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COLLABORATION IN SURGERY

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Mahi Tahī I Roto I Te Pokanga – Collaboration in Surgery | The NZAGS 2025, held at the Cordis Hotel, Auckland 29 March to the 30 March 2025.

NZAGS 2025 Programme

**Friday Night Welcome Drinks in the Events Entrance Foyer
From 5.30pm to 7.30pm**

Saturday 29th March

07:00am	Registration Open Tea and Coffee, Industry Exhibition	Great Room 3&4
08:00am Powhiri/Mihi	Welcome: Dr Li Hsee, Auckland and Dr Vanessa Blair, NZAGS <i>Kaumātua Elliot Tabolt and Whaea Mero Cooper</i> <i>He Kamaka Waiora the mihi Whakatau</i>	
Session 1	Global Collaboration in General Surgery Chair: Dr Li Hsee and Dr Vanessa Blair	Great Room 1&2
08:15am	Complex UGI/HPB Surgery in Alaska: Overcoming Remote Challenges Dr Sarah Smith – Anchorage, USA	
08:45am	Training in Trauma Surgery – Global Perspectives Dr Kate Martin – Melbourne, Australia	
09:00am	Training in Emergency General Surgery – will AI help? Dr Michael Sugrue – Letterkenny, Ireland	
09:15am	Complex Trauma Cases: Ask an Irishman, Alaskan and Ozzie! Cases presentations: Dr Sunder Balasubramaniam - Singapore	
10:00am- 10:30am	Morning Tea and Industry Exhibition	Great Room 3&4
Session 2	Collaboration between Stakeholders Chair: Dr Bevan Jenkins and Dr Julian Hayes	Great Room 1&2
10:30am	Developing National Malignancy Services: UK Experience in Rectal and Peritoneal Malignancy Dr Brendan Moran - Basingstoke, United Kingdom	
11:00am	Delivering National Surgical Services in Aotearoa-New Zealand Dr Richard Sullivan – Health New Zealand	



11:15am	RACS UPDATE: The Bi-national Future Prof Owen Ung, RACS - Australia	
11:30am	NZAGS update: Collaborating to Influence Change Dr Vanessa Blair - Auckland	
11.45	Outcomes from the STRATA Collaboration: Surgical Trainee Research, Audit & Trials Aotearoa Speaker: Dr Matthew McGuinness – Northshore (Senior Trainee)	
12.00pm	NZAGS AGM	
12:15pm – 1.10pm	Lunch and Industry Exhibition	Great Room 3&4
12.40pm	<i>Poster Presenters will stand by their posters from 12:40 to 1:10pm for questions and discussion</i>	
Session 3	Trainee and Paper Session Chair: Dr Isi Tonga Judges: Dr Sunder Balasubramaniam, Nagham Al Mozany, Wal Baraza, and Kate Martin	Great Room 1&2
1:10pm	Name of paper Presenter	
1:20pm		
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3:00pm-3:30pm	Afternoon Tea & Industry Exhibition	Great Room 3&4

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Session 4

THE UPPER GUT and HPB

Great Room 1&2

Chair: Dr Angela Bayly and Dr Grant Beban

3:30pm	Robotics and Advancing Surgical Technology in Alaska: Lessons for Aotearoa Dr Sarah Smith - Anchorage, USA	
3:50pm	Controversies in HPB Malignancy Dr Adam Bartlett - Auckland	
4:20pm	Collaboration in Oesophago-Gastric Surgery Dr Nick Evennett - Auckland	
4:40pm`	Surgical Management of Hepatocellular Carcinoma Dr Sarah Smith – Anchorage, USA	
5:00pm	Discussion	
5:15pm	Day 1 Close	
	EVENING	
6:30pm	Buses leave from 6.45pm from Events Entrance Foyer	
7:00pm	Conference Awards Dinner Be seated by 7.30pm	Sails Restaurant
10:30pm	Return from dinner venue to accommodation	



Sunday 30th March

07:30am Registration Open
Tea and Coffee, Industry Exhibition **Great Room 3&4**

Session 5A **Colorectal surgery** **Great Room 1**
Chair: Dr Maree Weston and Dr Wal Baraza

08:30am **Rectal Cancer Surgery – Watch and Wait**
Dr Sze Lin Peng, Middlemore

08:50am **Management of the ‘significant’ Polyp – the SPECC concept**
Dr Brendan Moran, Basingstoke, UK

09:10am **The Pelvic Floor + SNS**
Dr Rowan Collinson, Auckland

09:30am **Collaboration in IBD**
Dr Bruce George, Auckland

Session 5B **Operative Damage Control Surgery** **Great Room 2**
Chair: Dr Li Hsee and Dr Rebecca Schroll

08.30am **When to Operate on Major Hepatic Trauma**
Dr Kate Martin, Melbourne, Australia

08:45am **VATS - Thoracotomy**
Dr Savitha Bhagvan, Auckland

09:00am **Complications of Open Abdomen + Techniques of Closure**
Dr Aleisha Sutherland, Middlemore

09:15am **Pelvic Packing vs Angioembolization**
Dr Rebecca Schroll, Auckland

09:30am **Emergency Tracheostomy for General Surgeons**
Dr Sunder Balasubramaniam, Singapore

10:00am-10.30am **Morning Tea and Industry Exhibition** **Great Room 3&4**



Session 6 Collaboration in Complex Cancer Management Great Room 1&2

Chair: Dr Eletha Taylor and Dr Jamish Ghandi

10:30am	The North Island Sarcoma Service Dr Carla Pajak, Auckland
10:50am	Breast Reconstruction in Aotearoa-NZ Dr Michelle Locke, Middlemore
11:10am	Interdisciplinary Management of Neuroendocrine Tumor Dr Ben Lawrence, Medical Oncologist, Auckland
11:30am	Decision making in Cytoreductive Surgery and HIPEC patients Case 1: Dr Jamish Ghandi, Auckland Unit Case 2: Dr Jasen Ly, Waikato Unit
11:45am	Addressing the Conflicts in Cytoreductive Surgery and HIPEC Dr Brendan Moran - Basingstoke, United Kingdom
12.15pm	Questions

12:30pm-1:30pm **Lunch and Industry Exhibition** Great Room 3&4

Session 7 Specialist General Surgery – Our future Great Room 1&2

Chair: Dr Chris Harmston and Dr Vanessa Blair

1:30pm	Complex Hernia Management and the Hernia MDM Dr Diederik Meylemans – Auckland
1:50pm	Management of Severe Diverticular Disease – when to operate? Dr Lincoln Israel, Middlemore
2:10pm	The debate: ‘Can we afford complex ops let alone robotic ops!’ Negative: Dr Rowan French, Waikato Affirmative: Dr Sanket (Sunny) Srinivasa, North Shore Moderator: Maree Weston, Middlemore
2.45pm	Discussion
3:00pm	Conference Close Dr Li Hsee and Dr Vanessa Blair Closing as per Māori protocol