



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: John Camilleri-Brennan	
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, 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	
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, 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	
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 Ogelsby, General & Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeon, Ninewells Hospital, Dundee
14.00 – 14.25	Adhesions & Re-Entry: Managing the 'Frozen Abdomen' Mr Demetrios Damaskos, Consultant Surgeon, Edinburgh Royal Infirmary
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	
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	Postoperative Deterioration: When to go back to the Operating Theatre Speaker, to be confirmed
16.00 – 16.10	Panel Q&A Session
16.10 – 16.30	David George Lecture: Is current surgical training adequate for modern requirements? Mr Christian Macutkiewicz, President, Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland
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
Session 5: Prevention-focused Factors and Human Factors Chair: Mr Ross Dolan	
09.05 – 09.30	Optimising the Patient Preoperatively: Nutrition, Frailty & Risk Professor Susan Moug , Consultant Surgeon, Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley
09.30 – 09.55	Communication and Decision Making in Emergency Situations Captain Karl O'Neill , Chief Instructor ATO, Training & Standards, Flight Operations, Aer Lingus
09.55 – 10.20	Human Error in the Operating Theatre: What We Miss When We're Rushed Mr Alistair Geraghty , Forth Valley Royal Hospital, Larbert
10.20 – 10.35	Panel Q&A Session
10.35 – 10.55	Break & refreshments
Session 6: Sepsis Chair: Ms Martha Quinn	
10.55 – 11.20	Preventing Postoperative Sepsis: Preoperative Optimization and Intraoperative Strategy Mr Ross Dolan , Consultant Surgeon, Freeman Hospital, Newcastle
11.20 – 11.45	From Source Control to Supportive Care: Surgical Priorities in Sepsis Management Speaker name , to be confirmed
11.45 – 12.00	Panel Q&A Session
12.00 – 12.25	Peter Lowe Lecture: Strategies to minimise and prevent operative events Mr Ian Jenkins , Chair of Surgery and Consultant Surgeons, St Marks Hospital, London
12.25 – 13.20	Lunch



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Session 7: Surgical Complications and the Law Chair: Mr Christian Macutkiewicz, President ASGBI	
13.20 – 13.45	Avoiding Litigation – Communication, Consent & Documentation /Complications and Consent: What Patients Deserve to Know Dr James Thorpe, Medicolegal Consultant, Medical Protection Society
13.45 – 14.10	Medicolegal Implications of Surgical Complications/Legal consequences of common surgical errors Speaker 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: John Camilleri-Brennan	
15.35 – 15.55	Common complications in Thyroid surgery: Prevention, Diagnosis and Management Mr Omar Hilmi, Consultant Head and Neck Surgeon, GRI
15.55 – 16.10	Pelvic Bleeding Ms Martha Quinn, Consultant, Glasgow Royal Infirmary
16.10 – 16.25	Intra-abdominal sepsis/missed sepsis or another complication Speaker, to be confirmed
16.30 – 16.35	Poster awards & Close