

NZAGS ASM 29-30 MARCH 2025

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NZAGS 2025 Programme

Saturday 29th March

07:00am	Registration Open Tea and Coffee, Industry Exhibition	Great Room 3&4
08:00am	Welcome: Dr Li Hsee, Auckland City Hospital and Dr Vanessa Blair (President) Powhiri/Mihi Whakatau <i>Kaumātua TBC – He Kamaka Waiora the mihi</i>	
Session 1	Global Collaboration in General Surgery Chair: Dr Li Hsee and Dr Vanessa Blair	Great Room 1&2
08:15am	KEYNOTE: Complex UGI Surgery in Alaska Dr Sarah Smith, Alaska, USA	
08:45am	Training in Trauma Surgery – Global Perspectives Dr Kate Martin – Melbourne, Australia	
09:00am	Training in Emergency General Surgery – Global Perspectives Dr Michael Sugrue – Ireland	
09:15am	Complex Trauma Case Discussions: Ask an Irishman, Alaskan and Ozzie! Dr Sunder Balasubramaniam- Singapore	
10:00am-10:30am	Morning Tea and Industry Exhibition	Great Room 3&4
Session 2	Collaboration between Stakeholders Chair: Dr Grant Beban and Dr Julian Hayes	Great Room 1&2
10:30am	KEYNOTE: Developing National Malignancy Programs: UK Experience Dr Brendan Moran - Basingstoke, United Kingdom	
11:00am	Delivering National Surgical Services in Aotearoa-New Zealand Dr Richard Sullivan - Auckland, New Zealand	

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11:15am	The art and science of collaboration in the OR <i>Dr Simon Mitchel (Anesthetist – TBC)</i>	
11:30am	RACS UPDATE: The Bi-national Future <i>(Speaker TBC)</i>	
11:45am	NZAGS President update: Collaborating to Influence Change Dr Vanessa Blair	
12:00pm	Question time	
12:15pm	NZAGS AGM:	
12:15pm	Lunch and Industry Exhibition	Great Room 3&4
12:40pm	The 12 Poster Presenters will stand by their posters from 12:40 to 1:10pm for questions and discussion	
Session 3	Trainee and Paper Session Chair: Dr Isi Tonga and Dr Wal Baraza Judges: Overseas speakers x 2 TBC	Great Room 1&2
1:10pm	presenter? – name of paper?	
1:20pm		
1:30pm		
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3:00pm		
3:00pm-3:30pm	Afternoon Tea & Industry Exhibition	Great Room 3&4

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Session 4

THE UPPER GUT and HPB

Great Room 1&2

Chair: Dr Angela Bayly and Dr Nick Evennett

3:30pm	The conundrum case: UGI complexities in extreme obesity Dr Angela Bayly, Auckland City Hospital
3:40pm	Equity in Bariatric Surgery Dr Nick Evennett, Auckland City Hospital
4:00pm	Difficult Decisions in Benign Hepatobiliary-Pancreatic Surgery Dr Universe Leung, Northshore Hospital, Auckland
4:20pm	Controversies in HPB Malignancy Dr Adam Bartlett, Auckland City Hospital.
4:40pm	Robotics and AI in Surgery in Alaska: lessons for Aotearoa Dr Sarah Smith, Alaska, USA

5:00pm **Discussion**

5:15pm **Day 1 Close**

EVENING

6:00pm Pre-Dinner Drinks in Foyer area and Transportation from Conference venue to dinner venue

7:00pm **Conference Awards Dinner** Sails Restaurant
Dinner Address: TBC

10:30pm Return from dinner venue to accommodation

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Sunday 30th March

07:30am Registration Open
Tea and Coffee, Industry Exhibition **Great Room 3&4**

Session 5A **Colorectal surgery:** **Great Room 1**
Chair: Rowan Collinson and Professor Ian Bissett

08:30am **Rectal Cancer Surgery – Watch and Wait**
Dr Sze Lin Peng, Middlemore Hospital, Auckland

08:50am **Management of the ‘significant’ Polyp**
Dr Brendan Moran

09:10am **The Pelvic Floor + SNS**
Dr Rowan Collinson, Auckland

09:30am **3rd talk Brendan Moran**
Dr Brendan Moran, Basingstoke UK

Session 5B **Operative Damage Control Surgery (Title??)** **Great Room 2**
Chair: Dr Li Hsee

08.30am **When to Operate on Major Hepatic Trauma**
Dr Kate Martin, Melbourne, Australia

08:45am **VATS - Thoracotomy**
Dr Savitha Bhagvan, Auckland City Hospital

09:00am **Complications of Open Abdomen + Techniques of Closure**
Dr Aleisha Sutherland, Middlemore Hospital, Auckland

09:15am **Pelvic Packing vs Angioembolization**
Dr Rebecca Schroll, Auckland City Hospital

09:30am **Emergency Tracheostomy for General Surgeons**
Dr Sunder Balasubramaniam, Singapore

10:00am-10.30am **Morning Tea and Industry Exhibition** **Great Room 3&4**



Session 6 Collaboration in Complex Cancer Management Great Room 1&2

Chair: Brendan Moran and Mr Isaac Cranshaw

10:30am	Interdisciplinary Management of Neuroendocrine Tumour Dr Ben Lawrence, Medical Oncologist, Auckland City Hospital
10:50am	Cytoreductive Surgery and Perioperative Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy experience: Waikato and Auckland Units – Speaker TBC
11:10am	North Island Sarcoma Service Dr Carla Pajak
11:30pm	Breast Reconstruction in Aotearoa-NZ Dr Michelle Locke, Middlemore Hospital, Auckland
11.50	IVC resection in renal malignancy: the multi-surgeon strategy Speaker TBC
Question time	

12:30pm-1:30pm **Lunch and Industry Exhibition** Great Room 3&4

Session 7 The 'Specialist' General Surgeon Great Room 1&2

Chair: Dr Chris Harmston and Dr Vanessa Blair

1:30pm	Complex Hernia Management and the Hernia MDM Dr Diederik Meylemans – Auckland, New Zealand
1:50pm	The Skin Surgical Oncologist: Aotearoa-NZ Needs Us! Dr Richard Martin, Northshore Hospital, Auckland
2:10pm	Endoscopy and the General Surgeon: Training and Service delivery Dr Michael Hulme-Moir, Northshore Hospital
2:30pm	Strategies to Enhance Surgeons Wellbeing Dr Jeremy Rossaak, Tauranga Hospital
2:50pm	The 'Specialist General Surgeon': Back to the future! Dr Rowan French, Waikato Hospital, New Zealand
3.10pm	Question time
3:30pm	Conference Close AND ASM 2026 Dunedin! Dr Li Hsee and Dr Vanessa Blair Māori protocol