

ALRSGBI Scientific Programme 2026

Global Partnerships & Innovations
in Digital Surgery & AI

Monday 7 December 2026
8 CPD Points

07:30–19:00 **REGISTRATION DESK OPEN**
Industry Exhibition, Boundary, The Point, 2nd Floor

REFRESHMENT TIMES

07:30–09:00 Tea & Coffee, Industry Exhibition, Boundary & Century, The Point, 2nd Floor
10:25–10:55 Tea & Coffee, Industry Exhibition, Boundary & Century, The Point, 2nd Floor
13:00–14:00 Lunch, Industry Exhibition, Boundary & Century, The Point, 2nd Floor
15:15–15:45 Tea & Coffee, Industry Exhibition, Boundary & Century, The Point, 2nd Floor
18:30–19:30 President's Drinks Reception, Boundary & Century, The Point, 2nd Floor
19:30–22:30 Conference Soirée, Ashes, The Point, 2nd Floor

07:30–08:30 **BREAKFAST MEETING / Pre-Book**



IAGES CONSULTANT CORNER The Auditorium, Maiden, The Point, 2nd Floor

Chairs: Miss Grace Bennett (Warrington)
Mr Matthew Boal (Plymouth)
Professor Kanagaraj Govindaraj (IAGES President)
Mr Rikesh Patel (Chester)
Professor Chelliah Selvasekar (Manchester)

08:30–19:30 **INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT**
Industry Exhibition, Boundary & Century, The Point, 2nd Floor

08:30–17:00 **ROBOPASS® TIPS & TRICKS, ROBOTIC TRAIN THE TRAINERS.
LAPPASS® PRACTICE WITH TIPS & TRICKS**
Industry Exhibition, Boundary & Century, The Point, 2nd Floor

08:45–13:15 & 14:15–18:15 **LAPPASS® ASSESSMENTS / ROBOPASS® WITH SUPPORT FROM INDUSTRY**
Industry Exhibition, Boundary & Century, The Point

THE ALRSGBI MISSION

- Advance education in surgery and in particular to raise and maintain standards in minimal access surgery.
- Provide a structure for training, to promote educational and academic objectives and advancing technologies.
- Promotion, carrying out and encouragement of medical research particularly in the disciplines of laparoscopy and minimal access surgery.

TIMETABLE	THE PROGRAMME SPEAKERS/PANELS SUBJECT TO CHANGE PENDING FURTHER REVIEW
09:00–09:10	<p>ALRSGBI SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME – WELCOME The Auditorium, Maiden, The Point, 2nd Floor</p> <p>Dr Neil Bayman, Executive Medical Director, The Christie NHS Foundation Trust Mr Rikesh Patel, ALRSGBI Congress President Professor Chelliah Selvasekar, ALRSGBI President Mr Roger Spencer, Chief Executive, The Christie NHS Foundation Trust</p>
09:10–10:25	<p>SESSION ONE</p> <p>Learning Outcomes: This session will cover innovative approaches to treatment of complex benign disease and training issues pertaining to adopting new techniques and use of novel technologies.</p> <p>Chair: Mr Jawad Ahmad (Coventry) Panel: Professor Tan Arulampalam (Colchester); Mr Hamzah Choudhry (Chelmsford); Mr Chetan Parmar (London)</p>
09:10–09:30	<p>MENTORSHIP & PROCTORSHIP IN AN ERA OF EMERGING MINIMAL ACCESS SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIES Mr Altaf Awan (Derby)</p>
09:30–09:45	<p>REFLECTIONS AS A ROBOTIC ABDOMINAL WALL & COLORECTAL SURGEON & PROCTOR Mr Greg Simpson (Wirral)</p>
09:45–09:55	<p>BHS REGISTRY DEMONSTRATION Mr Liam Horgan (Database & Registries Lead, British Hernia Society)</p>
09:55–10:05	<p>HOW TO AVOID BILE DUCT INJURIES Mr Krishna Singh (Brighton)</p>
10:05–10:15	<p>GALLSTONES & THE ROLE OF INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES MANAGEMENT OF DUCTAL CALCULI FOLLOWING BARIATRIC SURGERY Mr Ashok Menon (Stockport)</p>
10:15–10:25	<p>QUESTION TIME / Please line-up by static auditorium microphone</p> <hr/>
10:25–10:55	<p>INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT & REFRESHMENTS Industry Exhibition, Boundary & Century, The Point, 2nd Floor</p>
10:55–11:00	<p>PLATINUM PARTNER'S PRESENTATION The Auditorium, Maiden, The Point, 2nd Floor Chair: Professor Chelliah Selvasekar (ALRSGBI President)</p>
	<p>Cornerstone Robotics</p>

11:00–12:40

SESSION TWO

Learning Outcomes: This session will cover principles of surgery and showcase adjunct technologies vital for operative safety. The emphasis will be on logistical and technical challenges with robotic surgery.

Chair: Mr Andrew Day (Redhill)

Panel: Mr Chandra Cheruvu (Newcastle-under-Lyme); Mr Neil Keeling (Bury St Edmunds); Miss Tamsin Morrison (Chelmsford); Ms Shafaque Shaikh (Aberdeen)

11:00–11:20

TRAINING & CERTIFICATION IN ROBOTIC SURGERY (ROBOPASS® & ROBOTIC TRAIN THE TRAINERS)

Professor Nader Francis (Yeovil)

11:20–11:40

DEVELOPING A ROBOTIC SERVICE WITHIN THE NHS IN THE ERA OF SEVERE NHS FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS - REFLECTIONS

Mr Stuart Mercer (Portsmouth)

11:40–12:00

DELIVERING A ROBOTIC COLORECTAL SERVICE

Mr Philip Varghese (Stoke-on-Trent)

12:00–12:10

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12:10–12:40

FOCUSED EDITED VIDEO SESSION

Chair: Mr Subash Vasudevan (Colchester)

Panel: Ms Emilia Gagasa (London); Mr Andrew McCanny (Belfast)

12:10–12:20

VIDEO 1: ROBOTIC TRANSANAL MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGERY (TAMIS)

Mr Veera Garimella (Stoke-on-Trent)

12:20–12:30

VIDEO 2: TRAINING IN THE ERA OF ROBOTIC SURGERY

Mr Jawad Ahmad (Coventry)

12:30–12:40

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12:40–13:00

ALRSGBI STRATEGY

Mr Neil Keeling (Bury St Edmunds)

13:00–14:00

INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT & LUNCH

Industry Exhibition, Boundary & Century, The Point, 2nd Floor

14:00–14:25

TRAINING IN THE ERA OF SEVERE NHS PRESSURES

The Auditorium, Maiden, The Point, 2nd Floor

Chairs: Miss Grace Bennett (Warrington); Mr Taner Shakir, Dukes Club President

Panel: Ms Nayaab Abdul Kader (Southend); Mr Anil Reddy (South Tees); Mr Graham Whiteley (Bangor)

14:25–15:15



ALRSGBI ACADEMY SECTION

Chair: Mr Matthew Boal (ALRSGBI Academy Chair)

Panel: Miss Eloise Dexter (ALRSGBI LapPass® Lead); Ms Dana Sochorova (Academy Webinar Lead)

14:25–14:35

UPDATE FROM THE ACADEMY CHAIR

Mr Matthew Boal (ALRSGBI Academy Chair)

14:35–14:45

THE ROLE OF SOCIAL MEDIA IN THE MEDICAL WORLD & AN OVERVIEW OF USEFUL APPS (TITLE TBC)

Mr Javed Latif (ALRSGBI Academy Digital Education Lead); Miss Oon Hui Ng (ALRSGBI Social Media Representative)

14:45–15:05

GLOBAL FOOTPRINT OF LAPPASS®

Miss Grace Bennett (ALRSGBI Academy Deputy Chair); Professor Bijen Patel (London)

15:05–15:15

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15:15–15:45

INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT & REFRESHMENTS

Industry Exhibition, Boundary & Century, The Point, 2nd Floor

15:45–17:15

SESSION THREE The Auditorium, Maiden, The Point, 2nd Floor

Learning Outcomes: Understanding the role of Minimal Access Surgery (MAS) in the management of an emergency situation

MINIMAL ACCESS EMERGENCY GENERAL SURGERY – TIME FOR CHANGE

Chair: Mr Stuart Mercer (Portsmouth)

Panel: Miss Vivien Ngo (Liverpool); Miss Nina Patrick (Wirral); Mr Subash Vasudevan (Colchester)

15:45–16:05

VIDEO 1: UPPER GI PERFORATIONS: MAS MANAGEMENT

Mr Imran Bhatti (Derby)

16:05–16:25

VIDEO 2: DIVERTICULAR PERFORATIONS: MAS MANAGEMENT

Ms Shafaque Shaikh (Aberdeen)

16:25–16:45

VIDEO 3: MANAGING COMPLICATIONS IN ROBOTIC SURGERY AND WHEN IS CONVERSION NECESSARY

Mr Ahmed Elshaer (Bradford)

16:45–17:05

VIDEO 4: PREVENTION & MANAGEMENT OF UROLOGICAL COMPLICATIONS

Mr Manal Kumar (Wirral)

17:05–17:15

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17:15–18:25	ROBOTIC SHOWCASE Chair: Mr Imran Bhatti (Derby) Panel: Professor Nader Francis (Yeovil); Mr Guglielmo Piozzi (Portsmouth); Mr Krishna Singh (Brighton)
17:15–17:30	VIDEO 1: USE OF DA VINCI SP (single port) Miss Katherine Davies (Liverpool)
17:30–17:45	VIDEO 2: CORNERSTONE ROBOTICS Mr Gerald David (Portsmouth)
17:45–18:00	VIDEO 3: ROBOTIC COMPANY TBC
18:00–18:15	VIDEO 4: ROBOTIC COMPANY TBC
18:15–18:25	QUESTION TIME / Please line-up by static auditorium microphone
18:25–18:30	ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TOP 2 POSTERS FOR PRESENTATION & PRESIDENT'S ROUND-UP OF THE DAY Chair: Professor Chelliah Selvasekar (ALRSGBI President)
18:30–19:30	PRESIDENT'S DRINKS RECEPTION Industry Exhibition, Boundary & Century, The Point, 2nd Floor
19:30–22:30	CONFERENCE SOIRÉE & DINNER Ashes, The Point, 2nd Floor (By Sai Spice, Manchester)