

BRIDGING THE DIVIDE

SURGICAL EXPERIENCE
VS SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE
NZICC, AUCKLAND
12-14 MARCH 2026

THURSDAY 12 MARCH 2026

0700 – 0800	Registration
0800 – 0930	SESSION 1: Converting Pedagogy into Surgical Excellence
0800 – 0830	Welcome to New Zealand and Introduction to ASM - Michael Wynn-Williams, Simon Edmonds & Olivia Smart
0830 – 0850	Keynote - Reimagining Surgery: Performance Coaching as the Catalyst for Excellence and Innovation – Cara King
0850 – 0910	Keynote - Teaching Maximally Invasive Surgery to the Minimally Invasive Surgeon Sony Singh
0910 – 0930	The Future of Surgical Education for the Trainee and Specialist – Erin Nesbitt-Hawes
0930 – 1030	SESSION 2: Chairmans Choice
1030 – 1100	Morning Tea, Trade Exhibition & Digital Free Communications
1100 – 1230	SESSION 3: Concurrent Sessions
1100 – 1230	SESSION 3A: Lesion Removal and Lasting Relief
1100 – 1120	Leaving the Laparoscopy for Later – Emma Readman
1120 – 1140	Planning Endometriosis Surgery Begins with Pain Education – Sophie Gormack
1140 – 1200	Integrating Trauma Awareness into Surgical Planning – Chris Turnbull
1200 – 1220	Restoring Pleasure: Sex and Pain – Hannah Blakely-McWilliams
1220 – 1230	Panel Discussion
1100 – 1230	SESSION 3B: Creating Modern Families
1100 – 1120	My Environment is Poison – Kate McIlwain
1120 – 1140	"What, like its hard?!" – Anna Lawrence
1140 – 1200	Over the Rainbow, Dreams Come True – Melissa Cameron
1200 – 1220	Louis Vuitton Service on a TEMU Budget – Leigh Searle
1220 – 1230	Panel Discussion
1100 – 1230	SESSION 3C: Quick Updates for the Busy Gynaecologist
1100 – 1110	Cost-Effective Excellence in Surgery – Emma Jackson
1110 – 1120	Home after Hysterectomy - How Soon is Too Soon? – Jess Dunning
1120 – 1130	Silencing the Peri-operative Pain Signals – Praveen De Silva
1130 – 1140	Achieving Equity in Endometrial Cancer Care – Tom De Greve
1140 – 1150	GSM: Uncovering the Silent Epidemic – Olivia Smart
1150 – 1200	Frontiers in Femtech – Prathima Chowdary
1200 – 1210	More than Just a Tummy Ache – Saman Moeed
1210 – 1220	Minimally Minimal Invasive Treatment of Fibroids Treatment – Sarah Corbett
1220 – 1230	Bleeding for Clarity - NZ AUB Guidelines – Sathana Ponnampalam

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1230 – 1330	Lunch, Trade Exhibition & Digital Free Communications
1330 – 1530	SESSION 4: Concurrent Sessions
1330 – 1530	SESSION 4A: No Scars, No limits, the Future is NOTES
1330 – 1345	The Difficult V-NOTES Hysterectomy: Techniques and Troubleshooting Supuni Kapurubandara
1345 – 1400	Accessing the Adnexae – Rachel Green
1400 – 1415	V-NOTES Governance: Bridging Innovation to Everyday Practice –
1415 – 1430	Fixation with V-NOTES – Elliott Mackenzie
1430 – 1450	Panel Discussion
1450 - 1530	Sharing International Societies' Knowledge
1450 – 1500	AAGL – Michael Hibner
1500 – 1510	BSGE – Martin Hirsch
1510 – 1520	ESGE
1520 – 1530	APAGE – Prashant Mangeshikar
1330 – 1530	SESSION 4B: Innovation into Practice
1330 – 1350	From Insight to Impact: Building Culture Around Surgical Data – Cara King
1350 – 1410	Gimmick to Goldmine - The Ideal Business Case for Innovation – Guru Shankar
1410 – 1425	Robotics in Public Healthcare – Caroline Mathias
1425 – 1440	The Pelvis Through a 3D Lens – A Robotic Urologists Perspective – Eva Fong
1440 – 1455	Adaptive Platform Clinical Trials - A Rapid Research Innovation – Akwasi Amoako
1455 – 1510	Everything Hurts - Ergonomics for All – Jacqueline Wong
1510 – 1530	Panel Discussion
1530 – 1600	Afternoon Tea, Trade Exhibition & Digital Free Communications
1600 - 1700	SESSION 5: Accessibility to Healthcare
1600 – 1615	Nga awa e rua: The Double Whammy of Ethnicity and Gender in Endometriosis Jordan Tewhaiti-Smith
1615 – 1630	The River Runs Deep: Trauma Informed Care in Your Daily Clinic - Alexandra Diggles
1630 – 1700	Treading Water and Building Trust: The Emotional Labor of Patient Care
1700 – 1740	AATP Graduation Ceremony
1740 – 1830	Welcome Reception

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FRIDAY 13 MARCH 2026	
7000 – 0745	Breakfast Session - STEMInism: Women in Surgery
0730 – 0830	Registration
0800 – 0830	AGES Annual General Meeting
0830 – 1030	SESSION 6: Consent, Communication and Complications
0830 – 0845	The Importance of Consent in the Patient Journey – Rachelle Love
0845 – 0900	Comparing Surgical Consent on the Ground in New Zealand & Australia - Sam Holford
0900 – 0915	Patient Advocacy: Closing the Gap Morag McDowell, NZ Health and Disability Commissioner
0915 – 0930	Panel Discussion
0930 – 0945	Learning from the Vaginal Mesh Experience in New Zealand – Tim Dawson
0945 – 1000	Effective Communication in Unplanned Challenges – Justine Wright
1000 – 1015	The Second Victim: Unseen Consequences – Andreas Obermair
1030 - 1100	Morning Tea, Trade Exhibition & Digital Free Communications
1100 – 1230	SESSION 7: Free Communications
1230 – 1330	Lunch, Trade Exhibition & Digital Free Communications
1330 – 1530	SESSION 8: Surgical Experience
1330 – 1415	M&M Surgical Performance Moderator: Andreas Obermair Case Presenters: Michael Wynn-Williams & Cara King
1415 – 1530	Not-so Live Surgery The Davinci SP Procedure The Robotic Sydney Shave – Danny Chou
1530 – 1600	Afternoon Tea, Trade Exhibition & Digital Free Communications
1600 - 1730	SESSION 9: Debate - Old Dogs vs New Tricksters
1600 – 1630	Dan O'Connor Lecture – Cindy Farquhar
1630 – 1730	Debate: "Old Dogs, New Tricksters: My Experience is Better than your Gadgets" Old Dogs: Lenore Ellett, Simon Edmonds New Tricksters: Kate Martin, Praveen DeSilva & Alliv Samson
1900 – 2300	AGES Gala Dinner & Charity Auction

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SATURDAY 14 MARCH 2026

0830 – 0900	Registration
0900 – 1030	SESSION 10: Endometriosis: Bridging the Divide Between Science and Surgery
0900 – 0915	Translating Science into Solutions – Caroline Ford
0915 – 0930	The Living Guidelines: Evidence into Action – Marilla Druitt
0930 – 0945	Beyond the Cyst: Optimising Treatment Strategies – Amani Harris
0945 – 1000	Protecting the Bowel and Relieving the Pain – Sam Mooney
1000 – 1015	Surgery Above the Belt – Sony Singh
1015 – 1030	Panel Discussion
1030 – 1100	Morning Tea & Trade Exhibition
1100 – 1305	SESSION 11: Closing Session - From Clinician to Leader: Unlocking your Potential
1100 – 1115	Sticking Your Head above the Parapet – Andrew Connolly
1115 – 1130	My Journey to Leadership – Nisha Khot
1130 – 1145	The Balancing Act – Sony Singh
1145 – 1200	The Surgeon Leader: Translating Surgical Skills into Inclusive Leadership – Cara King
1200 – 1220	Inspiring Others through Leadership – Erica Whineray
1220 – 1250	Panel Discussion Facilitated by Petra Bagust
1250 – 1305	Awards and Close of Conference
1305	Lunch on the Go