

AGES FOCUS MEETING

Conference Program | Friday 30 - Saturday 31 October 2026

FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER 2026		
0700 - 0800	Conference Registration	Grand Ballroom 3 & Foyer
0800 - 0920	Opening Plenary: Rise of the Machines: The Future of Robotics CHAIRS: Michael Wynn-Williams & Jenni Pontré	Grand Ballroom 1 & 2
0800 - 0810	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country - Michael Wynn-Williams	
0810 - 0845	Robotics and AI: Clickbait - The History and the Next 1000 Years - Carlo Bellini	
0845 - 0910	We are all Custodians of AI: Why the Rise of the Machines is a Human Responsibility - Luli Adeyemo	
0910 - 0920	Panel Discussion	
0920 - 1030	Session One: The Global Landscape CHAIRS: Emma Readman	Grand Ballroom 1 & 2
0920 - 0935	From Local Idea to Global Phenomenon - The Heidi Journey - (Heidi Health)	
0935 - 0950	The Global Race in Surgical Robotics - Naman Dahiya	
0950 - 1005	Defining Robotic Surgery in Australia: How Best to Integrate RACS- Recommendations in Robotic-Assisted Surgery with New RANZCOG Guidelines into Clinical Practice - Alan Lam	
1005 - 1020	What Industry Sees Coming: The Next Phase of Robotic Surgery - Mark Slack	
1020 - 1030	Panel Discussion	
1030 - 1100	Morning Tea & Trade Exhibition	Grand Ballroom 3 & Foyer
1100 - 1225	Session Two: AI in the Clinic CHAIRS: Keryn Harlow & Jenni Pontré	Grand Ballroom 3 & Foyer
1100 - 1145	The AI Scribe Revolution: What's Available Right Now - Michael Wynn Williams, Lauren Hofmann, Bassem Gerges & Kaushi Arulpragasam	
1145 - 1200	Dr Google vs Dr ChatGPT: The New Consultation Room - Keryn Harlow	
1200 - 1215	Your AI-Powered Clinic: From Front Desk to Follow-Up - Carlo Bellini	
1215 - 1225	Panel Discussion	
1225 - 1325	Lunch and Trade Exhibition	Grand Ballroom 3 & Foyer
1325 - 1505	Session Three: Robotics in the OR: Where It Changes the Game CHAIRS: Amani Harris & Dean Conrad	Grand Ballroom 1 & 2
1325 - 1340	From Laparoscopy to Robotics to AI: The Evolution of the Gynaecological Surgeon - Rooma Sinha (Virtual)	
1340 - 1355	Robotics in Hysterectomy: Does It Change the Game? - Jessica Robertson	
1355 - 1410	Robotics in Endometriosis: Precision in Complex Dissection - Yogesh Nikam	

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1410 - 1425	Robotics in Pelvic Floor Surgery: Depth, Suturing, and Durability – Vivian Yang	
1425 - 1440	Robotics in Neuropelveology: Navigating the Pelvic Nerves – Danny Chou	
1440 - 1455	Robotics in Fibroids: Mastering Size, Bleeding, and Closure – Tanushree Rao	
1455 - 1510	Robotics and Gynae Oncology – Michael Burling	
1510 - 1520	Panel Discussion	
1520 - 1550	Afternoon Tea and Trade Exhibition	Grand Ballroom 3 & Foyer
1550 - 1705	Session Four: AI in the OR CHAIRS: Kirsten Connan & Yogesh Nikam	Grand Ballroom 1 & 2
1550 - 1605	AI in Surgery: From Experimentation to Integration – Quinlan Buchlak	
1605 - 1620	AI-Assisted Surgery — What Exists Now? – Gaby Moawad (Virtual)	
1620 - 1635	Black Box in Surgery – Cara King	
1635 - 1645	Telesurgery and Telepresence: The Next Frontier in Robotic Surgery – Ruban Thanigasalam	
1645 - 1655	MyAnna: AI in Women's Health – Jenni Pontré	
1655 - 1705	Panel Discussion	
1705	Close of Day One	
1900 - 2300	Conference Dinner	Establishment Ballroom

SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER 2026

0815 - 0845	Conference Registration	Grand Ballroom 3 & Foyer
0845 - 1000	Session Five: Ethics and Negative Impacts CHAIRS: Samantha Mooney & Erin Nesbitt-Hawes	Grand Ballroom 1 & 2
0845 - 0900	Environmental Concerns in Robotic and AI-Driven Healthcare – Vinayak Smith	
0900 - 0915	Medico-Legal Implications of AI and Robotics: Consent, Responsibility and Regulation – Georgie Haysom	
0915 - 0930	How Can We Ensure Evidence Democracy, Not Data Autocracy? – Jason Abbott	
0930 - 0945	The Dark Side of AI – Praveen De Silva	
0945 - 1000	Panel Discussion	
1000 - 1030	Morning Tea & Trade Exhibition	Grand Ballroom 3 & Foyer
1030 - 1200	Session Six: Diagnostics, Imaging and Fertility CHAIRS: Rachel Green & Kate Martin	Grand Ballroom 1 & 2
1030 - 1045	AI in Fertility – Anusch Yazdani	
1045 - 1100	AI Under the Microscope – Annabelle Farnsworth	

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1100 – 1115	Who Needs Eyes Anyway? AI and Endometriosis Imaging – Mathew Leonardi (Virtual)	
1115 – 1130	The Doorknob Moment, Moved to the Start – Jamie Chew (iscribe/iconsult by Akuru)	
1130 - 1145	We Love Your Oura: Wearables in Health – Joanna Morris (Matilda Health)	
1145 – 1200	Panel Discussion	
1200 – 1300	Lunch & Trade Exhibition	Ballroom 3 & Foyer
1300 - 1425	Session Seven: Training and Credentialing the Robotic Workforce CHAIRS: Nyasha Gwata & Tanushree Rao	Ballroom 1 & 2
1300 – 1315	Training the Robotic Gynaecologist: From First Case to Telementoring – Dean Conrad	
1315 – 1330	Modern Surgical Education: Simulation, Coaching, and AI – Amani Harris	
1330 – 1345	Who Decides You're Safe? Credentialing in the Robotic Era – Mikhail Sarofim	
1345 – 1400	Who Gets to Sit at the Console? Gender, Access and Equity in Robotic Surgery – Supuni Kapurubandara	
1400 – 1415	Building a Public Robotic Surgery Program: Training, Access, and Sustainability – Sarah Corbett	
1415 – 1425	Panel Discussion	
1425 – 1455	Afternoon Tea & Trade Exhibition	Grand Ballroom 3 & Foyer
1455 – 1630	Session Eight: The Robot Revolution: What's Available Right Now CHAIRS: Michael Wynn-Williams & Dean Conrad	Grand Ballroom 1 & 2
1455 – 1510	Da Vinci Xi and 5: The Evolution of Multiport Robotics - Arnie Advincula (Virtual)	
1510 – 1525	Rethinking Access: Australia's Early Experience with Single-Port Robotic Surgery in Gynaecology – Tarana Lucky	
1525 – 1540	Versius: A Modular Approach to Robotic Assisted Surgery – Dan Krishnan	
1540 – 1555	TouMai: China's Entry into the Australian Robotic Surgery Landscape – Henry Cheung	
1555 – 1610	Hugo RAS: Medtronic's Expansion into Robotic Surgery – Sara Mastrovito (Virtual)	
1610 – 1620	Panel Discussion	
1620 - 1645	Awards and Closing Session	
1645	Conference Concludes	