

53rd National Congress of the Ophthalmological Society of South Africa



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Wednesday, 12 February 2025

08:00	Registration (Until 17:00)	Congress Office
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08:00	College of Ophthalmology & HOD meetings	Committee Room 1
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SASPOS Workshop

Paediatric Surgical Workshop

Ballroom 4



Chair / Panel:

08:00	Welcome	
08:05	Surgical approach to transposition procedures	TBC
08:25	Surgical approach to adjustable sutures	TBC
08:45	Surgical approach to superior oblique palsy	TBC
09:05	Surgical techniques to A-V Patterns	TBC
09:25	Discussion	
09:35	REFRESHMENTS	Foyer

Wednesday, 12 February 2025

Masterclasses

08:00	Registration (Until 17:00)	Congress Office
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Retinal Surgery Masterclass

Ballroom 2

Chairs: Dr Lara Sandri & Dr David Yorston

Panel: Local experts

08:30	Welcome	
08:35	Retinal Detachment step-by-step	
09:30	Adjourn	

Anterior Segment Masterclass

Ballroom 2

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Chair: Dr Tony Dos Ramos

Panel: Dr Etienne Van Aswegen, Dr Theunis Botha & Dr Michael Attenborough

10:00	Welcome	Dr Tony Dos Ramos
10:05	Endothelial keratoplasty: Why? When? How? My tips and tricks for successful DMEK and DSAEK surgery	Dr Michael Attenborough
10:35	Tissue preparation for PK - DALK: Creating the perfect puzzle piece	Dr Michael Attenborough
11:05	Quick fire questions from audience and panel	
11:30	REFRESHMENTS	Foyer
12:00	PK basics. From hazy and skew to clear and symmetrical. Donor centration, sizing and suturing pearls: How big? How deep? How long?	Dr Michael Attenborough
12:30	The cost of keratoplasty: From the Eyebank to the funder	Dr Theunis Botha
13:00	Panel discussion	
13:15	LUNCH (for Ophthalmologists)	Foyer

Ophthalmology Programme

Wednesday, 12 February 2025

13:15 LUNCH (for Ophthalmologists) Foyer

Session 1 (For Ophthalmologists)

Ballroom 2

Faculty Showcase 1

Chairs: TBC

14:00	The Global Retinoblastoma Study Group 2017 – 2027	Prof Didi Fabian
14:25	Discussion	
14:30	Changes in management of common neuro-ophthalmic conditions	Prof Karl Golnik
14:55	Discussion	
15:00	Improving visual outcomes after retinal detachment surgery	Dr David Yorston
15:25	Discussion	

15:30 REFRESHMENTS Foyer

Session 2 (For Ophthalmologists)

Ballroom 2

Faculty Showcase 2

Chairs: TBC

16:00	Interventional glaucoma: Paradigm shift	Mr Leon Au
16:25	Discussion	
16:30	Inflammation in retinal vascular diseases: The role of IL-6 in Neovascular AMD and DME	Prof Quan Dong Nguyen
16:50	Discussion	
17:00	Cornea / cataract (TBC)	Dr Soosan Jacob
17:25	Discussion	

17:30 ADJOURN

18:30 Young Ophthalmologist Symposium

Ballroom 4



18:30 Ossa Exco Meeting

Committee Room 1

Thursday, 13 February 2025

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Alumni Meetings

07:30	Pretoria Alumni TBC	Ballroom 2
07:30	Bloemfontein Alumni	Ballroom 4
07:30	UKZN Alumni	Boardroom 1
08:15	ADJOURN	

Ophthalmology Programme

Thursday, 13 February 2025

Session 3A

Ballroom 2

Chairs: TBC

08:30	Approach to the patient with occult visual loss	Prof Karl Golnik
08:50	Challenges in angle closure management	Mr Leon Au
09:10	Pharmacology and intraocular pressure effects of topical and systemic paracetamol in the adult normotensive New Zealand white rabbit	Dr Sean Anderson
09:20	Approach to the patient with double vision	Prof Karl Golnik
09:40	Iris repair: The Masterclass	Dr Soosan Jacob
10:00	Discussion	
10:15	REFRESHMENTS & EXHIBITION	Exhibition 2

Session 3B

Ballroom 3

SASPOS (South African Society of Paediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus)



Retinoblastoma


Chairs: TBC

08:00	Diagnosis and management of retinoblastoma: From basic to advanced	Prof Didi Fabian
08:30	Chemotherapy in retinoblastoma: Atypical presentation	Prof Gita Naidu
08:50	Discussion	
09:00	Retinoblastoma: Atypical presentations	Prof Didi Fabian
09:30	South African Retinoblastoma Collaborative (SARC) Group update	Dr Teboho Seobi
09:40	Case presentation	Dr Aritha Du Bruin
09:50	Retinoblastoma and globe preservation: Insights from a High-Volume Centre in an upper- middle income country	Dr Lara Sandri
10:00	Discussion	
10:15	REFRESHMENTS & EXHIBITION	Exhibition 2

Session 4 (Plenary)

Ballroom

Congress Opening & DJ Wood Lecture

11:00	Welcome & congress opening	Dr Barry Payne
11:05	Introduction	President: Dr Steven Lapere
11:10	DJ Wood Lecture 	Prof Grant McLaren
12:00	LUNCH & EXHIBITION	Exhibition 2

Trade Symposium 1

Ballroom 2

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Topic

Chair: TBC

13:00	Welcome	
13:50	ADJOURN	

Trade Symposium 2

Ballroom 3

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Latest innovations in the HOYA Surgical Optics product portfolio

Chair: Dr Dylan Joseph

13:00	Welcome	Dr Dylan Joseph
13:00	Pairing Vivinex™ Gemetric™ Family in a successful private practice	Dr Erik Mertens (Belgium)
13:25	Performance of the Vivinex™ Toric range. From monofocal to Gemetric™ and Gemetric™ Plus	Dr Dylan Joseph
13:35	My clinical experience with Vivinex Impress™ enhanced monofocal IOL	Dr Freddie Van Der Colff
13:45	Panel discussion Q & A	
13:50	ADJOURN	

Session 5

Ballroom 2

Registrar Competition

Chairs: Prof Aubrey Makgotloe & Prof Linda Visser

Judges: Dr Soosan Jacob, Prof Didi Fabian & Mr Leon Au

14:00	The prevalence of human papillomavirus in ocular surface squamous neoplasia in HIV positive and negative patients in a South African population	Dr Loren Odendaal
14:10	Whole exome sequencing in patients with primary congenital glaucoma in Cape Town, South Africa	Dr Megan van Zyl
14:20	To determine factors influencing delayed presentation of patients with periorbital carcinoma requiring orbital exenteration at St John's Eye hospital, Johannesburg: A qualitative study	Dr Nadine van Wyk
14:30	Early postoperative intraocular pressure elevation following cataract surgery at a tertiary training hospital in Johannesburg	Dr Estelle Jansen
14:40	A retrospective review of intramuscular botulinum neurotoxin injections for the treatment of infantile esotropia at a quaternary academic hospital in Durban, South Africa	Dr Mohammed Khan
14:50	The diagnosis and management of patients with proptosis at St John Eye hospital during a cyber-attack on the national health laboratory service database	Dr Danielle Gouws
15:00	Comparison of corneal endothelial cell density between black South Africans with glaucoma and healthy controls	Dr Catherine Dold
15:10	Quadrant-specific scleral contact lenses in South African patients with high refractive errors and astigmatism	Dr Analia Manthey
15:20	Questions	
15:30	REFRESHMENTS & EXHIBITION	Exhibition 2

Session 6A

Ballroom 2

Retina

Chairs: TBC

16:00	Systemic plasma kallikrein inhibitor for diabetic macular edema	Prof Quan Dong Nguyen
16:20	Beyond visual acuity	Dr David Yorston
16:40	Real world experience with intravitreal injection Brolucizumab at a retina unit in Kenya	Dr Mahesh Chandragi
16:50	Gamma knife radiosurgery for choroidal melanoma: A retrospective review of clinical outcomes in a South African referral centre	Dr Lara Sandri
17:00	Novel therapy in development for diabetic macular ischemia	Prof Quan Dong Nguyen
17:20	Discussion	
17:30	ADJOURN	

Session 6B

Ballroom 3

SASPOS – Paediatric Ophthalmology



Chairs: TBC

16:00	Highlights from the newly established ROPSA Registry	Dr Tshilidzi van de Lecq
16:10	TBC	Dr Debbie Laaks
16:20	Kukhanya Project	Prof Christopher Tinley
16:30	Discussion	
16:40	Allergic conjunctivitis	TBC
16:50	TBC	Dr Darshana Soma
17:00	Discussion	
17:10	AGM	
17:30	ADJOURN	

17:30 WELCOMING FUNCTION

Exhibition 2

Ophthalmology Programme

Friday, 14 February 2025

Session 7A

Ballroom 2

Cataract / Refractive

Chairs: TBC

08:30	Subluxated cataract	Dr Soosan Jacob
08:50	Cataract surgery in complex eyes	Prof Fasika Woreta
09:10	5-year analysis: Outcomes and complications following Nd:YAG laser capsulotomy	Dr Sean Edelstein
09:20	Surface ablation procedures in refractive surgery: Why is it still popular?	Prof Mike Holzer
09:30	Complex cases: Cataract surgery in presence of insufficient capsular support	Dr Soosan Jacob
09:50	Therapeutic lasers: Step by step planning	Dr Theunis Botha
10:00	Discussion	
10:15	REFRESHMENTS & EXHIBITION	Exhibition 2

Session 7B

Ballroom 3

Oncology & Retina

Chairs: TBC

08:30	Predicting the high-risk retinal detachment	Dr David Yorston
08:50	Wide field fluorescein angiography: What you miss	Dr Enslin Uys
09:00	Tinlarebant: Therapy in development for adolescent stargardt's disease	Prof Quan Dong Nguyen
09:20	Management and outcomes of ocular surface squamous neoplasia at a tertiary hospital, South Africa	Dr Roland Höllhumer
09:30	Comparison of non-invasive diagnostic modalities for ocular surface squamous neoplasia at a tertiary hospital, South Africa	Dr Roland Höllhumer
09:40	Diagnosis and management of uveal melanoma: From basic to advanced	Prof Didi Fabian
10:05	Discussion	
10:15	REFRESHMENTS & EXHIBITION	Exhibition 2

Session 8A

Ballroom 2

Glaucoma Surgery

Chairs: TBC

11:00	The misconceptions about MIGS	Mr Leon Au
11:20	Flow control in glaucoma surgery	Mr Leon Au
11:40	Panel Discussion Glaucoma surgery challenges	
12:00	LUNCH, EXHIBITION & POSTER SESSION	Exhibition 2

Session 8B

Ballroom 3

Surgical Retina

Chairs: TBC

11:00	Macular holes: What's a large hole and how do we treat it?	Dr David Yorston
11:30	Full thickness macular holes in a tertiary eye care centre at Kenya	Dr Mahesh Chandargi
11:40	Retrospective analysis of scleral buckling for retinal detachment repair	Dr Rian Viljoen
11:50	Discussion	
12:00	LUNCH & EXHIBITION & POSTER SESSION	Exhibition 2

Trade Symposium 3

Ballroom 2

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See better. Live better.

Advancing glaucoma management with Vyzulta: Insights from South African case studies

Chair: Prof Susan Williams

13:00	Welcome	Prof Susan Williams
13:05	Vyzulta case studies presented by South African Ophthalmologists	TBC
13:50	ADJOURN	

Trade Symposium 4

Ballroom 3

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Topic

Chair: TBC

13:00	Welcome	
14:00	ADJOURN	

Session 9A

Ballroom 2

Cornea

Chairs: TBC

14:00	CAIRS for keratoconus and other indications	Dr Soosan Jacob
14:20	An update on the use of novel injectable tri-folded endothelium-In DMEK in complex anterior chambers	Dr Leonard Heydenrych
14:30	The evolution and current status of corneal tissue eye-banking: A US perspective	Dr Sean Edelstein
14:50	Corneal banking in South Africa: An update	Dr Theunis Botha
15:00	Cataract surgery in corneal disease	Prof Fasika Woreta
15:20	Discussion	
15:30	REFRESHMENTS & EXHIBITION	Exhibition 2
16:00	OSSA AGM	Ballroom 2
17:00	OMG AGM	Ballroom 2

Session 9B

Ballroom 3

Chairs: TBC

14:00	Is it neuro or glaucoma?	Prof Karl Golnik
14:20	Uveitic glaucoma	Mr Leon Au
14:40	Selected pharmacotherapy in development for non-infectious uveitis	Prof Quan Dong Nguyen
15:00	Deadly ptosis	Prof Karl Golnik
15:20	Discussion	
15:30	REFRESHMENTS & EXHIBITION	Exhibition 2

16:00	OSSA AGM	Ballroom 2
17:00	OMG AGM	Ballroom 2

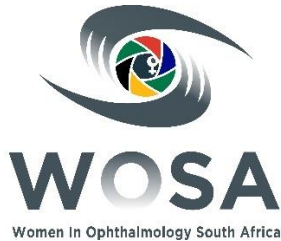
19:00 for 19:30	OSSA Banquet	Ballroom
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Ophthalmology Programme

Saturday, 15 February 2025

WOSA Breakfast

Ballroom 4



07:00	Opening	
	Conclusion	
08:15	Adjourn	Exhibition 2

Session 10

Ballroom 2

Trauma (WOSA sponsored)

Chairs: TBC

08:30	Its messy and complicated: Best practices for management of corneal, iris and scleral injuries	Prof Fasika Woreta
08:50	"Bruised and under pressure": Glaucoma in the trauma eye	TBC
09:10	Case-based panel discussion: Complex cases Cataract, orbit / oculoplastics & retina	Panelists TBC
09:50	Rehabilitating the injured eye	Prof Fasika Woreta
10:15	REFRESHMENTS & EXHIBITION	Exhibition 2

Session 11 (Plenary)

Ballroom 2

All delegates welcome

ETHICS

Chairs: TBC

11:00	Case presentations, discussion and live CPD quiz	Prof Susan Williams Prof Trevor Carmichael MPS representative
12:45	Congress closure	
13:00	ADJOURN	

Posters

Aggressive squamous cell carcinoma in a fingolimod-treated multiple sclerosis patient: a case report and literature review	Dr Diandra Antunes
Describing the chemical eye injury caused by the plant sap of Euphorbia umbellata (Pax) Bruyns (African Milk Bush): A Case Report	Dr Jaco Roodt
Evaluation of topical Timolol gel in the management of periocular pyogenic granulomas	Prof Mandeep Singh Bajaj
Orbitopalpebral Neurofibromatosis Type 1 at a tertiary care centre: Clinical profile and management	Prof Mandeep Singh Bajaj
Evaluation of collagen matrix implant in failed dacryocystorhinostomy surgery as compared to mitomycin c	Prof Mandeep Singh Bajaj

Registrar Posters

An innovative solution: modified cutler-beard technique for upper eyelid cicatricial ectropion	Dr Pei-Chi Chen
Dry eye dilemmas: Turning the tide on resistant cases	Dr Amy Lombard
A compressive tragedy: A case report of an African female patient with orbital compartment syndrome secondary to a frontal sinus mucocoele complicated by central retinal artery	Dr Nomcebo Mkhathswa
Microbial profile of vitreous and aqueous aspirates in patients with endophthalmitis at Inkosi Albert Luthuli Central Hospital: A retrospective study	Dr Lindelani Shelembe
Corneal neovascularisation: Old and new treatment options	Dr Clarise Snyman

Allied Health Programme

THURSDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2025

07:00	Registration (Until 17:00)	Congress Office
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Allied Health Session 1

Ballroom 4

Age related macular degeneration

Chair:

08:30	Welcome	
08:40	Optical coherence tomography (OCT) crash course	Dr Steph Lindeque
09:10	Ophthalmic assistant training overview	Ms Augusta Pretorius
09:30	TBC	Ms Augusta Pretorius
09:50	Age related macular degeneration: Current management options	Dr Barry Payne
10:15	REFRESHMENTS & EXHIBITION	Exhibition 2

Session 2 - Plenary

Ballroom

Congress Opening & DJ Wood Lecture

11:00	Welcome & congress opening	Dr Barry Payne
11:05	Introduction	President: Dr Steven Lapere
11:10	DJ Wood Lecture	Prof Grant McLaren
12:00	LUNCH & EXHIBITION	Exhibition 2

Allied Health Session 3

Ballroom 4

Chair:

13:00	Management of vitreous floaters	Dr Dory Neu-Ner
13:30	Development and testing of vision in children and red flags to watch out for	Ms Linda Malan
14:00	AMD. DME. ERM. ICD. PMB ... Can somebody please tell me what's going on?	Dr Johann Lamprecht
14:30	TBC	Dr Clayton Erasmus
15:00	TBC	TBC
15:30	REFRESHMENTS & EXHIBITION	Exhibition 2

Allied Health Session 4

Ballroom 4

Orbit and Oculoplastic

Chair:

16:00	Oculoplastic (TBC)	Dr Brian Van Onselen
16:30	Thyroid orbitopathy	Dr Akiel Asvat
17:00	Lid tumours	Dr Caroline Gooding
17:30	ADJOURN	

17:30	WELCOMING FUNCTION	Exhibition 2
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Friday, 14 February 2025

07:00	Registration (Until 17:00)	Congress Office
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Allied Health Session 5

Ballroom 4

Chair:

08:30	Anatomy of the eye: Key structures assistant should know	Dr Craig Anderson
09:00	Understanding viscoelastics and the importance of the various properties and concentrations	Mr Sean Dienaar
09:20	Retinal imaging	Dr Ingrid Lindeque
09:40	Complex cataract surgery	Dr Monique Camacho
10:15	REFRESHMENTS & EXHIBITION	Exhibition 2

Allied Health Session 6

Ballroom 4

Chair:

11:00	Introduction to Allergy Foundation	Allergy Foundation of South Africa
11:20	Something for nothing	Ms Claudette Medefindt
11:40	HPCSA ethical guidelines and regulations	Ms Tanya Muller
12:00	LUNCH, EXHIBITION & POSTER SESSION	Exhibition 2

Allied Health Session 7

Ballroom 4

Chair:

13:00	TBC	East London Day Hospital
13:30	Medical management of glaucoma	Dr Fathima Mitha
14:00	Corneal cross-linking	Dr Taruna Rowjee
14:30	TBC	Dr Andre Botha
15:30	REFRESHMENTS & EXHIBITION	Exhibition 2

All Allied Health delegates are invited to attend the Ethics Session on Saturday

See Ophthalmology Programme

19:00 for OSSA Banquet
19:30

Ballroom

Managers & Administrators Programme

Thursday, 13 February 2025

07:00	Registration (Until 17:00)	Congress Office
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Session 1

Boardroom 1

Quality Improvement and Ethical Considerations

Chair: Ms Tanya Muller

08:30	Welcome	
08:35	Monitoring clinical outcomes and performance metrics	Discovery Medical Aid
09:00	Legal considerations in ophthalmology practice	Ms Elsabé Klinck
09:30	Informed consent	Ms Elsabé Klinck
10:00	Discussion	
10:15	REFRESHMENTS & EXHIBITION	Exhibition 2

Session 2 – Plenary

Ballroom 2

Congress Opening & DJ Wood Lecture

11:00	Welcome & congress opening	Dr Barry Payne
11:05	Introduction	President: Dr Steven Lapere
11:10	DJ Wood Lecture	Prof Grant McLaren
12:00	LUNCH & EXHIBITION	Exhibition 2

Session 3

Boardroom 1

Risk Management & Patient Care

Chair: Ms Shelley Kidson

13:00	Welcome	
13:05	Data security and privacy protection	Ms Tanya Muller
14:00	Managing patient expectations and communication	TBC (Hospital Group)
15:00	Human resources: Recruitment, retention & training	Ms Helen Nel (Director) Malaika Human Capital & Labour Consultants
15:15	Discussion	
15:30	REFRESHMENTS & EXHIBITION	Exhibition 2

Session 4

Boardroom 1

Marketing & Business Development

Chair: Ms Shelley Kidson

16:00	Introduction	
16:05	Brand management and public relations	Mr Warren Hickinbotham (CEO) Axess Health
17:00	HPCSA ethical guidelines and regulations	Ms Tanya Muller
17:30	Discussion	
17:40	ADJOURN	
17:30	WELCOMING FUNCTION	Exhibition 2

Friday, 14 February 2025

07:00	Registration (Until 17:00)	Congress Office
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Session 5

Boardroom 1

Healthcare Policy and Regulations

Chair: Ms Shelley Kidson

08:30	Welcome	
08:35	Compliance with regulatory requirements	Ms Tanya Muller
09:00	Coding and billing updates	Mr Luis da Silva - Healthbridge
09:30	Section 59 medical aid fraud waste & abuse	Ms Mardi Roos
10:00	Discussion	
10:15	REFRESHMENTS & EXHIBITION	Exhibition 2

Session 6

Boardroom 1

Practice Management

Chair: Ms Tanya Muller

11:00	Effective patient flow management	Mr Kobus Wolfaard
11:15	Financial management and revenue cycle optimisation & debt collection processes	Mr Evan Matthee Ms Izelle Matthee Sm ² Accountants
11:30	Malpractice prevention and management	Ms Inge Sieberhagen Genoa Underwriting Managers
11:45	Discussion	

Session 7**Boardroom 1****Technology, Innovation, Leadership & Eye Registry****Chair:** Ms Tanya Muller

13:00	Introduction	
13:15	Telemedicine in ophthalmology: Opportunities & challenges	Dr Riaz Motara Brandmed Group
13:30	Building effective teams in healthcare	Dr Phillip Phatudi
13:45	Integration of Electronic Health Records (EHR) in ophthalmology	Dr Dean van der Westhuizen
14:00	Strategies for improving patient education & compliance	Dr Ndilikazi Buhlungu - GEMS
14:15	Eye Registry SOP and process	Ms Abigail Chivero - E2 Solutions Ms Tanya Muller
14:45	Panel Discussion: Transformational leadership in a digital world	Moderator: Ms Tanya Muller Panelists: Dr Unben Pillay Dr Riaz Motara Dr Theunis Botha Dr Precious Phatudi
15:10	Discussion	
15:25	Managers & administrators programme concludes	
15:30	REFRESHMENTS & EXHIBITION	Exhibition 2

19:00 for OSSA Banquet
19:30

Ballroom