SASGO 2026
6 - 8 November
East London ICC
Draft Programme (Subject to change)

FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2026		
07:00 - 08:00	**Pre-congress workshops registration**	**Venue: Exhibition**
08:30 - 16:15	**Workshop 1: IGCS pre-invasive diseases workshop** **Facilitators: Dr Nondumiso Ngxola & Prof Nomonde Mbatani**	**Venue: East London Health Resource Centre** **Cheltenham Road, Selborne, East London, 5201**
	Preinvasive disease of the Lower genital tract: Improving capacity	
08:30 - 08:40	Welcome and outline of the IGCS pre-invasive program	Dr Nondumiso Ngxola (SA)
08:40 - 09:00	The natural history of cervical cancer and HPV- Elimination strategy	Dr Kathleen Schmeler (USA)
09:00 - 09:20	Screening for cervical cancer globally	Prof Selvan Pather (AUS)
09:20 - 09:30	Q & A	
09:30 - 09:50	Use of human papillomavirus (HPV) DNA genotyping	Dr Kathleen Schmeler (USA)
09:50 - 10:10	Colposcopy and the diagnosis of preinvasive cervical disease	Dr Billy Magagula (SA)
10:10 - 10:30	Q & A	
10:30 - 11:00	**Tea/Coffee**	**Venue: East London Health Resource Centre**
11:00 - 11:20	Management of pre-invasive cervical disease: Ablation	Dr Billy Magagula (SA)
11:20 - 11:40	Management of pre-invasive cervical disease: Excision treatments	Prof Nomonde Mbatani (SA)
11:40 - 11:50	Q & A	
11:50 - 12:00	Orientation for the hands-on training	Dr Nondumiso Ngxola (SA)
12:00 - 13:00	Hands on Training – 30 min each station (Approx) and 30 min for questions and additional practice	
	Colposcopy and Biopsy	Prof Selvan Pather (AUS)
	LEEP/LLETZ	Dr Trudy Smith (SA) & Dr Sibongile Mandondo (SA)
	Thermal Ablation	Dr Kathleen Schmeler (USA)
	Images (pathology)	Dr Billy Magagula (SA)
13:00 - 14:00	**Lunch**	**Venue: East London Health Resource Centre**
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16:00 - 16:15	Closing remarks	
08:30 - 16:15	**Workshop 2: Surgical Workshop** **Facilitators: Prof Tracey Adams, Dr Martins Mohosho, Dr Emma Bryant & Dr Kamendran Govender**	**Venue: Regency 1 - 3**
08:30 - 09:30	***Peri-operative care***	
08:30 - 08:45	Pre-operative optimization in Gynaecological oncology patients	Dr Edwin Mnisi
08:45 - 09:00	The argument for ERAS in LMIC: yay or nay?	Dr Dominic Richards
09:00 - 09:15	Real world experiences: ERAS At GSH: Opportunities and challenges	Prof Tracey Adams
09:15 - 09:30	Q & A	
09:30 - 13:00	***MIS including robotic surgery***	
	Sentinel lymph node Biopsy (SLNB) algorithm	
09:30 - 09:50	What is the evidence?	Dr Edwin Mnisi
09:50 - 10:10	Prerequisites for performing SLNB	Prof Leon Snyman
10:10 - 10:30	SLNB: How to do it	Prof Leon Snyman
10:30 - 11:00	**Tea/Coffee**	**Venue: Exhibition**
	Robotic surgery in Gynecological Oncology	
11:00 - 11:20	The role of surgical robotics in Gynaecological Oncology	Dr Nicolo Bizzarri
11:20 -11:40	Overview of the surgical robot system setup	Dr Martins Mohosho
11:40 - 12:00	Total Robotic hysterectomy demonstration	Dr Martins Mohosho & Dr Nicolo Bizzarri
12:00 - 12:30	Sentinel groin node dissection	Dr Esrom Mojela & Dr David Mvunta
12:30 - 13:00	Industry equipment/practical	Venue: Exhibition
13:00 - 14:00	**Lunch**	**Venue: Exhibition**
14:00 - 16:00	***Radical surgery and HIPEC***	
14:00 - 14:25	Relevance of HIPEC in the management of ovarian cancer	Dr Valentina Ghirardi
14:25 - 14:30	Introduction of the National Peritoneal Surface Malignancy MDM	Dr Brendan Bebington
14:30 - 14:45	Achieving complete cytoreduction in the upper abdomen: The Art, the Limits and the Anatomy	Dr Emma Bryant
14:45 - 15:10	Debulking of the Upper Abdomen in Ovarian cancer - surgical challenges and opportunities (hepatic, splenic and porta disease)	Dr Helgard Marias
15:10 - 15:35	Colorectal considerations in the surgical management of ovarian cancer	Dr Brendan Bebington
15:35 - 15:45	Q & A with the experts	
15:45 - 16:00	Hands-on introduction to: HIPEC machine Circular bowel stapler Linear bowel stapler	Rotations in groups
16:00	Closing remarks	
19:00	**Speakers dinner (By invitation)**	
SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2026		
07:00 - 08:00	**Congress registration**	**Venue: Exhibition**

07:00 - 07:45	**GSK trade sponsored breakfast symposium** Vaccination for the patient with a gynaecologic malignancy	**Venue: Auditorium** Prof Jeremy Nel (Virtual)
	SESSION 1: OVARIAN DISEASE **Chairs: Dr Kamendran Govender & Dr Zukiswa Jafta**	**VENUE: AUDITORIUM**
08:00 - 08:15	Welcome	Prof Nomonde Mbatani
08:15 - 08:35	Role of minimally invasive surgery in Ovarian Cancer	Dr Valentina Ghirardi
08:35 - 08:50	Primary cytoreductive surgery vs Neo adjuvant chemotherapy: New evidence	Dr Bongumusa Makhathini
08:50 - 09:05	Should PARP inhibitors be a South African standard of care in the treatment of ovarian cancer	Dr Sanele Kunene
09:05 - 09:25	Indications of Hyperthermic intraperitoneal Chemotherapy(HIPEC) in ovarian cancer	Dr Valentina Ghirardi
09:25 - 09:40	Cardio-oncology in gynae-oncology	Dr YT Singh
09:40 - 10:15	**Tea/Coffee**	**Venue: Exhibition**
	Poster Session & Adjudication	**Venue: Exhibition**
	Station A	
	Adjudicators: Dr Xolani Mbongozi & Dr Edwin Mnisi	
09:50 - 09:57	18: The correlation between abnormal cervical cytology, colposcopy, and histology in the diagnosis of cervical cancer precursor lesions	Dr Ondele Nyandana
09:57 - 10:04	19: Fertility Preservation: Reproductive Justice or False Hope?	Dr Jabulani Ernest Moloi
10:04 - 10:11	21: High HPV type-specific clearance (and acquisition) during follow-up of a high-risk population: first results of the South African LongVACCS study	Prof Leon Snyman
	Station B	
	Adjudicators: Dr Tebatso Gil Boshomane & Dr Kamendran Govender	
09:50 - 09:57	36 Time to diagnosis for cervical cancer in Zimbabwe and South Africa: finding from the AWACAN-ED cross-sectional study	Dr Bothwell Takaingofa Guzha
09:57 - 10:04	37 Learning site model for cervical cancerelimination in South Africa: Early HPV screeing results from rural and urban complexes	Ms Neo Masike
	Station C	
	Adjudicators: Dr Mfundo Mabenge & Dr Linda Rogers	
09:50 - 09:57	77: Carcinoid heart disease as the presenting feature of an ovarian carcinoid tumour arising in a mature cystic teratoma: A case report	Dr Ria Racheal Hoffman
09:57 - 10:04	82: Role of tumour biomarker CA19-9 in abdomino-pelvic masses of presumed gynaecological origin in a low resource setting	Dr Ongeziwe Mgilane
10:04 - 10:11	83 From Demand to treatment: Community-based demand creation and decentralised pre-cancer treatment for cervical cancer elimination in the Eastern Cape	Dr Sibongile Mandondo
	SESSION 2: ENDOMETRIAL DISEASE/UTERUS **Chairs: Dr Emma Bryant & Dr Kuda Chimusoro**	**VENUE: AUDITORIUM**
10:15 - 10:35	Pelvic Exenteration in Gynaecological cancers: Results from the COREPEX Study	Dr Nicolo Bizzarri
10:35 - 10:50	Role of molecular markers in low resource setting: The cost effectiveness case	Prof Nomonde Mbatani
10:50 - 11:10	Management of advanced endometrial cancer: Upfront Surgery (Dr Bruce Howard) or Chemo/radiotherapy (Prof Sheynaz Bassa). A debate.	Prof Sheynaz Bassa & Dr Bruce Howard
11:10 - 11:25	Health disparities in Endometrial cancer – Incidence, diagnosis, treatment and outcomes	Prof Greta Dreyer
11:25 - 11:40	Screening and early detection of endometrial precancer: Opportunities for cancer prevention	Dr Trudy Smith
11:40 - 12:00	Debate: Ovarian preservation in early stage cervical adenocarcinoma	Dr Martins Mohosho & Dr Bart Goldman
12:00 - 13:00	**Oral Session & Adjudication**	
	Chairs: Prof Mfundo Mabenge & Dr Pinky Selanto	
	Adjudicators: Dr Xolani Mbongozi , Dr Nazia Fakie & Dr Tebatso Gil Boshomane	
12:00 - 12:10	108: Linking formal education to cervical cancer knowledge and health-seeking behaviour in rural Eastern Cape, South Africa	Dr Charles Bitamazire Businge
12:10 - 12:20	61: The molecular classification and HPV genotyping of vulvar cancer in HIV-positive and negative women at a tertiary hospital	Dr Jennifer Butt
12:20 - 12:30	104: Cervical cancer screen-and-treat: A pilot project for the central and the eastern region of the Eastern Cape, South Africa	Dr Mfundo Feketshane
12:30 - 12:40	107: Factors associated with stage at diagnosis of cervical cancer in South Africa and Zimbabwe	Dr Bothwell Takaingofa Guzha
12:40 - 12:50	20: HPV-persistence after LLETZ treatment: Five-year follow-up data of the diavaccs trial	Prof Greta Dreyer
13:00- 14:00	**Lunch**	**Venue: Exhibition**
13:15- 14:00	**Natmed trade sponsored lunch symposium** Changing paradigms in oncological practice	**Venue: Auditorium** Marco Kellerman
	SESSION 3: CERVICAL CANCER **Chairs: Dr Haynes van der Merwe & Dr Haleema Addae**	**VENUE: AUDITORIUM**
14:00 - 14:20	WHO cervical cancer elimination initiative	Prof Kathleen Schmeler
14:20 - 14:40	Colposcopy in the era of HPV testing - A blessing or a curse	Prof Selvan Pather
14:40 - 15:00	Minimally surgery in early cervical cancer: Can we de-escalate safely	Dr Nicolo Bizzarri
15:00 - 15:15	Accelerating Cervical Cancer Elimination in South Africa: Progress, Challenges and Strategic Priorities towards the 90-70-90 Targets	Dr Nonhlanhla Ndlovu
15:15 - 15:30	**Tea/Coffee**	**Venue: Exhibition**
	SESSION 4: VULVAR DISEASE, VAGINA & GTN **Chairs: Dr Mfundo Feketshane & Dr Garish Mohlaba**	**VENUE: AUDITORIUM**

15:30 - 16:00	Choriocarcinoma, Vulva Cancer, Vaginal Cancer: A case presentation	GTN - Dr Nourah Alkindi, Vulva - Dr Mpolokeng Melamu, Vagina - Dr Kgwerano Khulu
16:00 - 16:15	Gestational Trophoblastic Neoplasia: latest therapies	Dr Nazia Fakie
16:15 - 16:30	HPV vaccine and its impact on vulval HSIL and cancer incidence	Dr Nondumiso Ngxola
16:30 - 16:45	Vulva cancer and inguinal lymph nodes - where to draw the line	Dr Jenny Butt
16:45 - 17:00	Surveillance of multifocal vulval disease	Dr Linda Rogers
17:00 - 18:00	**SASGO AGM**	
19:30	**Congress Dinner**	**Venue: Regency 1, 2 & 3**

SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2026		
07:00 - 08:00	**Congress registration**	**Venue: Exhibition**
07:30 - 08:15	**Astra Zeneca trade sponsored breakfast symposium** Chairperson: Dr Emma Bryant Emerging biomarkers in ovarian cancer and their impact on treatment outcomes	**Venue: Auditorium** Dr Valentina Ghirardi
	SESSION 5: PALLIATIVE CARE, ETHICS, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN G.ONC **Chairs: Prof Tracey Adams & Dr Bothwell Guzha**	**VENUE: AUDITORIUM**
08:30 - 08:45	Morning surprise	Dr Nontsikelelo Gubu-Ntaba
08:45 - 09:20	Early initiation of palliative care in treatment of Ovarian Cancer	Dr Marina Johnson
09:20 - 09:50	Ethics of hope	Dr Diana Pillay
09:50 - 10:10	Fertility preservation: Reproductive justice or false hope?	Prof Leon Snyman
10:10 - 10:30	Surgical education in the 21st Century - More than "see one, do one, teach one"	Prof Selvan Pather
10:30 - 10:50	The last mile is human: Designing AI into women's cancer care	Ms Amy Fane Hervey
10:50 - 11:00	**Vote of thanks, announcement of the winning abstracts prize giving, visit a stand prize giving & farewell**	