Association of Laparoscopic and Robotic Theatre Staff

(ALRTS) 2026 Conference

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Date: 7th December 2026 | Venue: Emirates Old Trafford Manchester M16 0PX

"Beyond the Monitor, Beyond the Console: Elevating Every Theatre Staff to Skilled Practitioner in Minimally Invasive Surgery"

MORNING SESSION (09:30-12:30)

THEME: BRIDGING THE ERAS: FROM OPEN TO ROBOTIC, EMPOWERING THEATRE TEAMS FOR TOMORROW

Time	Speaker / Designation	Topic
09:30-09:45	**Geraldine Gagasa** ALRTS Chair (South) / Colorectal Lead Nurse, Royal Free Hospital	**Beyond the Scalpel:** How the Evolution of Surgery Demands Investment in Theatre Staff Empowerment
09:45-10:00	**Carmine Civilli** ALRTS Chair (North) / Surgical Care Practitioner	**Stronger Together:** Supporting Theatre Staff Through ALRTS Collaboration, Education and Shared Resources

THEME: FOUNDATIONS & TECHNOLOGY BEHIND THE SCREEN

Time	Speaker / Designation	Topic
10:00-10:15	**Jordan Stone** Head of Business Development, Karl Storz	**Synergy in the Suite:** The Complete Guide to Karl Storz Camera Mastery and Instrument Longevity
10:15-10:30	**Thomas Grabham** Imaging Sales Specialist, Arthrex	**Embracing Next-Generation Laparoscopy:** The Theatre Staff's Pivotal Role in Advanced Technology
10:30-10:45	**Ruth Clarke** DxG Business Unit Manager, Kimal	**Illuminating Precision:** The Critical Role of Theatre Staff in Advanced ICG Fluorescence Imaging

Morning Refreshment Break (10:45 - 11:15)

THEME: FROM OBSERVER TO ANTICIPATOR (WORKFLOW MASTERY)

Time	Speaker / Designation	Topic
11:15-11:30	**Cez Fernandez** ODP Apprentice, Royal Free Hospital	**Empowered beyond the Console:** How Theatre Staff Mastery and Safe Positioning Drive Robotic Surgery Success
11:30-11:45	**Roberta Marino** Senior Scrub Nurse, Mid and South NHS FT	**The Optimized Operating Theatre:** Designing Layouts and Empowering Junior Staff for Robotic Surgery Excellence
11:45-12:00	**Daryl Eborda** Senior Clinical Practice Educator, Royal Free Hospital	**Digital Empowerment:** Building Standardized e-Learning Modules for Inclusive Theatre Staff Training
12:00-12:15	**Uchihara Bumagat** HPB Surgical Care Practitioner, UHCW NHS Trust	**Precision in Practice:** Navigating Robotic Instruments, Energy Devices, and Lifecycle Care
12:15-12:30	**Maureen Espiritu** Renal Surgical Care Practitioner, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust	**The Rhythm of Robotics:** Closed-Loop Communication and Team Collaboration for Flawless Surgery

Lunch Break (12:30-13:30)

AFTERNOON SESSION (13:30-17:00)

THEME: ADVANCED FRONTIERS IN ROBOTICS

Time	Speaker / Designation	Topic
13:30-13:50	**Prof. Deena Harji** Consultant Robotic & Colorectal Surgeon, Manchester Univ. NHS FT	**Engineering the Future of Surgery:** Innovations, Advanced Techniques, and the Roadmap to Superior Patient Care
13:50-14:10	**Mr. Jawad Ahmad** Consultant Robotic & HPB Surgeon, UHCW NHS Trust	**Closing the Distance:** How Theatre Staff Counteract Surgeon Isolation and Bridge Safety Gaps in Robotic-Assisted Surgery
14:10-14:30	**Mr. Ibnauf Suliman** Consultant Robotic & Colorectal Surgeon, Royal Free Hospital	**From Vision to Triumph:** Navigating the Clinical and Cultural Journey of a Robotic Service

THEME: LATEST INNOVATIONS IN ROBOTIC ASSISTED SURGERY		
Time	**Speaker / Designation**	**Topic**
14:30-14:45	**Fiona Llewellyn-Markland** Da Vinci Clinical Territory Associate	**The Confident Theatre Team:** Mastering da Vinci® Setup for Faster, Safer Surgeries
14:45-15:00	**James Lambden** Training & Implementation Consultant, Cornerstone Robotics	**Streamlining the Workflow:** Integrating the Sentire® Surgical System into Daily Theatre Operations

Afternoon Refreshment Break (15:00-15:15)

THEME: HUMAN FACTORS AND FLATTENING THE HIERARCHY		
Time	**Speaker / Designation**	**Topic**
15:15-15:30	**Estelle Martin** Surgical Care Practitioner-Lower GI, ESNEFT NHS FT	**The Power to Speak:** Overcoming Hierarchy for Better Safety and Outcomes from a Theatre Staff Perspective
15:30-15:45	**Nina Patrick** Consultant Robotic & Urology Surgeon, Wirral University Teaching Hospital	**The Human Element:** How Civility and Team Dynamics Drive Safety in the Operating Theatre
15:45-16:00	**All Speakers**	**The Expert Panel:** Your Questions, Our Insights
16:00-16:45	**Geraldine Gagasa, Carmine Civilli, James Lambden, Ibnauf Suliman**	**Ready, Set, Undock:** The Critical Importance of Team Wide Fluency in Robotic Emergency Protocols
16:45-17:00	**Geraldine Gagasa, Carmine Civilli**	**Reflections and Gratitude:** Turning Insights into Action