

Main Congress - Day 1: Wednesday 5 August 2026

Time	Session	Speaker	Venue
14h00-17h00	Registration for main congress opens		Century City Convention Centre Foyer
17h00-18h45	Plenary 1: Opening	Chairperson: Prof Hennie Botha	Hall ABC
17h00-17h15	Welcome	Prof Hennie Botha, Stellenbosch University	
17h15-18h00	Keynote Lecture 1: CMSA Honorary Lectureship: Data to Dignity: Transforming Women's health through Research and Advocacy	Prof Sue Fawcus: College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists Honorary Lectureship	
18h00-18h45	Keynote Lecture 2: RCOG Invited Speaker The Dignity of Care: On Being Human in Women's Health	Dr Olivia Barigye, South Africa	
19h00-22h00	Industry Welcome Function		

Main Congress - Day 2: Thursday 6 August 2026

Time	Session	Speaker	Venue
07h30-08h15	BREAKFAST SYMPOSIUM 1: Medi Challenge The Great Obstetric Syndrome	Paul Piette	Meeting Room 11
07h30-08h15	BREAKFAST SYMPOSIUM 2: Natmed Medical Defence AI: Clinical Efficiencies & Medico-legal Risk Exposing Yourself to Social Media & How to Dismiss a Patient from Your Care	Dr Robert Bennetto Dr Paul Alberts	Meeting Room 8&9
08h30-10h00	Plenary 2: Progress, Challenges and Breakthroughs	Chairpersons: Profs Tshidi Sebitloane and Cathy Cluver	Hall ABC
08h30-08h50	Keynote Lecture 3: SASOG Presidential Address	Prof Ismail Borat, South Africa	
08h50-09h10	Keynote Lecture 4: Cerebral complications of Preeclampsia	Prof Lina Bergman, Sweden	
09h10-09h30	Keynote Lecture 5: Biomarkers for Preeclampsia	Prof Andy Shennan, United Kingdom	
09h30-10h00	Flash Debate 1: The colposcope belongs in a museum: You don't need to look before you LEEP	Drs Rebecca Lockett & Trudy Smith, South Africa	
10h00-10h30	POSTER VIEWING AND TEA BREAK		
10h30-11h30	Parallel 1A: Preeclampsia/Preterm labour Update	Chairpersons: Profs David Hall and Andy Shennan	Hall A
10h30-10h45	Preterm labour innovations	Dr Pumza Mjuleka, South Africa	
10h45-11h00	Cervical length screening in mid-pregnancy for predicting preterm birth	Prof Lina Bergman, Sweden	
11h00-11h15	Should we be using Calcium and Aspirin to prevent preeclampsia?	Prof Cathy Cluver, South Africa	
11h15-11h30	Early warning signs of eclampsia- Findings from the ICE study	Prof Lina Bergman, Sweden	

10h30-11h30	Parallel 1B: Women's Cancer Care: Fertility, Prevention, and Dignity	Chairperson: Dr Linda Rogers	Hall B
10h30-10h45	Fertility and optimal cancer treatment: Can patients have both?	Dr Dawie Slabbert, South Africa	
10h45-11h00	Cervical cancer elimination: Progress and advocacy for HPV vaccination	Prof Hennie Botha, South Africa	
11h00-11h15	Screening with HPV testing	Dr Jenny Butt, South Africa	
11h15-11h30	Survivorship and dignity: Addressing long-term effects and psychosocial needs post-treatment	Prof Hannah Simonds, South Africa	
10h30-11h30	Parallel 1C: Navigating Sexual Health: Clinical, Social, and Ethical Dimensions	Chairperson: Dr Marie Pienaar	Hall C
10h30-10h45	Sexual health consultations: Practical approaches for clinicians	Dr Marlana du Toit, South Africa	
10h45-11h00	Gender identity and sex assigned at birth: Language and politics	Mx Ron Addinall, South Africa	
11h00-11h15	Impact of trauma and sexual abuse on sexual health	Dr Mareli Fischer, South Africa	
11h15-11h30	Inclusive care for gender diverse patients: Clinical, legal, and ethical considerations	Dr Nicole Chilimigras, South Africa	
10h30-11h30	Parallel 1D (free communications): Mental Health and Safety in Maternity Care	Chairperson: Dr Alrese Cloete	Meeting Room 11
10h30-10h40	Evidence on the Effects of Severe Maternal Morbidity on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder among Women of Reproductive Age: An Umbrella Review of Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses	Prof Doreen Kaura, South Africa	
10h40-10h50	From Data to Dignity: Antidepressant Risk and Neonatal Adaptation Syndrome in Perinatal Care	Dr Elsa du Toit, South Africa	
10h50-11h00	Perinatal outcomes of obstetrics patients in a specialized mental health outpatient clinic	Dr Mantsiri Moshoeu, South Africa	
11h00-11h10	Trauma-Informed Obstetric Care: Understanding the landscape of and Preventing Birth Trauma in Southern African Practice	Dr Matlhogonolo Malebane, South Africa	
11h10-11h20	Psychological Safety in Labour Wards- Leadership Behaviours, Team Learning, and Wellbeing.	Dr Matlhogonolo Malebane, South Africa	
11h20-11h30	A qualitative study of overcrowding in outpatient ante-natal clinic at an academic hospital, Gauteng province, 2024 – 2025	Dr Odirle Seshoka, South Africa	
10h30-11h30	Parallel 1E: Free communications- Infertility, Innovation, and Inequity	Chairpersons: Dr Sudhir Prithipal and Prof Thabo Matsaseng	Meeting Room 8&9
10h30-10h40	Cumulative live birth rate and obstetric outcomes for blastocyst-stage versus cleavage-stage embryo transfer: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis.	Dr Amon Siveregi, South Africa	
10h40-10h50	Unmet Need for Assisted Reproductive Technology in the Eastern Cape: A Prospective Public Sector Audit	Dr Debbie Prince, South Africa	
10h50-11h00	Establishing a Robotic Gynaecology Programme in KwaZulu-Natal: Early Outcomes from 180 Cases	Dr Shafique Sayed, South Africa	
11h00-11h10	Contextualising Remifentanil PCA for Labour Analgesia in South Africa	Dr Philip Anderson, South Africa	

11h10-11h20	“C” for Coagulation (A practical framework for Heavy Menstrual Bleeding)	Dr Leriska Haupt, South Africa	
11h30-12h30	Parallel 2A: Obstetrics in 2026 – Where evidence meets reality	Chairpersons: Dr Pauli van Heerden and Prof Lina Bergman	Hall A
11h30-11h45	39-week IOL: Friend or foe?	Prof Stefan Gebhardt, South Africa	
11h45-12h00	sFLT/PLGF: Hype or helpful? (Translating the TSHEPPO trial into clinical practice)	Prof Ismail Bhorat, South Africa	
12h00-12h15	Peripartum Iron Deficiency and Iron Deficiency Anaemia: SA Expert Recommendations	Dr Jarrod Zamparini, South Africa	
12h15-12h30	Thyrotoxicosis in pregnancy: When to treat, when to worry	Dr Tasleem Hassim, South Africa	
11h30-12h30	Parallel 2B: Women’s Cancer for the Generalist	Chairperson: Dr Nourah Alkindi	Hall B
11h30-11h50	Ovarian masses: When should you call the gyn oncologist?	Dr Tracey Adams, South Africa	
11h50-12h10	Unexpected endometrial cancer: How to interpret the histology results	Dr Liz Hugo, South Africa	
12h10-12h30	BRCA, Lynch carriers: A holistic approach	Dr Mardelle Schoeman, South Africa	
11h30-12h30	Parallel 2C: Female Sexual and Reproductive Health	Chairperson: Dr Debbie Prince	Hall C
11h30-11h50	Estetrol (E4): The new kid on the block	Prof Tobie De Villiers, South Africa	
11h50-12h10	Obesity management and GLP1	Dr Jo Pottow, South Africa	
12h10-12h30	Dyspareunia and physiotherapy	Lauren Ellis and Candice Langford, South Africa	
11h30-12h30	Parallel 2D: Free communications-Evidence-Based Practice and Clinical Innovation	Chairperson: Drs Davinia Masimila and Liesl de Waard	Meeting Room 11
11h30-11h40	Current Infant Sleep Practices in Postnatal Wards in the Western Cape: An Observational Study	Dr Denise Sproul, South Africa	
11h40-11h50	Side-by-side Foley catheter balloons for labour induction: a randomised controlled trial	Dr Catherine Sibongile Mpehle, South Africa	
11h50-12h00	Accuracy of contactless photoplethysmography using face recognition for blood pressure monitoring in pregnancy and its feasibility for self-monitoring	Dr Louisa Seopela, South Africa	
12h00-12h10	A prospective trial of the CaesAid compared to forceps for delivery of the fetal head at Caesarean Section, and subsequent Audit of CaesAid statistics	Prof Peter de Jong, South Africa	
12h10-12h20	Maternal and fetal outcomes of induction of labour in a tertiary hospital in South Africa	Dr Noella Kalanga Lumbala, South Africa	
12h20-12h30	Association Between Insufficient Iodine Intake During Pregnancy and Acute Kidney Injury in Normotensive and Preeclamptic Women in Eastern Cape, South Africa: A Case-Control Study	Prof Charles Businge, South Africa	
11h30-12h30	Parallel 2E: Free communications: Sexual and Reproductive Health Across the Lifespan	Chairperson: Prof Ray Maharaj	Meeting Room 8&9
11h30-11h40	Evidence and determinants of post-abortion family planning utilization among women of reproductive age in Africa: An Umbrella Review	Prof Doreen Kaura, South Africa	

11h40-11h50	Linking STI Exposure to Maternal and Neonatal Outcomes Among Adolescent Girls and Young Women: Insights from the Pregnancy Exposure Registry in Rural KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa	Dr Nqobile Ngoma, South Africa	
11h50-12h00	Outcomes of self-induced late pregnancy termination in women presenting to a tertiary hospital in the Eastern Cape Province, South Africa	Dr Sibongile Mandondo, South Africa	
12h00-12h10	Female genital schistosomiasis in the management protocols for sexually transmitted infections in endemic countries: A call for amendments	Dr Solrun Soefteland, Norway	
12h10-12h20	Artificial Intelligence in Obstetrics and Gynaecology – Friend or Foe?	Prof Ray Maharaj, South Africa	
12h20-12h30	Feasibility of the Sentinel Node procedure for Women with Vulvar Cancer in a high HPV-prevalent Population	Dr Jennifer Butt, South Africa	
12h30-13h30	LUNCH		
13h30-14h30	Parallel 3A: Obstetric Masterclasses – Clinical decision-making under pressure	Chairpersons: Drs Tasteem Hassim and Samantha Budhram	Hall A
13h30-13h48	Postpartum Haemorrhage: The first 10 minutes that save a life	Dr Neil Moran, South Africa	
13h48-14h06	Peripartum Cardiomyopathy: Don't miss it	Dr Pauli van Heerden, South Africa	
14h06-14h24	From the Cockpit to Labour Ward: What aviation crew resource management teaches us about debriefing?	Dr John Roos, South Africa	
14h24-14h30	Q&A session	All speakers	
13h30-14h30	Parallel 3B: Minimal Invasive and Hysteroscopy Surgery	Chairpersons: Profs Femi Olarogun and Thabo Matsaseng	Hall B
13h30-13h45	Operative Hysteroscopy: Safety and complications management	Dr Debbie Prince, South Africa	
13h45-14h00	Office Hysteroscopy: What does the evidence say about pain and safety	Dr David Emvula, South Africa	
14h00-14h15	Fibroid management options: Choosing an evidence-based route	Dr Gerhard Hanekom, South Africa	
14h15-14h30	The caesarean niche: Implications and management	Dr Bart de Vree, Belgium	
13h30-14h30	Parallel 3C: Modern Maternity Care: Equity, Compassion, Innovation	Chairperson: Dr Liesl de Waard	Hall C
13h30-13h50	Equity in maternal health: Bridging public and private sector gaps	Dr Lindi Murray, South Africa	
13h50-14h10	When the outcome is poor- Leading the debrief	Dr Esté Swart, South Africa	
14h10-14h30	Pain management in labour: Erector spinae plane blocks	Dr Anneme Breedts, South Africa	
13h30-14h30	Parallel 3D: SASGE – Endoscopy: From Fundamentals to Complex Decision Making	Chairperson: Dr Viju Thomas	Meeting Room 11
13h30-13h45	Endometriosis in 2026: Where are we and what is the future	Dr Viju Thomas, South Africa	
13h45-14h00	Video case 1. Total laparoscopic/robotic hysterectomy in 10 steps	Dr Lusanda Shimange-Matsose, South Africa	
14h00-14h15	Endoscopic Management of Fibroids: Matching the Procedure to the Patient	Dr PK Ratshabedi, South Africa	

14h15-14h30	Video case 2. Ureter at risk: Prevention, identification and repair	Dr Suran Ramphal, South Africa	
13h30-14h30	Parallel 3E: SOOMSA- Sepsis, Specimens and Safe Antibiotics: Infection in Pregnancy	Chairperson: Dr J Zamparini	Meeting Room 8&9
13h30-13h35	Overview of the burden of infectious diseases in pregnancy	Dr Jarrod Zamparini, South Africa	
13h35-13h50	Approach to the Septic Obstetric patient	Dr Nontsikelelo Gubu-Ntaba, South Africa	
13h50-14h05	Sending the right specimens: working with your local microbiologist	Dr Kessendri Reddy, South Africa	
14h05-14h20	Choosing the right antibiotic in pregnancy	Dr Lyle Murray, South Africa	
14h20-14h30	Q&A session	All speakers	
14h30-15h30	Parallel 4A: Fetal Medicine	Chairperson: Prof Lut Geerts	Hall A
14h30-14h45	Placental dysfunction, the baby is small! What is watchful waiting and when do we deliver?	Dr Samantha Budhram, South Africa	
14h45-15h00	Pregnancy and Diabetes: Prediction and management of the at-risk fetus	Prof Sumaiya Adam, South Africa	
15h00-15h15	The fetus is anaemic: Beyond red cell alloimmunization	Dr Amy Wise, South Africa	
15h15-15h30	Routine third trimester ultrasound in pregnancy: Are we there yet?	Dr Nontsikelelo Gubu-Ntaba, South Africa	
14h30-15h30	Parallel 4B: SAMS- Menopausal medicine and hormonal therapy	Chairpersons: Prof Lineo Matsela and Dr Jacky Searle	Hall B
14h30-14h50	Management of Perimenopause	Dr Trudy Smith, South Africa	
14h50-15h10	Testosterone therapy	Prof Tobie de Villiers, South Africa	
15h10-15h30	What is new in the zoo	Dr Malikha van der Schyff, South Africa	
14h30-15h30	Parallel 4C: Respectful Maternity Care: Equity, Training, and Clinical Excellence	Chairpersons: Prof Doreen Kaura	Hall C
14h30-14h45	Midwife-led care in the SA private sector: What is the way forward	Prof Doreen Kaura, South Africa	
14h45-15h00	Birthing positions and innovative birthing equipment	Dr Margreet Barnardt-Wibbelink, South Africa	
15h00-15h15	Trauma-informed obstetric care: Preventing and responding to birth trauma	Prof Karin Minnie, South Africa	
15h15-15h30	Bereavement care and creating support teams for perinatal loss	Prof Penelope Martin, South Africa	
14h30-15h30	Parallel 4D: Robotic Surgery and Artificial Intelligence	Chairpersons: Dr Viju Thomas	Meeting Room 11
14h30-14h50	Artificial Intelligence in Gynaecological Surgery and Medicine Today – the next capacity multiplier	Dr Viju Thomas, South Africa	
14h50-15h10	When Is Robotics Better Than Laparoscopy? Where It Matters Most	Dr Jessica Preshaw, United Kingdom	
15h10-15h30	Minimal Access Surgery in gynaecology with the aid of robotic systems – What is the truth?	Dr Mark Slack, United Kingdom	

14h30-15h30	Parallel 4E: Free Communications- Cervical cancer prevention	Chairpersons: Drs Kaizer Baloyi and Jennifer Butt	Meeting Room 8&9
14h30-14h40	Post hoc comparison of two self-sampling devices versus clinician-sampling for detecting high-risk human papillomavirus in cervical cancer screening	Prof Leon Snyman, South Africa	
14h40-14h50	Assessing cobas-HPV-negative biopsy-proven high-grade cervical intraepithelial lesions by five extra HPV screening tests	Prof Greta Dreyer, South Africa	
14h50-15h00	Human Papillomavirus Genotype Landscape Across Cervical Cytology Grades and Impact of HIV Among Women of Eastern Cape Province, South Africa	Prof Charles Businge, South Africa	
15h00-15h10	The correlation between abnormal cervical cytology, colposcopy, and histology in the diagnosis of cervical cancer precursor lesions at a tertiary hospital in the Eastern Cape, South Africa	Prof Charles Businge, South Africa	
15h10-15h20	Transitioning to HPV Testing for Cervical Screening: Evaluation of the Performance of the KwaZulu-Natal Algorithm for Referral for Treatment	Dr Neil Moran, South Africa	
15h20-15h30	Evaluating the Prevalence of CIN Lesions on Colposcopically-Directed Biopsy in Patients with HPV 16, 18, or Both, and Normal Cervical Cytology	Dr Judith Carter, South Africa	
15h30-16h00	POSTER VIEWING AND TEA BREAK		
16h00-17h45	Plenary 3: Evolving Surgical Practice	Chairpersons: Prof Priya Soma Pillay and TBA	Hall BC
16h00-16h20	Keynote Lecture 6: The evolution of Fetal Surgery- from Experimental Therapy to Standard of Care	Prof Michael Belfort, USA	
16h20-16h40	Keynote Lecture 7: Cervical Caesarean Damage- recognition and action needed	Prof Andy Shennan, United Kingdom	
16h40-17h40	SASOG AGM		Hall BC
17h45-18h30	MISS THE TRAFFIC SYMPOSIUM 1: Waters Advanced Diagnostics Amplifying Cervical Cancer Screening Across Africa- Advancing Access, Innovation & Impact	Dr Sivarajan Vignesh Pattinam Dr Nicole Morse	Meeting Room 11
17h45-18h30	MISS THE TRAFFIC SYMPOSIUM 2: Ethica Managing Menopause Beyond Hormones: An Evidence-Based Solution for Women Who Cannot Choose Not to Use MHT	Dr Percy Moodley	Meeting Room 8&9
17h30-18h30	MISS THE TRAFFIC SYMPOSIUM 3: Adcock Ingram Beyond Hot Flushes – Discover a novel combination HT – “HT that mirrors her”	Dr Malikah van der Schyff	Hall A
19h00	CONGRESS DINNER 19h00 for 19h30		

Main Congress - Day 3: Friday 7 August 2026

Time	Session	Speaker	Venue
07h30-08h15	BREAKFAST SYMPOSIUM 3: iNova Pharmaceuticals Targeted Supplementation in Pregnancy – Optimising Outcomes Through Evidence-Based Nutrients and Nutrition	Kath Megaw RD (SA) – Clinical Paediatric Dietitian	Meeting Room 11
07h30-08h15	BREAKFAST SYMPOSIUM 4: MSD Leave No-One Behind – Protect everyone from HPV Why vaccinate adult females	Professor Tracey Sheridan Adams	Meeting Room 8&9

07h30-08h15	BREAKFAST SYMPOSIUM 5: Pfizer Laboratories The power of maternal immunisation: Clinical evidence on RSV prevention in infants	Prof Leon C. Snyman and Prof Heather Zar	Hall ABC
08h30-10h00	Plenary 4: Unseen Burdens	Chairpersons: Profs Hennie Botha and Ray Maharaj	Hall ABC
08h30-09h00	Keynote Lecture 8: The losses no one records	Prof Elmi Muller (Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences, SU)	
09h00-09h20	Keynote Lecture 9: The right to science in sexual and reproductive health and the legal status of the human embryo	Prof Silke Dyer, South Africa	
09h20-09h40	Keynote Lecture 10: Robotic surgery in gynaecology: From novelty to necessity. Progress in SA, training pathways and indications	Prof Leon Snyman, South Africa	
09h40-10h00	Keynote Lecture 11: Stage 4 Endometriosis-Endometrioma-Pathophysiology, step by step-Laparoscopic management-stripping or Argon Beam Ablation	Prof Bhaskar Goolab, South Africa	
10h00-10h30	POSTER VIEWING AND TEA BREAK		
10h30-11h30	Parallel 5A: Urogynaecology – Panel Discussion	Chairperson: Drs Suran Ramphal and Khumbo Jere	Hall A
10h30-10h45	Overactive bladder and incontinence management (2025+ update): What has changed?	Dr Suran Ramphal, South Africa	
10h45-11h00	Emerging reconstructive techniques: Native tissue focus	Prof Stephen Jeffery, South Africa	
11h00-11h15	Pelvic floor imaging that changes management	Dr Lamees Ras, South Africa	
11h15-11h30	Safe referral pathways and thresholds for the generalist	Dr Dakalo Muavha, South Africa	
10h30-11h30	Parallel 5B: Reproductive Medicine	Chairpersons: Prof Thabo Matsaseng and Dr Gerhard Hanekom	Hall B
10h30-10h45	Ethical and policy challenges in gamete donation and surrogacy in South Africa	Dr Chris Venter, South Africa	
10h45-11h00	Recurrent pregnancy loss: Bridging the gap between research and treatment	Prof Mushi Matjila, South Africa	
11h00-11h15	Ovarian stimulation in the era of precision medicine: Better outcomes or more convenience?	Prof Paul le Roux, South Africa	
11h15-11h30	ART Above 40: Challenges and tailored strategies	Prof Thabo Matsaseng, South Africa	
10h30-11h30	Parallel 5C: Women’s Mental Health and Well-being	Chairpersons: Drs DeidrÃ© Mason and Kerry Louw	Hall C
10h30-10h45	An approach to psychotropic use in pregnancy	Dr Elsa du Toit, South Africa	
10h45-11h00	Antenatal anxiety : Distinguishing normal worry from pathology, when to start pharmacotherapy	Dr Lavinia Lumu, South Africa	
11h00-11h15	Cultural context of maternal caregiving	Dr Anusha Lachman, South Africa	
11h15-11h30	Q&A Maternal Mental Health Panel	Drs Elsa du Toit and Anusha Lachman, South Africa	
10h30-11h30	Parallel 5D: Free communications – Complex Pregnancies, Integrated Solutions	Chairpersons: Drs Ashley Moodley and Tasleem Hassim	Meeting Room 11

10h30-10h40	Do women receiving antenatal corticosteroid administration in the early preterm period deliver within seven days? An audit in South Africa	Dr Willem van der Westhuizen, South Africa	
10h40-10h50	Exploration of Obstetric Clinicians' Experiences in Teaching Caesarean Sections to Junior Colleagues: A Cross-sectional Qualitative Study	Dr Liesl de Waard, South Africa	
10h50-11h00	Multidisciplinary prenatal diagnosis of a life-limiting skeletal ciliopathy in a resource-constrained setting: The transformative power of integrated Fetal Medicine, Medical Genetics and targeted Genomics	Dr Cumine van Tonder, South Africa	
11h00-11h10	Do HbA1c levels during pregnancy predict offspring birth weights in women with pregestational diabetes? A retrospective study	Dr Tasleem Hassim, South Africa	
11h10-11h20	Postnatal Genome Sequencing in Fetuses with Congenital Abnormalities: a game changer for South African families	Prof Shahida Moosa, South Africa	
11h20-11h30	The Role of Angiogenic Factors in Predicting Adverse Perinatal Outcomes in Women with a History of Recurrent Pregnancy Loss	Dr Abduraghmaan Fisher, South Africa	
10h30-11h30	Parallel 5E: Fertility journey: from GP to ART Laboratory	Chairperson: Dr Alrese Cloete	Meeting Room 8&9
10h30-10h50	GP representative	Dr Sesan Ibitomi, South Africa	
10h50-11h10	Private practice perspective	Dr Noma Mbungu, South Africa	
11h10-11h30	Embryologist perspective: Evelyn Erasmus	Evelyn Erasmus, South Africa	
11h30-12h30	Parallel 6A: Urogynaecology	Chairpersons: Drs Kendall Brouard and Suran Ramphal	Hall A
11h30-11h45	Physiotherapy in pelvic organ prolapse and Incontinence: What works and when to refer?	Monique Koopman, South Africa	
11h45-12h00	Obstetric sphincter injuries, postpartum pelvic floor trauma and long term dysfunction	Prof Thinagrin Naidoo, South Africa	
12h00-12h15	Robotic pelvic floor surgery: Evidence, access & responsible adoption	Dr Khumbo Jere, South Africa	
12h15-12h30	Bladder pain syndrome and chronic pelvic pain: The overlooked bladder	Prof Lisa Kaestner, South Africa	
11h30-12h30	Parallel 6B: Fertility Care	Chairperson: Prof Igno Siebert	Hall B
11h30-11h45	Infertility and endometriosis	Prof Igno Siebert, South Africa	
11h45-12h00	Infertility workup: Stepwise practical and effective evaluation	Dr Thato Maoto, South Africa	
12h00-12h15	Uterine fibroids and infertility: Controversies and effective treatment options	Dr Danie Botha, South Africa	
12h15-12h30	Premature ovarian insufficiency: Counselling and optimal treatment strategies	Dr Jack Biko, South Africa	
11h30-12h30	Parallel 6C: Physician Wellbeing: Caring for the Carers	Chairpersons: Drs Karusha Knipe and Lavinia Lumu	Hall C
11h30-12h00	Burning bright, battling burnout	Dr Kerry Louw, South Africa	
12h00-12h30	Resilience under risk: Sustaining strength in O&G	Prof Renata Schoeman, South Africa	

11h30-12h30	Parallel 6D: Obstetric Critical Care	Prof David Hall and Dr Liesl de Waard	Meeting Room 11
11h30-11h45	The impact of immediate on site obstetric critical care service role in saving lives	Prof Eduard Langenegger, South Africa	
11h45-12h00	Non-invasive ventilation saving lives and preventing intubation and ICU in pregnant women	Prof Eduard Langenegger, South Africa	
12h00-12h15	Surgical approach map: Preventing massive haemorrhage	Prof Hennie Lombaard, USA	
12h15-12h30	Saving the mother: Critical care and surgical decision-making in puerperal sepsis	Dr Edward Buga, South Africa	
11h30-12h30	Parallel 6E: Free communications- Maternal Risk and Resilience	Chairpersons: Drs Amy Wise and Prof Gerhard Theron	Meeting Room 8&9
11h30-11h40	Underreporting of Postpartum Haemorrhage at Caesarean Section: A Retrospective Cohort Study at Rahima Moosa Mother and Child Hospital	Dr Jeanne Marais, South Africa	
11h40-11h50	Contributory Factors to Maternal Death Following Caesarean Section at a Tertiary Hospital in Gauteng Province, South Africa: A Qualitative Document Analysis	Dr Thabelo Kwindi, South Africa	
11h50-12h00	ELLAVI: supporting the scaling and implementation of the E-MOTIVE protocol for the management of PPH in LMICS in real-world clinical settings.	Sinapi Biomedical	
12h00-12h10	Elevated Blood Pressure and Stage 1 Hypertension in Pregnancy: Experiences in a South African Setting	Dr Nnabuike Ngene, South Africa	
12h30-13h30	LUNCH		
13h30-14h30	Parallel 7A: Better Obs/Better Gyn/SASREG	Chairpersons: Drs Johannes van Waart and Jack Biko	Hall A
13h30-13h50	BetterObs update	Dr Johannes van Waart, South Africa	
13h50-14h10	The value of guidelines: What's new in BetterObs	Prof Lut Geerts, South Africa	
14h10-14h30	PCOS to PMOS: not just a name change	Prof Malika Patel, South Africa	
13h30-14h30	Parallel 7B: SAATOG Registrar Symposium 1	Chairpersons: Drs Thomas Janse van Rensburg and Denise Sproul	Hall B
13h30-13h40	Opening talk: Research Exposure, Outputs, and Barriers Among Obstetrics and Gynaecology Trainees: A Global Cross-Sectional Survey	Dr Denise Sproul, South Africa	
13h40-13h50	Obstetric registrar's knowledge and perception of cognitive bias and describing the clinical decision-making process	Dr Renuga Chetty, South Africa	
13h50-14h00	Cross-Sectional quantitative study to assess the knowledge on contraception among women attending antenatal care	Dr Simone Fick, South Africa	
14h00-14h10	Reliability of Image Analysis in Female Genital Schistosomiasis using the WHO Pocket Atlas	Dr Yugesni Naidoo, South Africa	
14h10-14h20	Clinical outcomes of women with septic miscarriage: a three-year retrospective review	Dr Mokoko Epekwa, South Africa	
14h20-14h30	Foley Catheter Induction after One Previous Caesarean Delivery: A Retrospective Cohort Study from a SA Regional Hospital	Dr Sibonile Zitha, South Africa	

13h30-14h30	Parallel 7C: Free communications- Maternal Health Challenges: Diabetes, HIV, TB, and Beyond	Chairperson: Prof Sudhir Prithipal	Hall C
13h30-13h40	Periodontal Inflammation and Systemic Inflammatory Mediators in Gestational Diabetes Mellitus: Implications for Antenatal Risk Assessment in a South African Cohort	Dr Mai Mohamedalanwer Abdalla Ahmed, South Africa	
13h40-13h50	Prevalence of Tuberculosis detected using the urine lipoarabinomannan test in pregnant and postpartum women living with HIV	Dr Katlego Manaka, South Africa	
13h50-14h00	Dolutegravir Vs. Efavirenz: A Comparative Study Of Viral Load Suppression In Pregnant Women Living With HIV	Dr Janine Sigamoney, South Africa	
14h00-14h10	Prevalence of Rhesus (Rh) and Red Blood Cell (RBC) antibodies in pregnant women in South Africa: 11-year review of testing performed by the South African National Blood Service (SANBS)	Dr Milou Greyling, South Africa	
14h10-14h20	Maternal and neonatal outcomes in pregnant women with pregestational diabetes and HIV in South Africa: a retrospective cohort study	Dr Florence van Kesteren, Netherlands (will be presented by Dr Tasleem Hassim)	
14h20-14h30	Maternal and Perinatal Outcomes in Patients Screened for Diabetes Mellitus in Pregnancy: A Retrospective Review	Dr Foneka Songabi, South Africa	
13h30-14h30	Parallel 7D: From Audit to Action: NCCEMD and NaPeMMCo Insights	Chairpersons: Dr Neil Moran and Prof Gerhard Theron	Meeting Room 11
13h30-13h45	Saving Mothers Report 2024	Prof Laurence Chauke, South Africa	
13h45-14h00	Lessons learned from the Confidential Enquiry process	Dr Neil Moran, South Africa	
14h00-14h15	Stillbirths in South Africa, where are we after 26 years	Dr Liesl de Waard, South Africa	
14h15-14h30	Questions and Answers		
13h30-14h30	Parallel 7E: General Gynaecology – Bedside to Best Practice: Case-Based Insights	Facilitators: Facilitators: Drs Annelize Barnard and Liz Hugo	Meeting Room 8&9
	This interactive session brings the realities of everyday gynaecological practice into focus through case-based presentations.		
14h30-15h30	Parallel 8A: The Obstetric Triathlon: Three Clinical Events, One Winner	Facilitators: Dr Pauli van Heerden and Prof David Hall	Hall A
	This interactive session brings the realities of everyday obstetrical practice into focus through case-based presentations.		
14h30-15h30	Parallel 8B: SAATOG Registrar Symposium 2	Chairpersons: Drs Thomas Janse van Rensburg and Denise Sproul	Hall B
14h30-14h40	Vaginal progesterone for prevention of preterm labour in women at risk: a clinical audit of a novel protocol	Dr Natalie Brummer, South Africa	
14h40-14h50	Prenatal detection of fetal macrosomia: a comparison of the two common methods of detection – USS and SF measurement	Dr Thando Gwetu, South Africa	
14h50-15h00	Assessment of maternal ophthalmic artery Doppler velocimetric indices in women with hypertensive disorders of pregnancy	Dr Monde Maruza, South Africa	
15h00-15h10	Feasibility of imaging the uvula at the midtrimester anomaly ultrasound. A retrospective study	Dr Anna Sims, South Africa	

15h10-15h20	The uptake of antenatal screening and testing for Down Syndrome in patients with advanced maternal age	Dr Racheal Hoffman, South Africa	
14h30-15h30	Parallel 8C: SASGO Bedside to Best Practice: Case-Based Insights	Facilitators: Drs Tracey Adams, Haynes van der Merwe and Prof Hannah Simonds	Hall C
	This interactive session brings the realities of everyday gynae-oncology practice into focus through case-based presentations.		
14h30-15h30	Parallel 8D: Bone health: Bedside to Best Practice: Case-Based Insights	Facilitators: Dr Trudy Smith and Prof Tobie de Villiers	Meeting Room 11
	This interactive session brings the realities of everyday perimenopausal practice into focus through case-based presentations.		
14h30-15h30	Parallel 8E: Contraceptive dilemmas: Bedside to Best Practice: Case-Based Insights	Facilitators: Drs Fatima-Zahra Khan and Judy Kluge	Meeting Room 8&9
	This interactive session brings the realities of everyday contraceptive practice into focus through case-based presentations.		
15h30-16h00	POSTER VIEWING AND TEA BREAK		
16h00-17h30	Parallel 9A: Decoding clues in ultrasound: Fetal insights, questions, and answers	Facilitators: Dr Samantha Budhram and Prof Chantal Stewart	Hall A
16h00-17h30	This interactive session brings the realities of everyday ultrasound practice into focus through case-based presentations.		
16h00-17h30	Parallel 9B: SAATOG Registrar Symposium 3	Chairpersons: Drs Thomas Janse van Rensburg and Denise Sproul	Hall B
16h00-16h10	Metastatic Choriocarcinoma Masquerading as Gastrointestinal Haemorrhage, Acute Cord Compression and Thyrotoxicosis	Dr Maria Ali, South Africa	
16h10-16h20	Metabolic syndrome at Midlife: South African perspective	Dr Lawrence Marapo, South Africa	
16h20-16h30	Retrospective Evaluation of Mechanical Hysteroscopic Tissue Removal for Fibroids, Polyps, and Retained Products of Conception in Patients Undergoing Infertility Treatment	Dr Rebonethato Lesupi, South Africa	
16h30-16h40	Identifying Clinical, Reproductive, Epidemiological and Investigative Factors to Inform Genital Tuberculosis Testing in Women with Reproductive Failure: A Scoping Review and development of a Clinical Screening Score	Dr Nico Lin, South Africa	
16h40-16h50	Navigating Surgical Challenges in a Large Necrotic Prolapsed Submucosal Leiomyoma Three Months Postpartum	Dr Bianca Strahan, South Africa	
16h50-17h00	The burden of genital warts during the period of January to December 2018 at a tertiary level hospital	Dr Kumantha Naidoo, South Africa	
17h00-17h10	Time from admission to decision-to-deliver and delivery outcomes in women with pre-eclampsia at less than 34 weeks: an observational study	Dr Maricia Lombard, South Africa	
17h10-17h20	Maternal mortality associated with hypertensive disorders of pregnancy at Tygerberg Hospital: a retrospective review	Dr Maud Sijm, South Africa (presented by dr Liesl de Waard)	
16h00-17h30	Parallel 9C: Complications in Gynae Surgery: Lessons from Open and Laparoscopic Practice	Facilitators: Drs Davinia Masimila and Bong'i Rubushe-Ngwenya	Hall C

	This interactive session brings the realities of gynaecological surgery into focus through case-based presentations.		
16h00-17h30	Parallel 9D: Dermatology in Pregnancy: Rashes, Eruptions & Itches	Facilitators: Dr Tasneem Adams, Dr Willie Visser and Dr Husna Moola	Meeting Room 11
	This interactive session brings the realities of skin lesions in pregnancy into focus through case-based presentations.		
16h00-17h30	Parallel 9E: Severe Maternal Morbidity- Case Lessons and Critical Decisions	Facilitators: Dr Ashley Moodley and Dr Lawrence Chauke	Meeting Room 8
	This interactive session brings the realities of Severe Morbidity in pregnancy into focus through case-based presentations.		
16h00-17h30	Parallel 9F: Free communications- Audits, Risks, and Evolving Practices	Chairperson: Prof Stefan Gebhardt	Meeting Room 9
16h00-16h10	Perceived Stress in the Immediate Postpartum Period Among Women with Pre-Eclampsia Giving Birth at or after 34 Weeks of Gestation at Two Health Institutions in Northwest Province, South Africa	Dr Flavien Mbenza, South Africa	
16h10-16h20	Microbial spectrum & sensitivity patterns in puerperal sepsis at a Rural Tertiary Hospital in South Africa: a Retrospective Clinical Audit	Dr Abongile Tolana, South Africa	
16h20-16h30	The Changing Face of Birth: Insights from an Evolving Population	Stefanie Babiolakis, South Africa	
16h30-16h40	A Descriptive Audit of Maternal and Fetal Causative Factors Related to Early Neonatal Deaths in a Regional Hospital	Dr Lynsha Maharaj, South Africa	
16h40-16h50	Advanced Abdominal Pregnancy: diagnosis, evaluation and surgical management in a resource constrained setting	Dr Regis Elijah, South Africa	
16h50-17h00	Risk factors associated with stillbirth at a South African tertiary hospital: a case control study	Dr Tsitsi Dube, South Africa	
17h00-17h10	The impact of infertility on the quality of life of males and females in Gauteng province, South Africa	Prof Zozo Nene, South Africa	
17h10-17h20	Assessing aspirin use in preventing preeclampsia among high-risk women at the Pretoria Academic Complex	Dr Rifa Mueti, South Africa	
17h30-18h30	MISS THE TRAFFIC SYMPOSIUM 4: Abbott Laboratories S.A The New Direction in Threatened Miscarriage: An Expert Consensus	Prof Malika Patel	Meeting Room 11
17h30-18h30	MISS THE TRAFFIC SYMPOSIUM 5: Astellas Pharma More than a Symptom: The Real-World Impact and Management of Vasomotor Symptoms	Prof T de Villiers and Dr N Jaff	Meeting Room 8&9
17h30-18h30	MISS THE TRAFFIC SYMPOSIUM 6: Austell Pharmaceuticals (Pty) Ltd Redefining Modern Menopause Care – A New Treatment Option	Chairperson: Dr Trudy Smith Speaker: Dr Peter de Jong, South Africa	Hall A
17h30-18h30	MISS THE TRAFFIC SYMPOSIUM 7: Pathcare Molecular testing in gynaecological tumours	Dr Fabio Crabbia	Hall B
17h30-18h30	MISS THE TRAFFIC SYMPOSIUM 8: Cipla Micronised Progesterone for Luteal Phase Support in ART and Recent Updates	Dr Sanli Erkan, United Kingdom	Hall C
	SPEAKER'S DINNER		

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Time	Session	Speaker	Venue
07h30-08h15	BREAKFAST SYMPOSIUM 6: Abbott Laboratories S.A Mastering the 4 Ps of Women's Health	Dr Malikah van der Schyff	Hall ABC
08h30-10h00	Plenary 5: Medico-Legal	Chairpersons: Profs Bash Goolab and Ismail Bhorat	Hall ABC
08h30-08h50	What to do when a lawyer's letter is delivered to your office?	Mr Johan Jooste, South Africa	
08h50-09h20	Defending the obgyn: A lawyer's perspective	Ms Louise Liebenberg, South Africa	
09h20-09h40	How to avoid litigation with minimally invasive surgery	Dr Paul Alberts, South Africa	
09h40-10h00	Aspects of HIE/CP defence	Prof Ismail Bhorat, South Africa	
10h00-10h30	TEA BREAK		
10h30-12h00	Plenary 6: Ethical dimensions of care	Chairperson: Profs Thabo Matsaseng and Mushi Matjila	Hall ABC
10h30-11h00	Expert panel Q&A: Investigating and treatment of infertility is a right and not a privilege	Prof Thabo Matsaseng (Facilitator), Prof Silke Dyer, Prof Igno Siebert, Prof Femi Olarogun	
11h00-11h30	Expert panel Q&A: The retrospective judgement on mesh complications: ethics	Dr Khumbo Jere (Facilitator), Prof Stephen Jeffery, Dr Peter de Jong, Dr Suran Ramphal and Prof Thinagrin Naidoo	
11h30-12h00	To be confirmed		
12h00-12h30	Keynote Lecture 12: Counselling and consent in maternity care	Prof David Hall, South Africa	
12h30	Closing ceremony		