



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

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



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



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



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<b>SESSION 4</b>	<b>16h00 - 17h00</b>	
<b>Chairs</b>		
	<b>Venue: Hall A, B &amp; C</b>	
<b>16h00 - 16h15</b>	Awareness of surgical healthcare workers to the carbon footprint of surgical activities: a binational survey - <i>Dr L Marie-Hardy</i>	
<b>16h15 - 16h30</b>	Free Papers	
<b>16h30 - 16h45</b>	Free Papers	
<b>16h45 - 16h55</b>	Free Papers	
<b>16h55 - 17h00</b>	Questions and discussion	
<b>19h00</b>	<b>Free evening</b>	

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



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<b>FRIDAY 19 MAY 2023</b>		
<b>SESSION 6</b>	<b>10h30 - 12h45 - Spinal Cord Injury Session – Joint Session with Spinal Cord Association</b>	
<b>Chairs</b>		<b>Venue: Hall A, B &amp; C</b>
<b>10h30 - 10h50</b>	Early management of Spinal Cord Injury - <i>Prof Salman Sharif</i>	
<b>10h50 – 10h55</b>	Questions and discussion	
<b>10h55 - 11h10</b>	Free Papers	
<b>11h10 - 11h20</b>	Questions and discussion	
<b>11h20 - 11h30</b>	Free Papers	
<b>11h30 - 11h45</b>	Outcome prediction of SCI - <i>Prof Salman Sharif</i>	
<b>11h45 - 11h50</b>	Questions and discussion	
<b>11h50 - 12h10</b>	Termination of care in the spinal cord injured patient - <i>Prof James Middleton</i>	
<b>12h10 - 12h15</b>	Questions and discussion	
<b>12h15 - 12h30</b>	Spinal vascular malformations, still largely a surgical disease? - <i>Dr Ronald Boet</i>	
<b>12h30 - 12h40</b>	Future of spinal cord injury recovery - <i>Prof Salman Sharif</i>	
<b>12h40 - 12h45</b>	Questions and discussion	
<b>12h45 - 14h00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>13h00 - 13h55</b>	<b>SASS Sponsored Registrar Session</b> Coordinators – <i>Dr's Brad Harrington and Marcus von Heukelum</i>	<b>Venue: Meeting Room 11</b>



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SESSION 7	14h00 - 15h30 - Sepsis in Spinal Surgery Session	
Chairs		Venue: Hall A, B & C
14h00 - 14h45	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS:</b>	
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	<b>SASS AGM</b>	Venue: Hall A, B & C
18h30	Free evening	



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<b>SATURDAY 20 MAY 2023</b>	
<b>SESSION 9</b>	<b>08h00 - 10h00</b>
<b>Chairs</b>	<b>Venue: Hall A, B &amp; C</b>
<b>08h00 - 08h20</b>	Cervical arthroplasty in degenerative disease - <i>Dr Ronald Boet</i>
<b>08h20 - 08h25</b>	Questions and Discussion
<b>08h25 - 08h35</b>	The use of tranexamic acid in spinal surgery - <i>Dr Marcus von Heukelum</i>
<b>08h35 - 08h40</b>	Questions and discussion
<b>08h40 - 08h55</b>	Surgery for sub-axial spinal injury - <i>Prof Salman Sharif</i>
<b>08h55 - 09h00</b>	Questions and discussion
<b>09h00 - 09h55</b>	Free Papers
<b>09h55 - 10h00</b>	Questions and discussion
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<b>SATURDAY 21 MAY 2023</b>		
<b>SESSION 10</b>	<b>10h30 – 12h40 - Lessons from the court</b>	
<b>Chairs</b>		<b>Venue: Hall A, B &amp; C</b>
<b>10h30 - 10h40</b>	Free Papers	
<b>10h40 - 10h50</b>	Free Papers	
<b>10h50 - 11h00</b>	Questions and discussion	
<b>11h00 - 11h10</b>	Free Papers	
<b>11h10 - 11h20</b>	Questions and discussion	
<b>11h20 - 12h05</b>	Free Papers	
<b>12h05 - 12h30</b>	Lessons from the court – case discussions and medicolegal experience	
<b>12h30 - 12h40</b>	Closure and thanks - <i>Dr Ian Zondagh</i>	
<b>12h40</b>	<b>Congress Close</b>	