

Different Paths, One Purpose

Crown Promenade, Melbourne
23 - 25 July 2026

AGES & UGSA Pelvic Floor Symposium 2026





WELCOME TO THE PFS

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Organising Committee, it is our great pleasure to welcome you to the inaugural AGES & UGSA Combined Pelvic Floor Symposium, taking place from 23–25 July 2026 at Crown Promenade, Melbourne.

This first-of-its-kind joint meeting brings together our two gynaecological societies with a shared vision to advance pelvic floor care through evidence, innovation, and collaboration. By combining expertise across gynaecological surgery, urogynaecology, obstetrics, and allied health, this symposium represents a significant milestone in bringing together our different paths in pelvic health for one purpose.

The scientific program has been carefully curated to reflect both the breadth and depth of contemporary pelvic floor medicine. We are delighted to welcome International Keynote speakers Dr Alex Digesu who will explore frontiers in treatment of pelvic floor disorders and Prof. Katy Vincent in her specialty area of pelvic pain.

Highlights include sessions on technology and the future of pelvic floor care as well as a robust debate about the holy grail of obstetric pelvic floor protection. We have worked hard to ensure interest across the conference with a combination of combined and focussed streams as well as expert panels and interactive sessions. Our pre-congress workshops are coming together with a range of experts in a number of fields – the difficulty is choosing which to attend!

We hope this inaugural AGES & UGSA Combined Pelvic Floor Symposium sets a strong foundation for future collaboration, delivers an outstanding educational experience, and provides a collegial forum to exchange ideas, challenge assumptions, and strengthen professional networks. We warmly welcome you to Melbourne and look forward to sharing this landmark event with you.

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Dr Alexandra Mowat**

On behalf of the PFS Organising Committee

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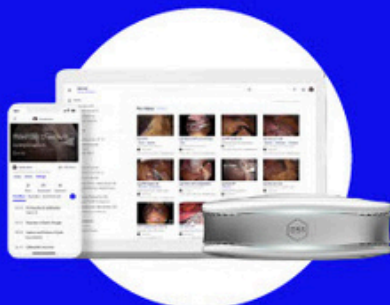
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THURSDAY 23 JULY

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Urodynamics Workshop

Time: 8:00am - 12:00pm

This practical workshop covers urodynamic testing, interpretation, and patient management for clinicians of all experience levels. Includes hands-on training, case discussions, and expert-led teaching.

Pessary Workshop

Time: 8:00am - 12:00pm

This hands-on workshop focuses on prolapse assessment, pessary fitting, complication management, and patient self-care. Participants will build practical skills through pelvic models and case-based learning.



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Simulation and Training in Female Stress Urinary Incontinence Surgery

Time: 8:00am - 12:00pm

This simulation-based workshop explores evidence-based surgical management of female stress urinary incontinence. It will include surgical videos, practical training, and discussion of current treatment approaches and credentialing.

Chronic Pelvic Pain: Beyond the Knife

Time: 8:00am - 12:00pm

An evidence-based workshop examining chronic pelvic pain, bladder pain syndrome, and post-mesh pain through multidisciplinary management strategies. Practical demonstrations include bladder instillation therapies and botulinum toxin techniques.

THURSDAY 23 JULY

Crown, Melbourne

Vaginal Surgery Workshop

Time: 1:00pm - 5:00pm

A hands-on workshop designed to strengthen skills in vaginal hysterectomy, vNOTES, apical repair, obstetric trauma management, and cervical cerclage through rotating practical stations.

Persistent Pelvic Pain: Broadening the Scope & the Multidisciplinary Team

Time: 1:00pm - 5:00pm

This multidisciplinary workshop explores person-centred approaches to persistent pelvic pain, including communication, pain education, and collaborative management strategies across clinical settings.

Outpatient Hysteroscopy

Time: 1:00pm - 5:00pm

This workshop explores outpatient hysteroscopy techniques, patient comfort strategies, and service implementation in public hospitals. Participants can also practise procedures using hysteroscopic simulators.

Sacral Neuromodulation Workshop

Time: 1:00pm - 5:00pm

A combined didactic and practical workshop introducing sacral neuromodulation for urinary and bowel dysfunction, including device insertion, programming, and patient selection.

Laparoscopic / Cystoscopic Workshop

Time: 1:00pm - 5:00pm

An intensive small-group workshop providing hands-on training in laparoscopic suturing, ureteric identification, urinary tract injury management, cystoscopy, and ureteric catheterisation.

IMRA, Melbourne

A Multiplatform Approach to Robotic Surgery in Benign Gynaecology and Urogynaecology

Time: 9:00am - 17:00

This immersive full-day workshop at the IMRA Centre provides hands-on training across four leading robotic platforms - Da Vinci Xi, DV5, Hugo, and Versius - with tailored instruction for both beginner and experienced surgeons.

Participants will develop core robotic skills including docking, instrument handling, suturing, and simulator-based learning using high-fidelity Pindari hydrogel models, while also comparing the unique capabilities of each system.

A dedicated urogynaecology session will feature recorded cases and expert discussion on procedures such as Burch colposuspension and sacrocolpopexy, highlighting platform-specific applications in pelvic reconstructive surgery.

CONFERENCE DINNER

THE RIVER ROOM

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DATE

Friday, 24 July 2026

TIME

7 - 11pm

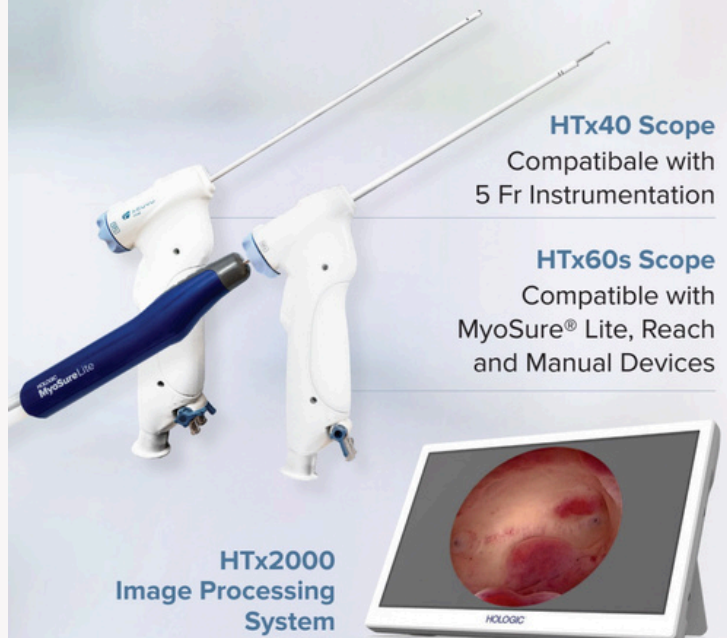
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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

AGES & UGSA PELVIC FLOOR SYMPOSIUM

Conference Program | 24 - 25 July 2026

FRIDAY 24 JULY 2026

0700 - 0800	Conference Registration	Conference Hall Foyer
0800 - 0845	OPENING PLENARY CHAIRS: Michael Wynn-Williams & Bernadette Brown	Conference Hall 1&2
0800 - 0815	Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country – Michael Wynn-Williams & Bernadette Brown	
0815 - 0845	Keynote Presentation: Regenerating What We Can't Reconstruct: Stem Cells in Pelvic Floor Medicine - Alex Digesu	
0845 - 1010	SESSION 1: Diagnostic Pathways & Patient Selection CHAIRS: Erin Nesbitt-Hawes & Alexandra Mowat	Conference Hall 1&2
0845 - 0900	Patient Selection Matters: Identifying Risk for Persistent Pain Despite Optimal Surgery - Katy Vincent	
0900 - 0915	Seeing the Unseen: Imaging Innovations in Pelvic Floor Medicine - Nisha Subramaniam	
0915 - 0930	Imaging-Positive, Symptom-Negative: How Should Surgeons Respond? Pattaya Hengrasmee	
0930 - 0945	Setting Up for Success: The Preoperative Power of the Multidisciplinary Pelvic Pain Team - Helena Frawley	
0945 - 1000	Patient Selection and Shared Decision-Making - New Zealand Experience - Lynsey Hayward	
1000 - 1010	Panel Discussion	
1010 - 1040	Morning Tea & Trade Exhibition	Conference Hall Foyer
1040 - 1205	SESSION 2: Apical Suspension CHAIRS: Supuni Kapurubandara & Lucy Bates	Conference Hall 1&2
1040 - 1055	Seeing Is Believing: Does Enhanced Visualization Really Improve Apical Suspension? Chin Yong	
1055 - 1110	Holding On: Uterine Conservation in Modern Pelvic Reconstructive Surgery - Marcus Carey	
1110 - 1125	Back to Basics: Native Tissue Repair and the Recurrence Conundrum - Alison De Souza	
1125 - 1140	Choosing the Route: Comparative Outcomes of Vaginal, Laparoscopic, vNOTES and Robotic Hysterectomy - Pinar Cingiloglu	
1140 - 1155	Holding it Up Before it Falls: Prophylactic Apical Support at Hysterectomy - Jens Erik Walter	
1155 - 1205	Panel Discussion	
1205 - 1305	Lunch, Trade Exhibition & DCS	Conference Hall Foyer
1305 - 1430	SESSION 3: Concurrent Sessions	
	3A: Surgical Management of Stress Urinary Incontinence (SUI) CHAIRS: Rachel Green & Payam Nikpoor	Conference Hall 1&2
1305 - 1320	Mid-Urethral Slings: Retropubic Vs TOT — Still the Gold Standard? - Yik Lim	
1320 - 1335	Autologous Fascial Slings: Who, When, and How? - Anna Rosamilia	
1335 - 1350	Alternatives to Slings - Natharnia Young	

1350 - 1405	Controversies and Debates: Balancing Safety, Durability, and Innovation - Oliver Daly	
1405 - 1420	Oops... It Leaked Again! Surgical Redo or Rethink - Peter Dwyer	
1420 - 1430	Panel Discussion	
1305 - 1430	3B: Surgical Masterclass - Tips and Tricks CHAIRS: Amani Harris & Natharnia Young	Conference Hall 3
1305 - 1320	Difficult Doesn't Mean Abandon: Advanced Vaginal Hysterectomy Techniques - Carly Walsh	
1320 - 1335	Expect the Unexpected - Caroline Dowling	
1335 - 1350	Native Tissue Uterine Preservation: Contemporary Hysteropexy Techniques - Alex Digesu	
1350 - 1405	Restoring Apical Support: Surgical Techniques in Manchester Repair & Sacrospinous Fixation - Lin Li Ow	
1405 - 1420	Endometriosis in the Genitourinary Tract - Charlotte Reddington	
1420 - 1430	Panel Discussion	
1430 - 1500	Afternoon Tea, Trade Exhibition & DCS	Conference Hall Foyer
1500 - 1625	SESSION 4: Functional Disorders & Pelvic Pain CHAIRS: Nyasha Gwata & Kate Moore	Conference Hall 1&2
1500 - 1515	Stimulate, Modulate, Liberate: The New Era of Bladder Control - Alex Digesu	
1515 - 1530	Outcomes Through Collaboration: Tackling Faecal Incontinence and Defecatory Disorders - Alex Wong	
1530 - 1545	Feel, Function, and Feedback: The Physio Frontier in Pelvic Pain - Shan Morrison	
1545 - 1600	Victorian Pain Inquiry: What Happened and What's Next - Marilla Druitt	
1600 - 1615	Connecting the Dots in Pelvic Pain: Gynaecologic Findings in IC/BPS and the 2025 Consensus - Katy Vincent	
1615 - 1625	Panel Discussion	
1630	Conference Close	
1645 - 1730	UGSA AGM - UGSA Members Only	Conference Hall 1&2
1900 - 2300	Conference Dinner	River Room Crown Towers

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SATURDAY 25 JULY 2026		
0800 - 0830	Conference Registration	Conference Hall Foyer
0830 - 1005	SESSION 5: Sexual Function, Menopause & Psychosocial Health CHAIRS: Keryn Harlow & Frida Carswell	Conference Hall 1&2
0830 - 0845	Strong, Sexy & Supported: Menopause, Hormones, and the Midlife Pelvic Floor - Carmen Brown	
0845 - 0900	It's Not Just Age: Should Surgery Differ Before and After Menopause? Kris Cvach	
0900 - 0915	Ethics of Laser and Energy Device for GSM in 2026 - Jason Abbott	
0915 - 0930	More Than Mechanics: Integrating Sexual Therapy into Pelvic Health - Karen Freilich	
0930 - 0945	Menopause After Endometriosis: Managing Symptoms Without Reigniting Disease Katy Vincent	
0945 - 0955	End of Hysteria - Alexandra Mowat	
0955 - 1005	Panel Discussion	
1005 - 1035	Morning Tea, Trade Exhibition & DCS	Conference Hall Foyer
1035 - 1205	SESSION 6: Oral & Video Free Communications CHAIRS: Kate Martin & Debjyoti Karmakar	Conference Hall 1&2
1035 - 1045	Randomised Trials of Estriol Eluting Vaginal Pessaries (E-Leviate): In-vitro Cytotoxicity, Animal Vaginal Irritation and Interim Phase IIb Evaluation of Pelvic Organ Prolapse and Genitourinary Syndrome of Menopause in Postmenopausal Women - Rebecca McDonald	
1045 - 1055	vNOTES Assisted Apical Sacrospinous Ligament Suspension Under Vision - Leveraging Vnotes and Laparoscopy for Practical Steps and Anatomical Landmarks - Elliot Mackenzie	
1055 - 1105	Persistent Pelvic Pain and Urinary Symptoms: A sense of Urgency. Results from the Persistent Pelvic Pain (PPP) Study - Madeleine Smith	
1105 - 1115	Validation of a Cost-Effective Laparoscopic Simulation Tool for Precision Training in Monopolar Dissection - Samara Sabur	
1115 - 1125	Medium to Long Term Patient-Reported Outcomes Following Laparoscopic Burch Colposuspension Compared with Pubovaginal Sling - Sally Ma	
1125 - 1135	Novel Agents For Biofilm Dissolution in Blocked Urinary Catheters - Kate Moore	
1135 - 1145	Modified High Uterosacral Vaginal Vault Suspension for Reduction of Recurrent Anterior Compartment Prolapse - Emily Chambers	
1145 - 1155	Diagnostic Performance, Interobserver Agreement and Predictive Value of Individual MUSA Sonographic Features for Adenomyosis: A Multi-Observer Study - Mayumi Raheem	
1155 - 1205	Autologous Blood-Derived Graft (Victoria Graft System) for Pelvic Organ Prolapse Repair: Early Clinical Outcomes - Sarah Linthwaite	
1205 - 1305	Lunch & Trade Exhibition	Conference Hall Foyer
1305 - 1430	SESSION 7: Concurrent Sessions	
	7A: Obstetric Trauma & Pelvic Floor Protection CHAIRS: Samantha Mooney & Danii Paterson	Conference Hall 1&2
1305 - 1320	Foresee the Tear: Identifying Predictors of Perineal Trauma - Michael Rasmussen	
1320 - 1335	Hidden Damage, Visible Truth: Why Postnatal Assessment Matters - Fay Chao	
1335 - 1350	Bounce Back, Not Break Down: Redefining Postpartum Fitness - Elise Fraser	

1350 - 1420	DEBATE: For: Saving the Floor Before the Fall: The Pro-LSCS Argument Tom Manley & Anthea Lindquist Against: Trading One Risk for Another: The Case Against Universal LSCS Jenny King & Lucy Bates	
1420 - 1430	Panel Discussion	
1305 - 1430	7B: Tradition vs Evidence & The Future of Pelvic Floor Care CHAIRS: Jenni Pontre & Bernadette Brown	Conference Hall 3
1305 - 1320	Beyond the Routine: What Really Drives Post-Op Recovery - Madeleine Ward	
1320 - 1335	Busting Surgical Myths: The Truth About Pelvic Floor Surgery Practices - Frida Carswell	
1335 - 1350	Move, Rest, or Wait? What Science Says About Life After Pelvic Surgery - Ruchi Singh	
1350 - 1405	Data That Delivers: Registries Driving Safer Pelvic Surgery - Ruth Cameron-Jeffs	
1405 - 1420	Bridging Inequities with Telementoring and Telesurgery - Dean Conrad	
1420 - 1430	Panel Discussion	
1430 - 1500	Afternoon Tea & Trade Exhibition	Conference Hall Foyer
1500 - 1630	SESSION 8: Smart Pelvic Care: AI, Imaging, Ethics, and Learning from Outcomes Chairs: Michael Wynn-Williams & Emma Readman	Conference Hall 1&2
1500 - 1515	Smart Surgery: AI and Imaging Transforming Pelvic Care/Data Driven Healthcare - Debjyoti Karmakar	
1515 - 1530	Respect Without Assumptions: Ethical Foundations of Transgender-Inclusive Gynaecological Care - Charlotte Elder	
1530 - 1615	M&M Case Discussion Panellists: Rachel Green, Samantha Mooney & Lauren Ferris Chairs: Mugdha Kulkarni, Emma Readman	
1615 - 1630	Closing Session - Michael Wynn-Williams & Bernadette Brown	
1630	Conference Concludes	

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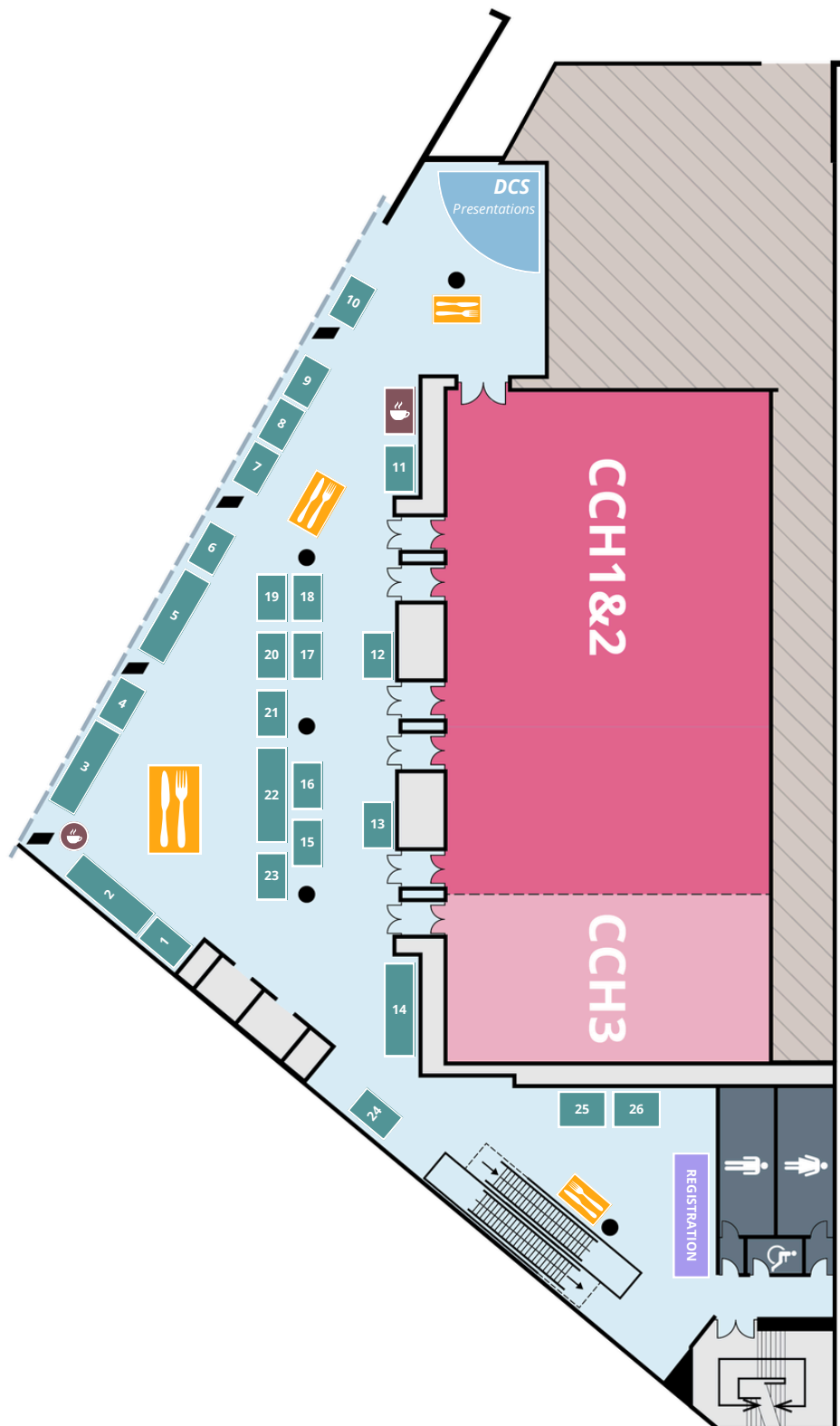
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1205 - 1305	Lunch, Trade Exhibition & DCS	Conference Hall Foyer
1240 - 1245	Evaluation of Radiological Features in Patients Undergoing Surgery for Suspicious Uterine Masses by General Gynaecology and Gynaecological Oncology Teams at an Australian Tertiary Hospital: A Retrospective Cohort Study – Sebastian Jacob-Rogers	
1245 - 1250	Patient-Reported Outcomes Following Robotic Sacrocolpopexy: A Cross-Sectional Patient Reported Outcome Measures Study – Joanna Hill	
1250 - 1255	Interobserver Reliability and Diagnostic Accuracy of Transvaginal Ultrasound For Adenomyosis: A Multi-Observer Study - Mayumi Raheem	
1255 - 1300	Vaginal Assisted NOTES Hysterectomy for Pelvic Organ Prolapse - Edward Carter	
1430 - 1500	Afternoon Tea, Trade Exhibition & DCS	Conference Hall Foyer
1440 - 1445	Patient Reported Outcome Measures Following Removal of MUS Mesh: A Single Centre Experience – Briar Mannering	
1445 - 1450	Two Grafts, Two Repairs: Cadaveric Fascia Lata in Sacrocolpopexy and Concomitant Pubovaginal Sling - Florence Huynh	
1450 - 1455	Rectovaginal Fistula Following Prolonged Cube Pessary Use: A Case Highlighting Gaps in Follow-Up Guidance - Anna Tsveiban	



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