



SASS CONGRESS 2023 – PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME
18 – 20 MAY 2023, CENTURY CITY, CAPE TOWN
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WEDNESDAY 17 MAY 2023		
14h00	Registration Opens	
14h00 - 17h30	SASS Exco Meeting	Venue: Meeting Room 10
18h30 - 21h00	Faculty Dinner – <i>By Invitation Only</i>	

THURSDAY 18 MAY 2023		
SESSION 1	08h00 - 10h00	
Chairs	Dr Ian Zondagh Prof Ian Vlok	Venue: Hall A, B & C
08h00 - 08h10	Welcome and introduction - <i>Dr Ian Zondagh</i>	
08h10 - 08h30	Spinal deformity correction in obesity - <i>Prof Andrew Grossbach</i>	
08h30 - 08h35	Questions and discussion	
08h35 - 08h45	History, developmental anatomy and surgery of spondylolysis - <i>Dr Bronek Boszczyk</i>	
08h45 - 09h00	Patient reported outcomes: Overall, public vs state and primary decompression vs fusion - <i>Prof Robert Dunn</i>	
09h00 - 09h05	Questions and discussion	
09h05 - 09h20	Thoracolumbar scoliosis - <i>Dr Delroy Arends</i>	
09h20 - 09h40	Free Papers	
09h40 - 09h55	Early postural stability changes after correction of spinal deformity - <i>Prof Andrew Grossbach</i>	
09h55 - 10h00	Questions and discussion	
10h00 - 10h30	Refreshments	



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SESSION 2	10h30 - 12h45	
Chairs		Venue: Hall A, B & C
10h30 - 10h50	Cervical spine endoscopic surgery – how do you get there? - <i>Dr Ralf Wagner</i>	
10h50 - 11h00	Questions and discussion	
11h00 - 11h10	Nurturing MIS in a developing spinal practice - <i>Dr Shawn Venter</i>	
11h10 - 11h20	Free Papers	
11h20 - 11h30	Free Papers	
11h30 - 11h40	Minimally invasive techniques in obesity - <i>Prof Andrew Grossbach</i>	
11h40 - 11h50	Free Papers	
11h50 - 12h00	Free Papers	
12h00 - 12h15	Reciprocal changes in lumbar lordosis after TLIF - <i>Prof Andrew Grossbach</i>	
12h15 - 12h20	Questions and discussion	
12h20 - 12h45	Interlaminar vs Transforaminal lumbar endoscopic surgery - <i>Dr Ralf Wagner</i>	
12h45 - 14h00	Lunch	
13h00 - 13h45	SASS Lunctime Sponsored Registrar Session Coordinators - <i>Drs Brad Harrington and Marcus von Heukelum</i>	Venue: Meeting Room 11



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SESSION 3	14h00 - 15h30
Chairs	Venue: Hall A, B & C
	DEBATE - Complications In Spinal Surgery The worst CSF leak ever
14h05	Introduction - <i>Prof Ian Vlok</i>
14h05 - 14h15	FOR: “Open” surgery - Dr Schalk Burger (10 minutes)
14h15 - 14h25	FOR: “MIS” surgery - Dr Ralf Wagner (10 minutes)
14h25 - 14h30	Discussion and vote
14h30 - 14h40	Post-operative symptomatic epidural hematoma as a consequence of dried fruit - <i>Dr E-M Geldenhuys</i>
14h40 - 14h50	Endoscopic vascular injury (lumbar and cervical) - <i>Dr Ralf Wagner</i>
14h50 - 14h55	Free Papers
14h55 - 15h05	Free Papers
15h05 - 15h20	Free Papers
15h20 - 15h30	Questions and discussion
15h30 - 16h00	Refreshments



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SESSION 4	16h00 - 17h00
Chairs	Venue: Hall A, B & C
16h00 - 16h15	Awareness of surgical healthcare workers to the carbon footprint of surgical activities: a binational survey - <i>Dr L Marie-Hardy</i>
16h15 - 16h30	Free Papers
16h30 - 16h45	Free Papers
16h45 - 16h55	Free Papers
16h55 - 17h00	Questions and discussion
	Free evening

FRIDAY 19 MAY 2023	
SESSION 5	08h00 - 10h00 - Ethics Session
Chairs	Venue: Hall A, B & C
08h00 - 08h15	Don't make the wrong mistake - <i>Dr Schalk Burger</i>
08h15 - 08h30	Medical Professionalism in the 21 st century - <i>Dr Michael Piccirillo</i>
08h30 - 08h35	Questions and discussion
08h35 - 08h50	How to deal with the death of a patient? - <i>Dr Alex van der Horst</i>
08h50 - 09h05	Medical Negligence mediation – Rule 41a - <i>Dr Rinesh Chetty</i>
09h05 - 09h10	Questions and discussion
09h10 - 09h25	Ethical challenges in medical education - <i>Dr Michael Piccirillo</i>
09h25 - 09h40	Challenge of training fellows on patients - <i>Dr Broniek Boszczyk</i>
09h40 - 09h45	Questions and discussion
09h45 - 10h00	Walking the tightrope - ethical issues in collaborations - <i>Dr Michael Piccirillo</i>
10h00 - 10h30	Refreshments



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SESSION 6	10h30 - 12h45 - Spinal Cord Injury Session - Joint Session with Spinal Cord Association	
Chairs		Venue: Hall A, B & C
10h30 - 10h50	Early management of Spinal Cord Injury - <i>Prof Salman Sharif</i>	
10h50 – 10h55	Questions and discussion	
10h55 - 11h10	Free Papers	
11h10 - 11h20	Questions and discussion	
11h20 - 11h30	Free Papers	
11h30 - 11h45	Outcome prediction of SCI - <i>Prof Salman Sharif</i>	
11h45 - 11h50	Questions and discussion	
11h50 - 12h10	Termination of care in the spinal cord injured patient - <i>Prof James Middleton</i>	
12h10 - 12h15	Questions and discussion	
12h15 - 12h30	Spinal vascular malformations, still largely a surgical disease? - <i>Dr Ronald Boet</i>	
12h30 - 12h40	Future of spinal cord injury recovery - <i>Prof Salman Sharif</i>	
12h40 - 12h45	Questions and discussion	
12h45 - 14h00	Lunch	
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SESSION 7	14h00 - 15h30 - Sepsis in Spinal Surgery Session
Chairs	Venue: Hall A, B & C
14h00 - 14h45	KEYNOTE ADDRESS:
14h45 - 14h55	Approach to post-operative spinal sepsis - deep vac - <i>Prof Robert Dunn</i>
14h55 - 15h00	Questions and discussion
15h00 - 15h15	Osteomyelitis secondary to IV drug abuse - <i>Prof Stephanus Viljoen</i>
15h15 - 15:20	Questions and discussion
15h20 - 15h30	Allograft fusion rates in spinal Tuberculosis - <i>Dr Sanesh Miseer</i>
15h30 - 16h00	Refreshments

FRIDAY 19 MAY 2023	
SESSION 8	16h00 - 17h00
Chairs	Venue: Hall A, B & C
16h00 - 16h15	Cracking the genetic code of scoliosis: the SCOGEN project - <i>Dr L Marie-Hardy</i>
16h15 - 16h20	Free Papers
16h20 - 16h30	Questions and discussion
16h30 – 16h40	Free Papers
16h40 - 16h50	Free Papers
16h50 - 17h00	Questions and discussion
17h15 - 18h30	SASS AGM Venue: Hall A, B & C
18h30 - 22h00	Networking Evening - Complimentary to all registered delegates



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SATURDAY 20 MAY 2023	
SESSION 9	08h00 - 10h00
Chairs	Venue: Hall A, B & C
08h00 - 08h20	Cervical arthroplasty in degenerative disease - <i>Dr Ronald Boet</i>
08h20 - 08h25	Questions and Discussion
08h25 - 08h35	The use of tranexamic acid in spinal surgery - <i>Dr Marcus von Heukelum</i>
08h35 - 08h40	Questions and discussion
08h40 - 08h55	Surgery for sub-axial spinal injury - <i>Prof Salman Sharif</i>
08h55 - 09h00	Questions and discussion
09h00 - 09h55	Free Papers
09h55 - 10h00	Questions and discussion
10h00 - 10h30	Refreshments



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SATURDAY 21 MAY 2023	
SESSION 10	10h30 - 12h40
Chairs	Venue: Hall A, B & C
10h30 - 10h40	Free Papers
10h40 - 10h50	Free Papers
10h50 - 11h00	Questions and discussion
11h00 - 11h10	Free Papers
11h10 - 11h20	Questions and discussion
11h20 - 12h05	Free Papers
12h05 - 12h30	Lessons from the court - case discussions and medicolegal experience - TBC
12h30 - 12h40	Closure and thanks - Dr Ian Zondagh
12h40	Congress Close