: results from the first African IBD qualitative care study Sara Cooper
		14:45 - 15:03	Updates on the 2025 ATA guidelines and management of well-differentiated thyroid cancer Fatima Hoosain	15:00 - 15:30	Tea break		
		15:03 - 15:21	Recurrent laryngeal nerve safety without intra-operative nerve monitoring - practical tips Etienne Myburgh			15:15 - 15:30	Boston Scientific
		15:21 - 15:39	MEN syndromes and hyperparathyroidism - when should general surgeons suspect and refer? Shenaaz Ismail	15:30 - 16:00	Louis Mirvish Eponymous Lecture Viral Hepatitis and Hepatocellular Carcinoma in SSA: Emerging Trends towards Elimination Wendy Spearman		
		15:39 - 15:57	Is there a role for molecular testing in thyroid nodules in South Africa? Amir Afrogheh			15:57 - 16:00	Q&A
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		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

07:30	Congress registration opens						
		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				
		10:45 - 11:00	Penetrating duodenal trauma: decision-making in a high-stakes environment Naadiya Laher	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		
		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		
		14:00 - 14:15	Artificial intelligence (AI) in HPB 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: Lebohlang 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 Submucosal 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

07:30	Congress registration opens				
		SESSION 11	VENUE: RM 2.60 THEME: ASSA/SASES/SAGES - Ethics CHAIRPERSON: Peter Barrow and wayne Simmonds		
		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 Closing Ceremony	11:45 - 13:45	IBD Africa		