ALRSGBI Scientific Programme 2026

Global Partnerships & Innovations in Digital Surgery & AI

Monday 7 December 2026
8 CPD Points

07:30–19:30	**REGISTRATION DESK OPEN**
08:30–19:30	**INDUSTRY EXHIBITION OPEN** Industry Exhibition, Boundary & Century, The Point, 2nd Floor
	REFRESHMENT TIMES
07:30–09:00	Industry Engagement & Refreshments, Boundary & Century, The Point, 2nd Floor
10:25–10:55	Industry Engagement & Refreshments, Boundary & Century, The Point, 2nd Floor
13:00–14:00	Industry Engagement & Lunch, Boundary & Century, The Point, 2nd Floor
15:15–15:45	Industry Engagement & Refreshments, 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 Dinner, Ashes, The Point, 2nd Floor
07:30–08:30	**BREAKFAST MEETING** **IAGES SYMPOSIUM: THEME: CHALLENGING SITUATIONS: HOW DO I MANAGE?** The Auditorium, Maiden, The Point, 2nd Floor **Chairs:** Professor Kanagaraj Govindaraj (IAGES President); Professor Chelliah Selvasekar (Manchester) **Panel:** Miss Grace Bennett (Warrington); Mr Matthew Boal (Plymouth); Mr Rikesh Patel (Chester) Dr Ashwin Thangavelu: Robotic E TEP Dr Easwaramoorthy Sundaram: Colonoscopic perforation: Prevention & management Dr Kanagaraj Govindaraj: Challenges of performing ERCP during Pregnancy Dr Deep Goel: Challenges during robotic rectal surgery
08:30–17:00	**LAPPASS® PRACTICE** Industry Exhibition, Boundary & Century, The Point, 2nd Floor
09:00–13:00 & 14:00–18:00	**LAPPASS® EXAMS** Business Office, The Point, Ground Floor

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	**ALRSGBI SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME – WELCOME** The Auditorium, Maiden, The Point, 2nd Floor 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
09:10–10:25	**SESSION ONE** **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. **Chair:** Mr Jawad Ahmad (Coventry) **Panel:** Professor Tan Arulampalam (Colchester); Mr Hamzah Choudhry (Chelmsford); Mr Chetan Parmar (London)
09:10–09:30	**UPDATE ON ROBOTICS AND THE 10 YEAR HEALTH PLAN** Mr John McGrath (Bristol)
09:30–09:45	**REFLECTIONS AS A ROBOTIC ABDOMINAL WALL & COLORECTAL SURGEON & PROCTOR** Mr Greg Simpson (Wirral)
09:45–09:55 British Hernia Society REGISTRY	**BHS REGISTRY DEMONSTRATION** Mr Liam Horgan (Database & Registries Lead, British Hernia Society)
09:55–10:05	**HOW TO AVOID BILE DUCT INJURIES** Mr Krishna Singh (Brighton)
10:05–10:15	**GALLSTONES & THE ROLE OF INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES MANAGEMENT OF DUCTAL CALCULI FOLLOWING BARIATRIC SURGERY** Mr Ashok Menon (Stockport)
10:15–10:25	**QUESTION TIME** / Please line-up by static auditorium microphone
10:25–10:55	**INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT & REFRESHMENTS** Industry Exhibition, Boundary & Century, The Point, 2nd Floor
10:55–11:00 Cornerstone Robotics	**PLATINUM PARTNER'S PRESENTATION** The Auditorium, Maiden, The Point, 2nd Floor **Chair:** Professor Chelliah Selvasekar (ALRSGBI President) **Cornerstone Robotics**

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: Professor Chandra Cheruvu (Newcastle-under-Lyme); Mr Neil Keeling (Bury St Edmunds); Miss Tamsin Morrison (Chelmsford); Ms Shafaque Shaikh (Aberdeen); Mr Ameya Tibude (Academy Digital Lead)

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 **QUESTION TIME** / Please line–up by static auditorium microphone

12:10–12:40 **FOCUSED EDITED VIDEO SESSION**
Chair: Mr Jonathan Wild (Manchester)
Panel: 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: THE REALITIES OF IN-VIVO TRAINING FOR ROBOTIC SURGERY**
Mr Alan Li (Stockport)

12:30–12:40 **QUESTION TIME** / Please line–up by static auditorium microphone

12:40–13:00 **ALRSGBI STRATEGY**
Mr Neil Keeling (Bury St Edmunds)
Chair: Professor Chelliah Selvasekar (ALRSGBI President)

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
Mr Taner Shakir, Dukes Club President

Chair: Miss Grace Bennett (Warrington)
Panel: Ms Lara Rimmer (Academy Research Lead); Mr Rauand Duhoky (Academy Paediatric Lead); Mr Anil Reddy (South Tees); Mr Graham Whiteley (Bangor)

14:20–14:25	**QUESTION TIME** / Please line-up by static auditorium microphone
14:25–15:15	**ALRSGBI ACADEMY SESSION** **Chair:** Mr Matthew Boal (ALRSGBI Academy Chair) **Panel:** Miss Eloise Dexter (ALRSGBI Academy LapPass® Lead); Mr Ahmed Abdulmanan (Academy Website Lead); Mr Tom Mroczek (SupportUs 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** Miss Oon Hui Ng (ALRSGBI Academy Social Media Lead)
14:45–15:05	**GLOBAL FOOTPRINT OF LAPPASS®** Miss Grace Bennett (ALRSGBI Academy Deputy Chair); Professor Bijen Patel (London)
15:05–15:15	**QUESTION TIME** / Please line-up by static auditorium microphone
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** **Chairs:** Mr Stuart Mercer (Portsmouth); Mr Diwaker Sarma (President, RSM) **Panel:** Miss Vivien Ngo (Liverpool); Miss Nina Patrick (Wirral); Mr Jonathan Wild (Manchester)
15:45–16:05	**VIDEO 1: UPPER GI PERFORATIONS: MAS MANAGEMENT** Mr Rohith Rao (Liverpool)
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	**QUESTION TIME** / Please line-up by static auditorium microphone

17:15–18:25 **ROBOTIC SHOWCASE**

Chair: Mr Imran Bhatti (Derby)

Panel: Professor Nader Francis (Yeovil); Mr Kirolos Abdelsaid (Academy Robotic Lead); Mr Krishna Singh (Brighton)

17:15–17:30 **CORNERSTONE ROBOTICS**

Cornerstone Robotics

Mr Gerald David (Portsmouth)

17:30–17:45 **DISTALMOTION**

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17:45–18:00 **OUR FIRST YEAR WITH DV5: EXPERIENCE USING THE 5TH GENERATION DA VINCI SYSTEM AT A DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL**

Mr Arcot Venkat (Basingstoke)

18:00–18:15 **CMR SURGICAL**

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18:15–18:30 **MEDTRONIC**

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18:30–18:35 **QUESTION TIME** / Please line-up by static auditorium microphone

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18:35–18:45 **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TOP 2 POSTERS FOR PRESENTATION & PRESIDENT'S ROUND-UP OF THE DAY**

Chair: Professor Chelliah Selvasekar (ALRSGBI President)

18:45–19:30 **PRESIDENT'S DRINKS RECEPTION**

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

19:30–22:30 **CONFERENCE DINNER**

Ashes, The Point, 2nd Floor

Including IAGES Quiz & Special Guest Speaker
Dr Samir Shah will give a captivating talk on the subject of Thinking under Pressure.

Dinner provided by Sai Spice, Manchester