



Glasgow Surgical Forum

Complications in General Surgery: Lessons, Strategies and Solutions

Day 1 Programme: Thursday 27 November 2025

08.30 – 09.00	Registration & Refreshments
09.00 – 09.05	Welcome and Introduction Prof Hany Eteiba President, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow
Session 1: Gastrointestinal Pitfalls Chair: Mr John Camilleri-Brennan, Vice President (Surgical) RCPSG	
09.05 – 09.30	Colorectal Anastomotic Leaks: Prevention, Detection & Damage Control Ms Dorin Ziyaie, Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, Ninewells Hospital, Dundee
09.30 – 09.55	Enterocutaneous Fistulae: What Went Wrong and What Now? Mr Jonathan Epstein, Consultant Surgeon, Salford & President-elect, Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland
09.55 – 10.20	Stoma-Related Complications: Prevention and Management Mr James Kynaston, Consultant Surgeon, Forth Valley Royal Hospital, Stirling Sister Jennifer Thompson, Clinical Nurse Specialist in Stoma Care, Forth Valley Royal Hospital, Stirling
10.20 – 10.30	Panel Q&A Session
10.30 – 10.50	Break & refreshments
Session 2: Hepatobiliary and Bariatric Surgical Complications Chair: Mr Himanshu Wadhawan, Consultant Surgeon, Forth Valley Royal Hospital	
10.50 – 11.15	Post-cholecystectomy bile duct injuries and leaks: Prevention, detection and management Mr Euan Dickson, Consultant Pancreaticobiliary Surgeon, Glasgow Royal Infirmary
11.15 – 11.40	Complications of Bariatric Surgery Mr Andrew Robertson, Consultant Upper GI Surgeon, Royal Infirmary Edinburgh
11.40 – 12.05	Difficult Gallbladders – When to Convert & When to Bail Out Mr Michael Wilson, Consultant Surgeon, Forth Valley Royal Hospital, Stirling
12.05 – 12.15	Panel Q&A Session
12.15 – 13.10	Lunch & view posters



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Session 3: Abdominal wall and Access Issues	
Chair: Mr Michael Wilson, Consultant Surgeon, Forth Valley Royal	
13.10 – 13.35	Incisional Hernias: Prevention. The optimal closure of abdominal wall incisions Mr Phil Stevens, Consultant Surgeon, Glasgow Royal Infirmary
13.35 – 14.00	Surgical Management of Incisional Hernias: When, What, How? Mr Stuart Oglesby, General & Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeon, Ninewells Hospital, Dundee
14.00 – 14.25	Adhesions & Re-Entry: Managing the 'Frozen Abdomen' Mr Dimitrios Damaskos, Consultant Surgeon, Royal Infirmary Edinburgh
14.25 – 14.35	Panel Q&A Session
14.35 – 14.55	Break & refreshments
Session 4: Minimal Access Surgery and Emergencies	
Chair: Mr John Robertson, Consultant Surgeon, NHS Fife	
15.00 – 15.20	Complications in Minimal Access Surgery: Pitfalls and Conversions Professor Jim Khan, Professor of Surgery, University of Portsmouth
15.20 – 15.40	Intraoperative Haemorrhage: Management and Damage Control Surgery Mr Euan Dickson, Consultant Surgeon, Glasgow Royal Infirmary
15.40 – 16.00	Communication and Decision Making in Emergency Situations Captain Karl O'Neill, Chief Instructor ATO, Training & Standards, Flight Operations, Aer Lingus
16.00 – 16.10	Panel Q&A Session
16.10 – 16.30	Peter Lowe Lecture: Strategies to minimise and prevent operative events Mr Ian Jenkins, Chair of Surgery and Consultant Surgeon, St Mark's Hospital, London
16.30 – 16.45	Close
16.45 – 17.30	Networking Reception



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Day 2 Programme: Friday 28 November

08.30 – 09.00	Registration & refreshments
09.00 – 09.05	Welcome and Introduction Mr John Camilleri-Brennan, Vice President (Surgical) RCPSG
Session 5: Prevention-focused Factors and Human Factors Chair: Mr Ross Dolan, Consultant Surgeon & Ms Roberta Garau, Immediate past President ASIT	
09.05 – 09.30	Optimising the Patient Preoperatively: Nutrition, Frailty & Risk Professor Susan Moug, Consultant Surgeon, Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley
09.30 – 09.55	Fatigue, Burnout, and Wellness: Protecting the Human Behind the Scalpel Mr Michael El Boghdady, Director of Education, Association of Surgeons in Training
09.55 – 10.20	Human Error in the Operating Theatre: What We Miss When We're Rushed Mr Alistair Geraghty, Consultant Surgeon, Forth Valley Royal Hospital, Stirling
10.20 – 10.35	Panel Q&A Session
10.35 – 10.55	Break & refreshments
Session 6: Sepsis Chair: Ms Martha Quinn, Consultant Surgical Oncologist, Glasgow Royal Infirmary	
10.55 – 11.20	Preventing Postoperative Sepsis: Preoperative Optimisation and Intraoperative Strategy Mr Ross Dolan, Consultant Surgeon, Ninewells Hospital, Dundee
11.20 – 11.45	From Source Control to Supportive Care: Surgical Priorities in Sepsis Management Mr Norman Galbraith, Consultant Surgeon, Glasgow Royal Infirmary
11.45 – 12.00	Panel Q&A Session
12.00 – 12.25	David George Lecture: Is current surgical training adequate for modern requirements? Mr Christian Macutkiewicz, President, Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland
12.25 – 13.20	Lunch



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Session 7: Surgical Complications and the Law Chairs: Mr Christian Macutkiewicz, President ASGBI and Mr John Scott, Vice-President (Surgical) RCPSG	
13.20 – 13.45	Avoiding Litigation – Communication, Consent & Documentation /Complications and Consent: What Patients Deserve to Know Dr Rob Hendry, Medical Director, Medical Protection Society
13.45 – 14.10	Medicolegal Implications of Surgical Complications Mr Jonathan Howat, Head of Medical Negligence Team, Thompsons Solicitors
14.10 – 14.35	Complaints to the GMC: Practical advice for surgeons Dr James Thorpe, Medicolegal Consultant, Medical Protection Society
14.35 – 15.00	Do the Law and Regulation make Patients Safer after Adverse Incidents? Mr David Sellu, Honorary Consultant Surgeon, St Mark's Hospital, London
15.00 – 15.15	Panel Q&A Session
15.15 – 15.35	Break & refreshments
Session 8: Consultants Corner: Complications that I have learnt from Chair: Mr John Camilleri-Brennan, Vice President (Surgical) RCPSG	
15.35 – 15.55	Common complications in Thyroid surgery: Prevention, Diagnosis and Management Mr Omar Hilmi, Consultant Head and Neck Surgeon, Glasgow Royal Infirmary
15.55 – 16.10	Pelvic Bleeding Ms Martha Quinn, Consultant Surgical Oncologist, Glasgow Royal Infirmary
16.10 – 16.25	Intra-abdominal sepsis/missed sepsis Speaker, to be confirmed
16.30 – 16.35	Poster awards & Close