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AGES PERIOPERATIVE SURGICAL MEETING 2025 PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP PROGRAM

THURSDAY 28 TH AUGUST 2025		
0730 - 0800	Pre-Conference Workshop Registration	<i>Mayfair Ballroom Foyer</i>
	Gender Affirming Care	<i>Mayfair 2</i>
0800 - 0815	Registration	
0815 - 0830	Welcome and Workshop Opening	
0830 - 0900	Current WPATH Guidelines	
0900 - 0930	Creating a Gender Diverse and Trans Friendly Practice	
0930 - 1000	Clinical Considerations with Regards to Gender Affirming Hormones	
1000 - 1030	Morning Tea Break	
1030 - 1100	Fertility Considerations in a Gender Diverse Population	
1100 - 1130	Management of Abnormal Vaginal Bleeding in a Gender Diverse Population	
1130 - 1200	Tips and Pearls for Hysterectomy and Other Surgical Procedures in a Gender Diverse Group	
1200 - 1230	Closing Discussion & Key Takeaways	
Day Case Hysterectomy		<i>Mayfair 3</i>
0800 - 0815	Registration	
0815 - 0845	Introduction to day case hysterectomy and experience at Gold Coast - Graeme Walker	
0845 - 0915	Day Case hysterectomy in USA - Michelle Louie	
0915 - 0930	Day case hysterectomy in New Zealand context - Jessica Dunning, Megan Christie	
0930 - 1000	Anaesthetic techniques to increase success with same day discharge - Guy Amy	
1000 - 1030	Morning Tea Break	
1030 - 1100:	Surgical techniques and best practices videos - Michelle Louie, Sam Holford	
1100 - 1130	Role of the clinical nurse specialist - Megan Christie, Paula Parker	
1130 - 1230	Discussion and Workshop Wrap Up	

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Advanced vNOTES Techniques

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0800 - 0830	Registration
0830 - 0845	Workshop Commences
0845 - 0900	Why vNOTES
0900 - 0915	Inclusion and exclusion criteria for vNOTES
0915 - 0930	Algorithm for vNOTES case selection
0930 - 0945	Dynamic Ultrasonography
0945 - 1000	vNOTES with previous C-section
1000 - 1030	vNOTES Anterior Entry
1030 - 1045	vNOTES for Large Uteri
1045 - 1100	vNOTES for High BMI
1100 - 1115	vNOTES Adnexal Procedures
1115 - 1130	vNOTES Prolapse Repair - USLS
1130 - 1215	Hands-on practicum – vNOTES simulation
1215 - 1230	Discussion and Workshop Wrap Up

1230 – 1330 Pre-Conference Workshop Registration & Lunch

Mayfair Ballroom Foyer

Ultrasound for Endometriosis

Mayfair 1

1230 - 1330	Registration & Lunch
1330 - 1400	IDEA Consensus - What to Include in the Ultrasound Assessment of the Pelvis of Women with Endometriosis Symptoms - George Condous
1400 - 1420	How Ultrasound can Improve the Management of Women with Endometriosis - Martin Healey
1420 - 1450	Case Study: Correlation Ultrasound - MRI and Surgery - George Condous
1450 - 1520	Afternoon Tea
1520 - 1535	Role of Ultrasound in the Diagnosis of Superficial Endometriosis - George Condous
1535 - 1605	Learn How to Scan POD Obliteration and Bowel Nodules - Rebecca Long
1605 - 1645	Live Scan with Particular Focus on POD Obliteration and Bowel Nodules - Sofie Piessens
1645 - 1700	Q&A & Panel Discussion
1700	Workshop Concludes

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Pain and the Gynaecologist: A Practical Workshop on Pelvic Pain

Mayfair 2

1230 - 1330	Registration & Lunch
1330 - 1345	Chronic Pelvic Pain - Not Just Biomedical - Jason Chow
1345 - 1420	Biopsychosocial Assessment - Why it Matters - Jason Chow, Shanika Chandra, Shan Morrison
1420 - 1450	Why Gynaecology Treatments Fail - Jason Chow, Shanika Chandra, Angela Chia
1450 - 1515	Physiotherapy Assessments for Gynaecologist - Shan Morrison
1515 - 1530	Afternoon Tea
1530 - 1600	Medications, Opioids and How to Harness Your Pain Specialist - Angela Chia, Jason Chow
1600 - 1620	Perioperative Care - Angela Chia, Jason Chow, Shan Morrison, Shanika Chandra
1620 - 1640	Patients in Emergency - Jo Hatzistergos, Jason Chow, Angela Chia
1640 - 1700	Challenging Behaviours - Panel

Advanced Operative Hysteroscopy

Mayfair 3

1230 - 1330	Registration & Lunch
1330 - 1415	The Value of the Visual Biopsy - Michelle Louie
1415 - 1430	Q&A
1430 - 1515	Advanced Hysteroscopic Techniques - Kate Martin
1515 - 1530	Q&A
1530 - 1600	Afternoon Tea
1600 - 1700	Hands on Workshop
1700	Workshop Close

The Path to vNOTES for MIGS

Grosvenor Room

1230 - 1330	Registration & Lunch
1330 - 1400	Welcome and introductions
1400 - 1415	What is vNOTES?
1415 - 1430	Why did we abandon vaginal surgery?
1430 - 1445	Why vNOTES?
1445 - 1500	Anterior Colpotomy
1500 - 1515	GelPoint™ V-Path setup and placement
1515 - 1530	vNOTES Hysterectomy
1530 - 1545	vNOTES Salpingectomy
1545 - 1700	Hands-on practicum - vNOTES simulation
1700 - 1730	Discussion and Workshop Wrap Up

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Multiplatform Approach to Robotic Benign Gynaecology		IMRA (Offsite workshop)
0845 - 0900	Arrival & Registration	
0900 - 0905	Welcome & Workshop Opening - Danny Chou	
0905 - 0920	The Global Evolution of Robotic Surgery – Sarah Choi	
0920 - 0935	Pathways for Training in Robotic Surgery – Dean Conrad	
0935 - 0950	Comparative Overview of Robotic Platforms – Mikhail Sarofim	
0950 - 1005	Hydrogel-Based Simulation in Robotic Surgery - Cherynne Johansson	
1005 - 1020	Morning Tea Break	
1020 - 1225	Hands-On Training: Fundamentals of Robotic Surgery (Workshop)	
1225 - 1310	Lunch Break	
1310 - 1645	Advanced Procedural Training – Pindari Hydrogel Models (Workshop)	
1510 - 1525	Afternoon Tea Break	
1645 - 1700	Closing Discussion & Key Takeaways – Danny Chou	
1700	Workshop Close	

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0700 - 0745	Pilates for Surgeons	Grosvenor Room
0730 - 0830	Conference Registration	Savoy Ballroom Foyer
0830 - 0915	OPENING PLENARY Chairs: Michael Wynn-Williams, Amani Harris	Savoy Ballroom 1&2
0830 - 0850	Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country and Setting the Scene – Michael Wynn-Williams & Amani Harris	
0850 - 0915	Sculpting Success: The Art and Science of the Surgical Setup – Amy Park	
0915 - 1040	SESSION 1: Surgical Synergy: Teamwork in the Operating Theatre Chairs: Sam Mooney, Tish Potter	Savoy Ballroom 1&2
0915 - 0920	Session Introduction – Our Teams in Action – Sam Mooney & Tish Potter	
0920 - 0940	Perioperative Teams: What Makes a Good Team 'Tick'? – Paula Foran	
0940 - 1010	Ferocious Warmth - Leading with the Head and Heart – Tracey Ezard	
1010 - 1030	Teamwork in a Crisis - Optimising the Surgical Team for Patient Safety - Stuart Marshall	
1030 - 1040	Panel Discussion	
1040 - 1110	Morning Tea, Trade Exhibition & Digital Free Communications	Mayfair Ballroom
1110 - 1240	SESSION 2: Precision in Pain: Advanced Surgical Management of Endometriosis Chairs: Nyasha Gwata, Tim Chang	Savoy Ballroom 1&2
1110 - 1130	Cutting Through the Pain: Surgical Solutions for Endometriosis – Clare Myers	
1130 - 1150	Navigating the Depths: Surgical Solutions for Colorectal Endometriosis – Jin Cho	
1150 - 1210	Targeting Ureteric Endometriosis: Surgical Approaches for Better Outcomes – Yee Chan	
1210 - 1230	Targeting the Roots: Surgical Approach to Sciatic Nerve Endometriosis – Danny Chou	
1230 - 1240	Panel Discussion	
1240 - 1340	Lunch, Trade Exhibition & Digital Free Communications	Mayfair Ballroom
1340 - 1515	SESSION 3: Concurrent Sessions	
	3A: Surgical Innovation: From Controversy to Consensus Chairs: Michael Wynn-Williams, Nancy Peters	Savoy Ballroom 1&2
1340 - 1400	Laparoscopic Myomectomy – Sam Soo	
1400 - 1415	Training Pathways for Robotic Surgery Including Public Hospital – Dean Conrad	
1415 - 1430	Single Incision and Reduced Port Laparoscopic Surgery – Haider Najjar	
1430 - 1445	vNOTES Beyond Hysterectomy – Supuni Kapurubandara	
1445 - 1505	AI in Diagnostics and Imaging – Michelle Louie	
1505 - 1515	Panel Discussion	

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	3B: Prehab to Post-Op: Strategies for Better Recovery Chairs: Akshara Shyamsunder, Kate Tyson, Shami Kathurusinghe	<i>Savoy Ballroom 3</i>
1340 – 1355	Establishing an ERAS Service – Olivia Manos	
1355 – 1410	Prehabilitation: What's the Buzz About? – Debra Leung	
1410 – 1425	Periop Pain Strategies – Nick Christelis	
1425 – 1440	The Right Size for Surgery: Weight and Weight Loss – Cilla Haywood	
1440 – 1515	Case Presentation of Complex Cases – Shamitha Kathurusinghe, Kate Tyson	
1515 – 1545	Afternoon Tea, Trade Exhibition & Digital Free Communications	<i>Mayfair Ballroom</i>
	SESSION 4: Concurrent Sessions	
1545 – 1720	4A: M&M - Surgical Storms: Navigating Complications and Team Morbidity Chairs: Kirsten Connan, Stephen Lyons	<i>Savoy Ballroom 1&2</i>
1545 – 1605	"Knowing Yourself" and the Imposter Syndrome – Lenore Ellett	
1605 – 1625	The Second Victim: The Personal Cost of Failure, and How to Fail Well - Sam Mooney	
1625 – 1645	Case Presentation of a Complex Case – Martin Healey	
1645 – 1710	Debriefing Hot and Cold, and Giving Bad News – Stephen Warrillow	
1710 – 1720	Panel Discussion	
	4B: From Septae to Scars: Modern Approaches in Hysteroscopic Surgery Chairs: Rachel Green, James Gledden, Charlotte Reddington	<i>Savoy Ballroom 3</i>
1545 – 1605	Surgical Approach to Mullarian Anomalies and Uterine Septae – Melissa Cameron	
1605 – 1625	Hysteroscopy – Naman Dahiya	
1625 – 1645	Fibroids – Eashan Tambimuttu	
1645 – 1710	When a Day Case Goes Really, Really Bad: Anaesthetic Management of Catastrophic Outcomes in Hysteroscopic Surgery – James Gledden	
1710 – 1720	Panel Discussion	
1720	Close of Day 1	
1900 – 2300	Conference Dinner	<i>The Residence</i>

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0655	Walk / Run	
0730 - 0800	Conference Registration	<i>Savoy Ballroom Foyer</i>
0800 - 0950	SESSION 5: The Hysterectomy Playbook: Expert Moves for Every Scenario Chairs: Sam Mooney, George Hardas	<i>Savoy Ballroom 1&2</i>
0800 - 0820	Exploring the Foundations: Mastering Pelvic Anatomy - Sarah Choi	
0820 - 0840	Handling Giants: Effective Management of Large Fibroids - Roni Ratner	
0840 - 0900	Navigating Challenges: Mastering Difficult Bladder Dissection - Lior Levy	
0900 - 0920	Challenging Hysterectomy - Tips and Tricks - Catarina Ang	
0920 - 0940	Rising to the Challenge: Managing a Large Uterus in Vaginal Hysterectomy - Amy Park	
0940 - 0950	Panel Discussion	
0950 - 1020	Morning Tea, Trade Exhibition & Digital Free Communications	<i>Mayfair Ballroom</i>
1020 - 1210	SESSION 6: Concurrent Sessions 6A: Preserving Function, Enhancing Fertility: Advanced Laparoscopic and Robotic Surgery Chairs: Kate Martin, Russell Dalton	<i>Savoy Ballroom 1&2</i>
1020 - 1040	Tubal Surgery for the Infertile Patient - Anusch Yazdani	
1040 - 1100	Uterine Preserving Surgery for Adenomyosis - Jay Hudgens	
1100 - 1120	Fertility Sparing Surgery for Pelvic floor Problems Including Prolapse and Incontinence - Vivian Yang	
1120 - 1140	Navigating the Niche. Surgical Management to Optimise Fertility - When and How? - Sireen Jaber	
1140 - 1200	From Controversies to Consensus: Introducing and Reintroducing Tools Safely - Anna Rosamilia	
1200 - 1210	Panel Discussion	
	6B: Cutting Edge to Steady Hands: Training and Transition in Surgery Chairs: Jenni Pontré, Guy Fisher	<i>Savoy Ballroom 3</i>
1020 - 1040	Surgical Skills in Short Supply: Reimagining Gynaecological - Emily Huning	
1040 - 1100	Coaching & Mentors: A Framework for Continuous Improvement - Michael Wynn-Williams	
1100 - 1120	Think Twice, Cut Once: Mental Preparation for Surgical Performance - Belinda Lowe	
1120 - 1140	#SurgeonLife: Social Media for Gynaecologists - Amy Park	
1140 - 1200	From Scrubs to Self-Satisfaction: Transitioning to Retirement - Leslie Reti	
1200 - 1210	Panel Discussion	
1210 - 1310	Lunch, Trade Exhibition & Digital Free Communications	<i>Mayfair Ballroom</i>

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SESSION 7: Concurrent Sessions	
1310 - 1430	7A: Video Free Communications
	Chairs: Emma Readman, Basia Lowes <i>Savoy Ballroom 1&2</i>
1310 - 1320	Laparoscopic Myomectomy for a FIGO Type 3 Fibroid and in Bag Morcellation: 10 Surgical Tips and Tricks – Patrick Laws
1320 - 1330	Bleeding Bloopers: What to Do and What Not to Do – Michelle Louie
1330 - 1340	Essential Strategies for Efficient and Safe Robotic Mesh Sacrocolpopexy – Sireen Jaber
1340 - 1350	Adopting the Hugo™ RAS System: Technical Insights from Initial Cases – Sireen Jaber
1350 - 1400	The Role of Lateral Space in the Vaginal Approach to Hysterectomy – Anushka Kothari
1400 - 1410	Cutting Through Complexity: Hysteroscopic Resection of a Myoma utilising Carboprost – Sarveshinee Pillay
1410 - 1420	Vasopressin: Fundamentals and Applications in Gynaecologic Surgery – Michelle Louie
1420 - 1430	"Step-by-Step Robotic Sacrocolpopexy: A Technical Video Guide for Pelvic Organ Prolapse Repair" – Vivian Yang
	7B: Video Free Communications
	Chairs: Keryn Harlow, Philip Thomas <i>Savoy Ballroom 3</i>
1310 - 1320	Laparoscopic Hemi-hysterectomy for an Advanced First Trimester Rudimentary Horn Ectopic Pregnancy – Philippa Nelson
1320 - 1330	Small Bowel Endometriosis: Pre-Operative Diagnosis and Findings at Laparoscopy – Sam Holford
1330 - 1340	Laparoscopic Abdominal Cerclage: A Standardised Technique for Preventing Preterm Birth – Lucinda Beech
1340 - 1350	Laparoscopic Management of Deep Infiltrating Endometriosis Requiring Rectal Discoid Resection Surgical Technique & Summary of Outcomes – Lucinda Beech
1350 - 1400	Surgical Navigation: Robotic Hysterectomy for a Large Cervical Fibroid and Key Anatomical Landmarks – Amani Harris
1400 - 1410	Laparoscopic Management of Extrinsic Ureteral Endometriosis: Mitigating Complications During Ureteral Dissection – Pattaya Hengrasmee
1410 - 1420	Robotic Hysterectomy for a Ventrofixed Uterus with a 15 cm Anterior Wall Fibroid: Tips and Tricks – Iris Soria-Arikan
1420 - 1430	Managing Adherent Bladder in Robotic Assisted Hysterectomy – Nadin Alghanaim
	7C: Oral Free Communications
	Chairs: Erin Nesbitt-Hawes, Simon Scheck <i>Grosvenor Room</i>
1310 - 1320	ENDOCOLOR Endometriosis Appearance with Hormonal Contraceptives at Laparoscopy: A Prospective Cohort Study – Nancy Peters
1320 - 1330	Reimagining Prehab and Rehab for Endometriosis Surgery with Digital Innovation – Joanna Morris
1330 - 1340	Comparing Efficiency and Complications between RUMI II and Biswas Colpotomisers at Laparoscopic Hysterectomy: A Randomised Controlled Trial – Stephanie Bowler
1340 - 1350	Concordance between Pre-operative Imaging, Intraoperative Findings, and Histopathology in Gastrointestinal Endometriosis. – Jennifer Dean
1350 - 1400	Randomized Trial of Time Efficiency of Electrosurgical Devices (LigaSure™ Blunt Tip & LigaSure™ XP) – Stuart Salfinger
1400 - 1410	Patients as Partners: Co-Creating a Digital Pre- and Post-Op Program for Endometriosis – Anna Fischer
1410 - 1420	Perioperative Anaemia in Hysterectomy: Quantifying the Burden and Uncovering the Roadblocks for Optimisation – Yves Charlesworth
1420 - 1430	Total Laparoscopic Hysterectomy: Implementing a Same-Day Discharge Protocol – Kasia Michalak
1430 - 1440	Vaginal Assisted Natural Orifice Transluminal Endoscopic Hysterectomy (VANH) Versus Laparoscopic Hysterectomy for Complex Atypical Endometrial Hyperplasia: A Retrospective Cohort Study at a Tertiary Australian Hospital – Patrick Laws

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1430 – 1500	Afternoon Tea, Trade Exhibition	Mayfair Ballroom
1500 – 1645	SESSION 8: Reproductive Rights & Funding Fights: The Future of Women's Health Chairs: Amani Harris, Michael Wynn-Williams	Savoy Ballroom 1&2
1500 – 1520	Bias in Women's Health: Medicare, Funding, and Access to Care in Australia – Debbie Nisbet	
1520 – 1540	Diversity in Women's Health Care – Driving Change – Nisha Khot	
1540 – 1600	Operating with Respect: Learning from Others – Meron Pitcher	
1600 – 1635	On the Couch – Is the Time Here to Divide Obstetrics and Gynaecology Training? Jason Abbott, Emma Readman, Alison Bryant-Smith, John Pardey, and Cameron Sharp	
1635 – 1645	Conference Wrap-up & Awards Presentation	
1645	Conference Close	

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DIGITAL FREE COMMUNICATION (DCS) SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 29 TH AUGUST 2025		
1240 – 1340	Lunch, Trade Exhibition & Digital Free Communications	<i>Mayfair Ballroom Foyer</i>
1255 – 1300	Surgical Approaches to Two Cases of Caesarean Scar Pregnancy – Why Depth Matters – Anshula Ashish	
1300 – 1305	A Case of Accessory and Cavitated Uterine Mass (ACUM) – Smita Bhattacharjee	
1305 – 1310	Looking in the Mirror: Surgical Considerations in the Gynaecological Management of a Patient with Situs Inversus Totalis – Stephanie Bowler	
1310 – 1315	Avoiding Failed Hysteroscopy: Technical Strategies for Challenging Cervical Access – A Case Series – Haylee Boyens	
1315 – 1320	Endometrial Vascular Dystrophy – Pathological or Normal Variant? Alexandra Carter	
1320 – 1325	IUD Insertion With or Without Hysteroscopy? Preliminary Findings – Gajana Jeyaram	
1325 – 1330	Double Trouble: Diagnosing and Managing Heterotopic Pregnancy – Siveshan Silvam	
1330 - 1335	Pelvic Retroperitoneal Abscess: Diagnostic Conundrum for Teams – Michelle Yu	
1515 - 1545	Afternoon, Trade Exhibition & Digital Free Communications	<i>Mayfair Ballroom Foyer</i>
1525 – 1530	Vaginal Vault Dehiscence as The Hidden Cause for Acute Abdomen Three Months After Laparoscopic Hysterectomy – Case Report – Blessy John	
1530 – 1535	A Video Case Presentation of Laparoscopic Management of Live Caesarean Scar Ectopic Pregnancy with Repair of Caesarean Scar Niche as per the Ban Caesarean Scar Ectopic Pregnancy Classification – Rebecca Li	
1535 – 1540	Hysteroscopy for Retained Products of Conception Demonstrating Endometrial Vascular Dystrophy: A Case Report – Cathy Liu	
1540 - 1545	Redefining Surgical Boundaries for Complex Patients as a Team: A Case Report Of Multidisciplinary Surgical Excellence in Regional North Queensland – Sally Magoffin	
SATURDAY 30 TH AUGUST 2025		
1210 – 1310	Lunch, Trade Exhibition & Digital Free Communications	<i>Mayfair Ballroom Foyer</i>
1225 – 1230	Concomitant Endometriosis and Pelvic Tuberculosis: A Case Report – Kasia Michalak	
1230 – 1235	Fear Me Not but Find Me Always: Tips and Tricks in Navigating the Challenging Pararectal – Puvana Raman	
1235 – 1240	When the Uterus Speaks to the Bladder: Unmasking Uterovesical Fistula – Siveshan Silvam	
1240 – 1245	Driving Surgical Improvement Through Data: The NSQIP Journey at STARS Hospital – Keisuke Tanaka	
1245 – 1250	A Rare Case of Extrauterine Endometrial Stromal Nodule Mimicking Parasitic Fibroid Two Decades After Hysterectomy – Sima Wani	
1250 – 1255	Unleashing The Power of True Multidisciplinary Team Care: Featuring a Complex Patient Journey with Clinical Challenges That Led to a Successful Outcome – Amanda Wee	
1255 – 1300	Uterine Spindle Cell Cancer Complicated with Malignant Pelvic Fistula- Michelle Yu	