

# BRIDGING THE DIVIDE

**SURGICAL EXPERIENCE  
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12 - 14 MARCH 2026**

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**PROGRAM BOOK**



# WELCOME TO THE ASM

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Australasian Gynaecological Endoscopy & Surgery Society (AGES), it is our pleasure to invite you to the vibrant city of Auckland, to join us for the 2026 Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM), hosted at the newly opened New Zealand International Convention Centre. Against the backdrop of the sparkling Waitematā Harbour and the stunning landscapes of Tāmaki Makaurau, we welcome you to attend this inaugural AGES ASM in Aotearoa, New Zealand.

Our conference theme reflects a commitment to honour the wisdom and instincts learned in the operating theatre, while embracing the power of emerging research and innovation, to guide and refine our surgical practice.

The International Keynote speakers, Dr Cara King and A/Prof. Sony Singh, open the conference by delving into pedagogy – the methods and practice of teaching surgical skills, with later sessions giving more in depth presentations on endometriosis and pelvic pain.

We will discuss the importance around patient consent and explore the balance between surgical techniques and innovation.

There will be a return of the very popular sessions of “Not So Live Surgery” and “Surgical Performance M&M”. You will not want to miss the potentially fiery debate between “The Old Dogs and the New Tricksters”, and you may unlock your own potential for Leadership in the final session of the conference.

Auckland in March is a great time to visit, with long, warm days and a welcoming energy. We encourage you to explore our fine dining scene and cultural attractions, and strengthen your professional connections within the AGES community.

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# CONFERENCE PROGRAM

## AGES ASM 2026 PROGRAM

Thursday 12 March – Saturday 14 March 2026

THURSDAY 12 MARCH 2026		
0700 - 0745	<b>Medtronic</b>	<b>Breakfast Session – Sealed and Delivered – Energy Practices Across Open, lap &amp; RAS: Discussion with Lakshmi Ravikanti, Dean Conrad, and Mikhail Sarofim</b> <i>(Pre registration required)</i> Meeting Room 516
0700 – 0800	<b>Conference Registration</b>	Hall 3 Foyer
0800 – 0930	<b>SESSION 1: Converting Pedagogy into Surgical Excellence</b> Te Paepae Theatre 2	
0800 – 0830	Pōwhiri (Welcome Ceremony) Introduction to ASM - <b>Michael Wynn-Williams, Simon Edmonds &amp; Olivia Smart</b>	
0830 – 0850	Keynote - Reimagining Surgery: Performance Coaching as the Catalyst for Excellence and Innovation – <b>Cara King</b>	
0850 – 0910	Keynote - Teaching Maximally Invasive Surgery to the Minimally Invasive Surgeon <b>Sony Singh</b>	
0910 – 0930	The Future of Surgical Education for the Trainee and Specialist – <b>Erin Nesbitt-Hawes</b>	
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1100 – 1230	<b>SESSION 3: Concurrent Sessions</b>	
	<b>SESSION 3A: Lesion Removal and Lasting Relief</b>	Te Paepae Theatre 2
1100 – 1120	Leaving the Laparoscopy for Later – <b>Emma Readman</b>	
1120 – 1140	Planning Endometriosis Surgery Begins with Pain Education – <b>Sophie Gormack</b>	
1140 – 1200	Integrating Trauma Awareness into Surgical Planning – <b>Chris Turnbull</b>	
1200 – 1220	Healing Beyond the Physical: Psychological Recovery from Sexual Pain – <b>Hannah Blakely-McWilliams</b>	
1220 – 1230	Panel Discussion	

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<b>Session 3B: Creating Modern Families</b>		<i>Meeting Room 516</i>
1100 – 1120	My Environment is Poison – <b>Kate McIlwaine</b>	
1120 – 1140	"What, like its hard?!" – <b>Anna Lawrence</b>	
1140 – 1200	Over the Rainbow, Dreams Come True – <b>Melissa Cameron</b>	
1200 – 1220	Louis Vuitton Service on a TEMU Budget – <b>Leigh Searle</b>	
1220 – 1230	Panel Discussion	
<b>SESSION 3C: Quick Updates for the Busy Gynaecologist</b>		<i>Meeting Room 515</i>
1100 – 1110	Cost-Effective Excellence in Surgery – <b>Emma Jackson</b>	
1110 – 1120	Home after Hysterectomy - How Soon is Too Soon? – <b>Jessica Dunning</b>	
1120 – 1130	Silencing the Peri-operative Pain Signals – <b>Praveen De Silva</b>	
1130 – 1140	Precision Medicine and the New Era of Endometrial Cancer Care – <b>Tom De Greve</b>	
1140 – 1150	GSM: Uncovering the Silent Epidemic – <b>Olivia Smart</b>	
1150 – 1200	Frontiers in Femtech – <b>Prathima Chowdary</b>	
1200 – 1210	More than Just a Tummy Ache – <b>Saman Moeed</b>	
1210 – 1220	Minimally Minimal Invasive Treatment of Fibroids – <b>Sarah Corbett</b>	
1220 – 1230	Bleeding for Clarity - NZ AUB Guidelines – <b>Sathana Ponnampalam</b>	
<b>1230 – 1330</b>	<b>Lunch, Trade Exhibition &amp; Digital Free Communications</b>	<i>Ariki Hall 3</i>
<b>1330 – 1530</b>	<b>SESSION 4: Concurrent Sessions</b>	
	<b>SESSION 4A: Innovation into Practice</b>	<i>Te Paepae Theatre 2</i>
1330 – 1350	From Insight to Impact: Building A Culture Around Surgical Data – <b>Cara King</b>	
1350 – 1410	Gimmick to Goldmine - The Ideal Business Case for Innovation – <b>Guru Shankar</b>	
1410 – 1425	Robotics in Public Healthcare – <b>Caroline Mathias</b>	
1425 – 1440	Moving Robotically into the Future – <b>Mark Slack</b>	
1440 – 1455	Adaptive Platform Clinical Trials - A Rapid Research Innovation – <b>Akwasi Amoako</b>	
1455 – 1510	Everything Hurts - Ergonomics for All – <b>Jacqueline Wong</b>	
1510 – 1530	Panel Discussion	

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1330 – 1345	The Difficult V-NOTES Hysterectomy: Techniques and Troubleshooting - <b>Supuni Kapurubandara</b>	
1345 – 1400	Accessing the Adnexae – <b>Rachel Green</b>	
1400 – 1415	V-NOTES Governance: Bridging Innovation to Everyday Practice – <b>Mark Ruff</b>	
1415 – 1430	Fixation with V-NOTES – <b>Elliot Mackenzie</b>	
<b>Sharing International Societies' Knowledge</b>		<i>Meeting Room 516</i>
1450 – 1500	Nipping it in the bud - pudendal neuralgia – <b>Michael Hibner</b> (AAGL)	
1500 – 1510	Minimising obstetric risks after myomectomy - <b>Martin Hirsch</b> (BSGE)	
1510 – 1520	The GESEA Training Programme: The European Approach to Training - <b>Istvan Argay</b> (ESGE)	
1520 – 1530	The Road Less Travelled: Getting Vulvodynia Patients the Care They Deserve – <b>Krisztina Bajzak</b> (IPPS)	
<b>1530 – 1600</b>	<b>Afternoon Tea, Trade Exhibition &amp; Digital Free Communications</b>	<i>Ariki Hall 3</i>
<b>1600 - 1700</b>	<b>SESSION 5: Accessibility to Healthcare</b> <b>Chairs:</b> Sarah Corbett & Amani Harris	<i>Te Paepae Theatre 2</i>
1600 – 1615	Nga awa e rua: The Double Whammy of Ethnicity and Gender in Endometriosis - <b>Jordan Tewhaiti-Smith</b>	
1615 – 1630	The River Runs Deep: Trauma Informed Care in Your Daily Clinic - <b>Alexandra Diggles</b>	
1630 – 1700	Whitiwhiti Kōrero: <b>Matire Harwood</b> , and <b>Miriama Kamo</b> - two indigenous leaders share a discussion about Endometriosis and Women's' health from a different perspective	
<b>1700 – 1815</b>	<b>AATP Graduation Ceremony</b>	<i>Te Paepae Theatre 2</i>
<b>1815 – 1930</b>	<b>Welcome Reception</b>	<i>Ariki Hall 3</i>

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0700 – 0745	<b>OLYMPUS</b>	<b>Breakfast Session - STEMInism: Women in Surgery Discussion with Caroline Ford, Erica Whineray &amp; Keryn Harlow</b> <i>(Pre registration required)</i> Meeting Room 516
0730 – 0830	<b>Conference Registration</b> Hall 3 Foyer	
0800 – 0830	AGES Annual General Meeting <i>(Members Only)</i> Te Paepae Theatre 2	
0830 – 1030	<b>SESSION 6: Consent, Communication and Complications</b> Te Paepae Theatre 2	
0830 – 0845	The Importance of Consent in the Patient Journey – <b>Rachelle Love</b>	
0845 – 0900	Comparing Surgical Consent on the Ground in New Zealand & Australia – <b>Sam Holford &amp; Katie Christensen</b>	
0900 – 0915	Patient Advocacy: Closing the Gap – <b>Morag McDowell</b>	
0915 – 0930	Panel Discussion	
0930 – 0945	Learning from the Vaginal Mesh Experience in New Zealand – <b>John Short</b>	
0945 – 1000	Effective Communication in Unplanned Challenges – <b>Justine Wright</b>	
1000 – 1015	The Second Victim: Unseen Consequences – <b>Andreas Obermair</b>	
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<b>1330 – 1530</b>	<b>SESSION 8: Surgical Experience</b>	<i>Te Paepae Theatre 2</i>
1330 – 1415	<b>M&amp;M Surgical Performance</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Andreas Obermair & Cara King <b>Case Presenters:</b> Michael Wynn-Williams & Silipa Naiqiso	
1415 – 1530	<b>Not-so Live Surgery</b> The Davinci SP Sacro-colpopexy – <b>Johnny Yi</b> The Robotic Sydney Shave – <b>Danny Chou</b>	
<b>1530 – 1600</b>	<b>Afternoon Tea, Trade Exhibition &amp; Digital Free Communications</b>	<i>Ariki Hall 3</i>
<b>1600 - 1730</b>	<b>SESSION 9: Dan O'Connor Lecture &amp; Debate</b>	<i>Te Paepae Theatre 2</i>
1600 – 1630	Dan O'Connor Lecture – <b>Cindy Farquhar</b>	
1630 – 1730	<b>Debate: "Old Dogs, New Tricksters: My Experience is Better than your Gadgets"</b> <b>Old Dogs:</b> Lenore Ellett, Simon Edmonds, Jason Abbott <b>New Tricksters:</b> Kate Martin, Praveen De Silva, Keryn Harlow <b>Adjudicator:</b> Simon Scheck	
<b>1900 – 2300</b>	<b>AGES 'Casino Royale' Dinner &amp; Charity Auction</b>	<i>Meeting Room 515 &amp; 516</i>

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0830 – 0900	Conference Registration	
0900 – 1030	<b>SESSION 10: Endometriosis: Bridging the Divide Between Science and Surgery</b>	<i>Te Paepae Theatre 2</i>
0900 – 0915	Translating Science into Solutions – <b>Caroline Ford</b>	
0915 – 0930	The Living Guidelines: Evidence into Action – <b>Marilla Druiitt</b>	
0930 – 0945	Beyond the Cyst: Optimising Treatment Strategies – <b>Amani Harris</b>	
0945 – 1000	Protecting the Bowel and Relieving the Pain – <b>Sam Mooney</b>	
1000 – 1015	Surgery Above the Belt – <b>Sony Singh</b>	
1015 – 1030	Panel Discussion	
1030 – 1100	<b>Morning Tea &amp; Trade Exhibition</b>	<i>Ariki Hall 3</i>
1100 – 1305	<b>SESSION 11: Closing Session - From Clinician to Leader: Unlocking your Potential</b>	<i>Te Paepae Theatre 2</i>
1100 – 1115	Sticking Your Head above the Parapet – <b>Andrew Connolly</b>	
1115 – 1130	My Journey to Leadership – <b>Nisha Khot</b>	
1130 – 1145	The Balancing Act – <b>Sony Singh</b>	
1145 – 1200	The Surgeon Leader: Translating Surgical Skills into Inclusive Leadership – <b>Cara King</b>	
1200 – 1220	Inspiring Others through Leadership – <b>Erica Whineray</b>	
1220 – 1250	Panel Discussion Facilitated by <b>Petra Bagust</b>	
1250 – 1305	Awards and Close of Conference	
1305	<b>Lunch on the Go</b>	

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1045 - 1050	Robotic-Assisted Laparoscopic Removal of a 22-Week-Sized Pelvic Cyst Following Previous Hysterectomy	Aalya Imran
1050 - 1055	Robotic Myomectomy for a 30-Week Size Uterus: Technical Feasibility and Early Postoperative Outcomes	Tanushree Rao
1055 - 1100	Reaching Melting Point	Stuart Woods
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1250 - 1255	Neuropelvic Approach and Outcomes of Robotic-Assisted Exploration of Menstrual-Associated Sciatic Nerve Pain	Danny Chou
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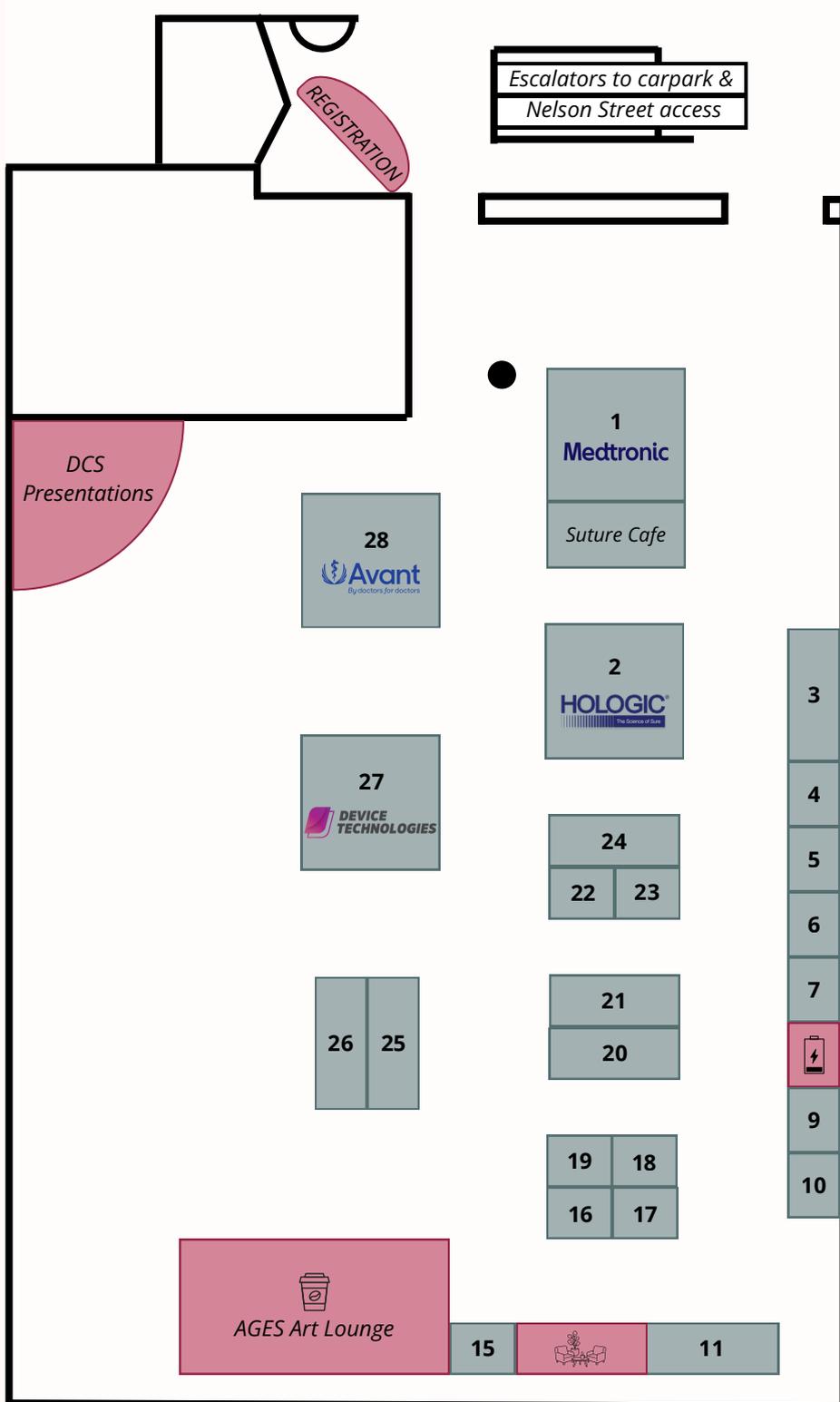
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