

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
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	SESSION 2	SESSION 2	SESSION 2		
		VENUE: RM 2.61 - 2.63 THEME: ASSA - Opening, Acute Care & Burns CHAIRPERSON: Thifhelimbilu Luvhengo	VENUE: RM 2.64 - 2.66 THEME: SAGES CHAIRPERSONS: VG Naidoo and Wayne Simmonds	VENUE: NERINA THEME: SAGINS CHAIRPERSON:			
		10:45 - 10:50	Welcome Martin Smith	10:45 - 10:50	Welcome Marilyn Pillay		
		10:50 - 11:20	Marcus Medical Prestige Lecture Johann Potgieter	10:50 - 11:30	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 Session	Lunch Session	Lunch Session	Lunch Session
Lunch Symposium	VENUE: Audi 1	VENUE: RM 2.61 - 2.63	VENUE: RM 2.64 - 2.66	VENUE: NERINA	
		12:15 - 13:00	Adcock Ingram Gastroenterology Acid Reflux Dr Gaskin	12:15 - 13:00	Takeda

		SESSION 3	SESSION 3	SESSION 3	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	VENUE: RM 2.64 - 2.66 THEME: SAGES CHAIRPERSONS: Mashiko Setshedi and Phoebe Hodges	VENUE: NERINA THEME: SAGINS CHAIRPERSON::			
		13:30 - 13:45	Sentinel lymph node biopsy: who still needs it? Aaron Ndhuni	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 Appfelstaedt	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	SESSION 4	SESSION 4	SESSION 4
		VENUE: RM 2.61 - 2.63 THEME: ASSA - Endocrine CHAIRPERSONS: Ina Conradie and Lydia Cairncross	VENUE: NERINA THEME: SAGINS CHAIRPERSON:		
			14:40 - 15:00	Living with IBD in Africa: results from the first African IBD qualitative care study	

		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 - 16:45	Topic TBA Dr Van der Schyff
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				SESSION 5	VENUE: RM 2.64 - 2.66 THEME: SAGES	17:00 - 17:15	Topic TBA Sandie Thomson
				17:00 - 17:45	SAGES AGM	17:15 - 17:30	Topic Title Sandie Thomson
						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			

		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 Salome Maswime	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	Dual Snare Rotation With Balloon Assisted GE Junction Dilatation for Extraction of a Giant Gastric Foreign Body: A Novel Hybrid Technique Jonnalagadda Vihari
				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
				16:43 - 16:50	A Four-Stepwise Approach for Sharp Foreign Body Retrieval Thita Intralawan
		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, Zosi 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		