

# GENERAL SURGERY

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Professor Fred Luchette

## **Maywood, USA**

*Professor Fred Luchette MD, MSc, FACS, FCCM is the Vice Chair, VA Affairs and Professor of Surgery at Loyola University of Chicago Stritch School of Medicine Department of Surgery. He is also Chief of Surgical Services, Edward Hines Jr. Veterans Administration Department of Surgery in Hines, Illinois. He received his MD from the University of Louisville School of Medicine, Kentucky and completed his General Surgery Residency at State University of New York, Buffalo Health Sciences Centre. In addition to being board certified in General Surgery, he is also certified in Surgical Critical Care and is an instructor for Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS), Advanced Trauma Operative Management (ATOM) and Advanced Surgical Skills for Exposure in Trauma (ASSET). Professor Luchette is the editor of the textbook Geriatric Trauma and Critical Care. He has also written over 40 book chapters, 150 peer reviewed journal articles and given numerous presentations on a wide range of topics in General Surgery, Trauma and Surgical Critical Care. He is currently on the editorial committee of "The American Surgeon", "The Open Emergency Medicine Journal", and "The Journal of Intensive Care Medicine". Dr. Luchette has served as a director of the American Board of Surgery. He is a current member of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Review Committee for Surgery and serves on many other committees governing scientific research, surgical education, trauma, critical care and general surgery. He is actively involved in clinical and research fellowship training and his clinical practice includes abdominal wall reconstruction, hernia repair, biliary surgery, gastro-intestinal surgery and emergency surgery.*

Mr Andrew Luck

## **Adelaide**

*Andrew Luck is a colorectal surgeon at the Lyell McEwin Hospital (LMH) and in private practice in Adelaide's north. He is a past Head of the LMH Colorectal Unit and LMH Director of Surgical Services. Andrew is a former President of the Colorectal Surgical Society of Australia and New Zealand (CSSANZ) and Chairman of the CSSANZ Research Foundation. He is a current member of the Australian and New Zealand Training Board in Colorectal Surgery. Andrew has been heavily involved in colonoscopy and colorectal cancer Guideline and committee work, having been a member of the Conjoint Committee for the Recognition of Training in Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program Advisory Group and Quality Working Group for Colonoscopy, the Nurse Endoscopy Working Group and the National Endoscopy Training Initiative. He has been a member and chapter chairman for the Australian Colorectal Cancer Guidelines in 2005, 2011 and 2018 and is serves as faculty on Australian Train the Colonoscopy Trainer courses. Andrew's clinical and research interests include the management of rectal cancer, the use of minimally invasive techniques in colorectal surgery, the management of complex anorectal sepsis and fistula disease and fostering improvements in the technique and training of colonoscopy. In 2017 Andrew was honoured with Honorary Life Membership of the Gastroenterological Society of Australia and in 2018 received the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the Australia Day honours, for services to medicine in the field of colorectal surgery.*

Assistant Professor Caroline Reinke

## **Charlotte, USA**

*Dr Reinke is an Assistant Professor of Surgery at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, NC. She is an MIS-trained general surgeon with an elective and emergency general surgery practice. She is also an active researcher, with interests in surgical quality improvement and pragmatic clinical trials. Dr Reinke leads the Carolinas HealthCare System NSQIP Collaborative, a 15-hospital quality collaborative with hospitals throughout North and South Carolina. She has received the Gordon P. Buzby Award for leadership and the Jonathan E. Rhoads Research Award from the University of Pennsylvania Department of Surgery. She earned her bachelor's degree and medical degree from Duke University, her master's degree in Public Health at the University of North Carolina, and her master's degree in Health Policy Research at the University of Pennsylvania. She completed her surgical training at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and her MIS Fellowship at Duke University.*

## MONDAY 6 MAY

8:00am - 4:00pm

### **GSA TRAINEES' DAY - UPPER GI/ENDOSCOPY**

Lotus Suite 1  
Lotus Suite 2

5:00pm - 6:30pm **CONVOCATION CEREMONY AND SYME ORATION (TICKETED EVENT)**  
World Ballroom A/B/C

6:30pm - 7:30pm **WELCOME RECEPTION (TICKETED EVENT)**  
Pre-function Area (L22)

## TUESDAY 7 MAY

8:30am - 10:00am **OPENING PLENARY SESSION  
GENERALISM**  
World Ballroom A/B/C

10:00am - 10:30am **MORNING TEA - TUESDAY**  
Bangkok Convention Centre A2

10:30am - 12noon **SITE PLACEMENT IN TRAINING AND SUBSEQUENT CAREER CHOICE**  
(Combined with: Rural Surgery)  
Lotus Suite 12  
Chair: **Graham Stewart (Armidale)**

10:30am Strategies to attract surgeons to rural areas  
**Richard Murray (Townsville)**

10:40am Rural training placements - "the reality" from a trainee perspective  
**RS001 Jemma Davies (Gisborne)**

10:50am Why general surgeons practice where they do  
**RS002 Dorothy Hughes (Prairie Village)**

11:00am Permanent job or transition during career  
**Patrick Byrne (Fort William)**

11:10am Starting Surgical training at Undergraduate Level  
**Tyler Hughes (McPherson, USA)**

11:20am Discussion

10:30am - 12noon **THE MODERN BREAST SURGEON**  
(Combined with: Breast Surgery)  
World Ballroom A  
Chairs: **Hugh Cooke (Wellington), Kraipope Jarupaiboon (Pakkred) and David Littlejohn (Wagga Wagga)**

10:30am Does it matter who does breast surgery  
**Katherine Gale (Auckland)**

10:50am Should all breast surgeons have oncoplastic training?  
**Visnu Lohsiriwat (Bangkok, Thailand)**

11:10am Servicing the Emergency General Surgical Roster  
**David Moss (Auckland)**

- 11:30am Pushing the boundaries of breast conservation  
**Andrew Baildam (Alderley Edge, UK)**
- 11:50am Discussion
- 12noon - 12:30pm **KEYNOTE LECTURE**  
(Combined with: Colorectal Surgery, HPB Surgery)  
World Ballroom C  
Chair: **Jodie Ellis-Clark (Sydney)**
- Treatment of Hepatic CRC metastases past, present and future  
**Mr John Chen (Adelaide)**
- 12:30pm - 1:30pm **LUNCH - TUESDAY**  
Bangkok Convention Centre A2
- 1:30pm - 2:00pm **THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS LECTURE**  
World Ballroom B  
Chair: **Hugh Cooke (Wellington)**
- Surgeons, science and policy - Our roles as leaders in medicine  
**Associate Professor Jayme Locke (Birmingham, USA)**
- 2:00pm - 3:30pm **ABDOMINAL WALL HERNIA REPAIR**  
(Combined with: Rural Surgery)  
World Ballroom B  
Chair: **David Moss (Auckland) and Alex Popadich (Wellington)**
- 2:00pm Complex ventral hernia repairs  
**Fred Luchette (Maywood, USA)**
- 2:20pm Review of inguinal hernia repair techniques  
**Caroline Reinke (Charlotte, USA)**
- 2:40pm Ultrasound diagnosed inguinal hernia: fact of fiction?  
**Andrew Bowker (Epsom Auckland)**
- 2:55pm Mesh complications and how to avoid them  
**Fred Luchette (Maywood, USA)**
- 3:15pm Discussion
- 3:30pm - 4:00pm **AFTERNOON TEA - TUESDAY**  
Bangkok Convention Centre A2
- 4:00pm - 5:30pm **CHALLENGES OF PRIVATE PRACTICE**  
(Combined with: Senior Surgeons Program)  
World Ballroom B  
Chairs: **Hugh Cooke (Wellington) and Allan Panting (Nelson)**
- 4:00pm Why start private practice and pitfalls to avoid  
**GS001 Andrew Luck (Adelaide)**
- 4:15pm Audit and peer review, digital technology and advertising - maintaining professional

standards in private practice  
**Richard Perry (Christchurch)**

4:30pm Keeping business practice ethical and fair  
**Nicola Hill**

4:45pm Practice organisation: group v solo- pros and cons  
**Susan Velovski (Lismore)**

5:00pm **GS002** Owning and managing surgical facilities: Business ethics, colleagues and conflicts  
**John Dunn (Epsom)**

5:15pm Discussion

**5:30pm - 6:30pm** **GSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
World Ballroom B

## **WEDNESDAY 8 MAY**

**7:30am - 8:20am** **GSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
Boardroom (L23)

**8:30am - 10:00am** **THYROID DISEASE II**  
(Combined with: Endocrine Surgery, Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery)  
Lotus Suite 11  
Chairs: **Janne Bingham (Adelaide) and Isaac Cranshaw (Auckland)**

8:30am The retrosternal goitre  
**Win Meyer-Rochow (Hamilton)**

8:50am TOETVA (for larger goitres)  
**Angkoon Anuwong (Bangkok)**

9:10am Medullary Thyroid Cancer - choosing the right operation  
**Deepak Abraham (Vellore, India)**

9:30am Thyroidectomy for Hyperthyroidism  
**Sally Carty (Pittsburgh, USA)**

9:50am Discussion

**8:30am - 10:00am** **SOFT TISSUE INFECTIONS**  
(Combined with: Rural Surgery)  
Lotus Suite 12  
Chair: **John Kyngdon (Gisborne)**

8:30am **RS019** Deep soft tissue infections of the head and neck  
**Mahiban Thomas (Casuarina)**

8:45am **RS020** Breast Abscess ( a Rural Non- Breast Sureons view)  
**Graham Stewart (Armidale)**

9:00am **RS021** Antibiotics: When,what,how long.  
**J. Patrick Walker (Crockett, USA)**

9:15am Management of Quinsy  
**Scott Stevenson (Christchurch)**

- 9:30am Necrotising fasciitis  
**Caroline Reinke (Charlotte, USA)**
- 9:45am Discussion
- 10:00am - 10:30am MORNING TEA - WEDNESDAY**  
Bangkok Convention Centre A2
- 10:30am - 12noon PLENARY SESSION**  
**GLOBAL HEALTH**  
World Ballroom B
- 12noon - 12:30pm KEYNOTE LECTURE**  
Lotus Suite 7  
Chair: **Hugh Cooke (Wellington)**
- Selective vs. routine Cholangiography  
**Professor Fred Luchette (Maywood, USA)**
- 12:30pm - 1:30pm LUNCH - WEDNESDAY**  
Bangkok Convention Centre A2
- 1:30pm - 2:00pm KEYNOTE LECTURE**  
(Combined with: HPB Surgery)  
Lotus Suite 3  
Chair: **Mo Ballal (Perth)**
- HP049** MDTs and the management of metastatic colorectal cancer  
**Professor Graeme Poston (Liverpool, UK)**
- 2:00pm - 3:30pm UPPER GI EMERGENCIES**  
(Combined with: Upper GI Surgery)  
Lotus Suite 4  
Chair: **Garett Smith (Sydney)**
- 2:00pm Giant duodenal ulcer  
**Michael Young (Palmerston North)**
- 2:15pm Acute oesophageal rupture  
**Michael Griffin (Edinburgh)**
- 2:30pm Feeding jejunostomy - the "stoma" of upper GI surgery  
**Michael Young (Palmerston North)**
- 2:45pm Upper GI bleeding  
**Mary Hawn (Stanford, USA)**
- 3:00pm Discussion
- 3:30pm - 4:00pm AFTERNOON TEA - WEDNESDAY**  
Bangkok Convention Centre A2

4:00pm - 5:30pm **BILIARY CHALLENGES**  
(Combined with: HPB Surgery)  
Lotus Suite 3  
Chairs: **Andrew Ling (Sydney) and Tom Wilson (Adelaide)**

4:00pm The difficult gallbladder  
**Christian Macutkiewicz (Manchester, UK)**

4:15pm Common bile duct exploration  
**Russell Hodgson (Fairfield)**

4:30pm Biliary parasites  
**Narong Khuntikeo (Bangkok, Thailand)**

4:45pm Could it be gallbladder cancer?  
**HP010 Charles Pilgrim (Melbourne)**

5:00pm Discussion

7:00pm - 10:30pm **SECTION DINNER (TICKETED EVENT)**  
(Combined with: Rural Surgery)

## THURSDAY 9 MAY

8:30am - 10:00am **RESEARCH PAPERS**  
World Ballroom B  
Chairs: **Andrew Hill (Auckland) and Stephen Purchas (Lower Hutt)**

8:30am Is the current practice of routine colonoscopy post-acute uncomplicated diverticulitis (UD) justified?  
**GS003 Mary TEOH (Perth)**

8:39am Reduced Duration of Intravenous Antibiotics after Complicated Appendicitis is Safe and Effective  
**GS004 Gavin NAIR (Adelaide)**

8:48am Can normal inflammatory markers be used to rule out appendicitis? - a multicentre study  
**Jason Kim (Gold Coast QLD)**

8:57am Take it or leave it: Does the management of the mesoappendix in acute appendicectomies matter?  
**GS005 Laila Sheikh (Auckland)**

9:06am Private hospital surgical training: the trainees' perspective  
**GS006 Daniel L Chan (Sydney)**

9:15am Bias in surgical randomised trials: a meta-epidemiological study using laparoscopic versus open surgery as an example  
**GS007 Mohammad A AMER (Dunedin)**

9:24am Musculoskeletal problems experienced by surgeons: a survey of New Zealand general surgeons  
**GS008 Elizabeth Dennett**

9:33am The Fast Tracked Abscess Pathway : A Data Driven Paradigm Shift in Management of Acute Abscesses  
**GS009 Hwa Ian Ong (Auckland)**

9:42am Development of a rating scale for objective assessment of performance in laparoscopic appendicectomy surgery

<b>GS010</b>	<b>Pramudith Sirimanna (Sydney)</b>
9:51am <b>GS011</b>	Improvement in liver function tests do not predict passage of common bile duct stones <b>Bardia Bidarmaghz (Redcliff)</b>
<b>10:00am - 10:30am</b>	<b>MORNING TEA - THURSDAY</b> Bangkok Convention Centre A2
<b>10:30am - 12noon</b>	<b>PLENARY SESSION DIVERSITY</b> World Ballroom B
<b>12noon - 12:30pm</b>	<b>THE PRESIDENT'S LECTURE</b> World Ballroom B
<b>12:30pm - 1:30pm</b>	<b>LUNCH - THURSDAY</b> Bangkok Convention Centre A2
<b>1:30pm - 2:00pm</b>	<b>KEYNOTE LECTURE</b> World Ballroom B Chair: <b>Hugh Cooke (Wellington)</b>
	Futility and palliative care in emergency general surgery <b>Dr Caroline Reinke (Charlotte, USA)</b>
<b>2:00pm - 3:30pm</b>	<b>RESERACH PAPERS</b> Lotus Suite 10 Chairs: <b>Mary Ann Johnson (Melbourne) and Mark Thompson-Fawcett (Dunedin)</b>
2:00pm <b>GS076</b>	International multicentre cohort study for the external validation of CLASSIC - Classification of Intraoperative Complications <b>Alexander Engel (St Leonards)</b>
2:10pm <b>GS012</b>	Pilonidal Sinus Disease (PNS): A nine-year multi-centre experience and patient perspective <b>Munyaradzi Nyandoro (Perth)</b>
2:20pm <b>GS014</b>	Anal Cancer Outcome Research Network (ACORN) Baseline Study. Anal cancer: an 18 year retrospective study in Australia <b>Jean Wong (Sydney)</b>
2:30pm <b>GS016</b>	The Australian and New Zealand Emergency Laparotomy Audit - Quality Improvement pilot <b>James Aitken (Nedlands)</b>
2:40pm <b>GS019</b>	The PREDICT Study: a prospective observational study to validate the utility of C-reactive protein trajectory as a predictor of anastomotic leak in patients with a bowel anastomosis. <b>Bree STEPHENSEN (Coorparoo)</b>
2:50pm <b>GS021</b>	Systemic Contributors to Delayed Escalation of Care in Patients with Complications after Major Abdominal Surgery <b>Tali Lior (East Melbourne)</b>
3:00pm <b>GS024</b>	The Newcastle Skin Prep Study <b>Stephen SMITH (The Hill)</b>

3:10pm High Intensity Interval Training to optimise fitness before major abdominal surgery  
**GS026** John Woodfield (Dunedin)

3:20pm Optimisation of preoperative haematinics reduces venous thromboembolism (VTE) complication post-colorectal resection  
**GS023** Evie Yeap (Dandenong)

2:00pm - 3:30pm **RESEARCH PAPERS**  
World Ballroom B  
Chairs: **Vinna An (Melbourne) and John Lengyel (Whangarei)**

2:00pm Caprini risk assessment model overestimates VTE risk among Asian surgical patients: proposing a better model  
**GS013** Limi Lee (Puchong, Malaysia)

2:09pm Suture cruroplasty versus mesh hiatal herniorrhaphy for large hiatal hernias (HH): An Updated Meta-Analysis and Systematic Review of Randomized Controlled Trials  
**GS015** Muhammed Ashraf Memon (Brisbane)

2:18pm Does Endocuff use in colonoscopy Improve Adenoma Detection Rates in a regional NZ hospital?  
**GS017** Oliver WADDELL (merivale)

2:27pm Drain tube use in incisional hernia repair  
**GS018** Yuchen Luo (Melbourne)

2:36pm Time to review the use of PPIs- cost, safety profile and alternative therapies  
**GS020** Tahmina LATA (Sydney)

2:45pm Assessment of frailty and nutrition to improve current risk prediction scores in emergency laparotomy  
**GS022** Ahmed Barazanchi (Auckland)

2:54pm The outcome of low volume Colorectal Cancer with peritoneal metastasis and Cytoreductive Surgery + HIPEC  
**GS025** Mohamed Rahaman (Sydney)

3:03pm The role of Laparoscopic cholecystectomy following severe and/or necrotising pancreatitis in the setting of modern minimally invasive techniques for infected necrotising pancreatitis  
**GS027** Mostafa Alwan (Melbourne)

3:12pm A Review of patients admitted with gallstone-related complications whilst awaiting an elective cholecystectomy  
**GS028** Timothy Studley (Hobart)

3:21pm Impact of implementation of an Electronic System for Medications & Medical Records on Surgical care  
**GS035** Sadaf SALEEM (Gosford)

3:30pm - 4:00pm **AFTERNOON TEA - THURSDAY**  
Bangkok Convention Centre A2

4:00pm - 5:30pm **OBESITY AND THE GENERAL SURGEON**  
(Combined with: Bariatric Surgery)  
World Ballroom B  
Chair: **Peter Stiven (Gisborne)**

4:00pm Tips and tricks for operating on obese patients for non-bariatric general surgeons  
**Grant Beban (Auckland)**

4:15pm The morbidly obese lap chole - an increasingly common scenario  
**David Moss (Auckland)**



4:30pm            Forming a stoma in the obese patient - tips and tricks  
**Elizabeth Dennett**

4:45pm            Incisional hernias in the morbidly obese  
**Alexandra Gordon (Palmerston North)**

5:00pm            Discussion

**5:30pm - 6:30pm        RACS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
World Ballroom C

**7:00pm - 11:30pm      CONGRESS DINNER (TICKETED EVENT)**  
Bangkok Convention Centre B2

## **FRIDAY 10 MAY**

**8:30am - 10:00am      COLONOSCOPY AND BOWEL SCREENING**  
(Combined with: Rural Surgery)  
Lotus Suite 7  
Chairs: **Alan Meager (Sydney) and Julian Speight (Invercargill)**

8:30am            Technical advice to improve colonoscopy performance  
**GS029                    Andrew Luck (Adelaide)**

8:45am            Polyp detection, endoscopic assessment and removal including EMR and ESD  
**Supakij Khomvilai (Bangkok, Thailand)**

9:00am            Colonoscopy quality assurance and training  
**Iain Skinner (Laverton)**

9:15am            Bowel screening - lessons from NZ Bowel Screening Programme  
**Michael Hulme-Moir (Auckland)**

9:30am            Discussion

**10:00am - 10:30am      MORNING TEA - FRIDAY**  
Bangkok Convention Centre A2

**10:30am - 12noon        PLENARY SESSION**  
**FUTURE HORIZON**  
World Ballroom B

**12noon - 12:30pm       THE PRESIDENT'S TOWN HALL**  
World Ballroom B

**12:30pm - 1:30pm       LUNCH - FRIDAY**  
Bangkok Convention Centre A2

1:30pm - 2:00pm

## KEYNOTE LECTURE

Lotus Suite 7

Chair: **Hugh Cooke (Wellington)**

**GS030**

Guardianship in Surgery - leaving the community and profession better off  
**Mr Andrew Luck (Adelaide)**

2:00pm - 3:30pm

## SURGICAL CRITICAL CARE

Lotus Suite 7

Chairs: **Grant Christey (Hamilton) and Christine Mouat (Wellington)**

2:00pm

Inter-hospital transfer and ICU mortality  
**Caroline Reinke (Charlotte, USA)**

2:20pm

Lactate does not always indicate hypoxia  
**Fred Luchette (Maywood, USA)**

2:40pm

The Immunocompromised Surgical Patient  
**Jayme Locke (Birmingham, USA)**

3:00pm

Failure to rescue and Regional Teamwork: Who Bears responsibility and implications for generalists  
**Andrew Hill (Auckland)**

3:20pm

Discussion

3:30pm - 4:00pm

## AFTERNOON TEA - FRIDAY

Bangkok Convention Centre A2

4:00pm - 5:30pm

## VIDEO SESSION

Lotus Suite 7

Chairs: **Atul Dhabuwala (Wellington) and Stephen Purchas (Lower Hutt)**

4:00pm

**GS031**

How I do it Robotic TAPP hernia repair, technical tips and pearls.  
**Chris Hensman (Melbourne)**

4:10pm

Discussion

4:12pm

**GS032**

Going Prone World Record Attempt  
**James Haddow (Mount Pleasant)**

4:22pm

Discussion

4:24pm

**GS033**

Robotic-assisted ventral hernia repair with surgical mesh: How I do it and case series of early experience  
**Mathew Kozman (Peakhurst Heights)**

4:34pm

Discussion

4:36pm

**GS034**

Australian case series of minimally invasive retromuscular ventral hernia repair  
**Frederick Morgan (Melbourne)**

4:46pm

Discussion

4:48pm

Neuromonitoring during Thyroid surgery  
**Jason Tan**

4:58pm	Discussion
5:00pm	Laparoscopic CBD Exploration <b>Oliver Waddell (Napier)</b>
5:10pm	Discussion

## POSTER ABSTRACTS

*These posters may be viewed on the screens in the Exhibition area. The posters will also be available on the Virtual Congress*

- GS040P** A literature review on radiation dosage in necrotising pancreatitis  
**Yasiru Karunaratne (Darlinghurst)**
- A rare cause of dysphagia - right sided aorta with aberrant left subclavian artery and a Kommerell diverticulum  
**Yasiru Karunaratne (Darlinghurst)**
- GS073P** Head injury management in a resource limited setting-a prospective comparative analysis of head injury management and the outcomes in a tertiary hospital and a provincial hospital in Papua New Guinea  
**Kennedy James (ALOTAU, Papua New Guinea)**
- GS098P** Post-appendicectomy pelvic abscess with extended-spectrum beta-lactamase producing Escherichia Coli: A case report and review of literature  
**Andrew TSE (Kogarah)**
- GS066P** Effect of addition of preoperative oral pregabalin to perioperative intravenous lidocaine infusion on postoperative pain and perioperative stress response in patients undergoing elective laparotomy: A double blind randomised controlled trial  
**Jigish RUPARELIA (Jamnagar, India)**
- GS049P** An Adult Case of Intestinal Malrotation: Management for the Modern Surgeon  
**Pratima Herle (Sydney)**
- GS127P** The Painful Truth: Work-Related Musculoskeletal Disorders in Australian Surgeons  
**Katherine Grant (West Hindmarsh)**
- GS092P** Optimising surgical approach to malignant mycobacterium abscessus infections  
**Christopher Ciampa (Birtinya)**
- GS077P** Laparoscopic repair of a para-oesophageal hernia using bio-synthetic GORER BIO-AR mesh and TisseelR glue.  
**My Pham (Bankstown)**
- GS071P** Genitourinary tuberculosis- an unexpected link between scrotal swelling and hydronephrosis.  
**Paul Nhu DOAN (Oatlands)**
- GS079P** Long-term oncologic outcomes following isolated limb infusion for loco-regional metastatic melanoma: An international multicenter analysis  
**Hidde Kroon (Adelaide)**
- GS042P** A rare case of a dopamine secreting para-aortic paraganglioma  
**Oliver BEST (Petersham)**

- GS069P**      Enlarging Giant Pelvic Desmoid Tumour: A Multidisciplinary Approach  
**Rowan David (Burnside)**
- GS045P**      A Review of the Management of Jejunal Diverticulitis with a Proposed Management Algorithm  
**Zi Qin Ng (Osborne Park)**
- GS065P**      Does previous colonic resection influence endoscopist key performance indicators for colonoscopies?  
**Bruce SU'A (Mangere Bridge)**
- GS094P**      Outcomes of patients presenting with abdominal pain in the emergency department  
**Michael CHEN (INDOOROPILLY)**
- GS044P**      A Retrospective Cohort study on Colonoscopic evaluation post uncomplicated diverticulitis. Time for an update of clinical guidelines ?  
**Mariya Abdullah (Brisbane CBD)**
- GS039P**      A comparison of the negative appendectomy rate in patients with suspected acute appendicitis evaluated with CT, USS or without imaging  
**Tristan Symonds (Townsville)**
- GS113P**      Sclerotherapy and bleeding stomal varices, management in a regional hospital  
**Sia KIM (Berowra)**
- GS058P**      Congenital peritoneal encapsulation: A systematic review and novel classification system  
**Aneesh Dave (Homebush)**
- GS099P**      Predictive sonographic features of appendicitis where the appendix is not visualised: a prospective clinic-radiological study  
**Grace Falkenmire**
- GS064P**      Distal intestinal obstruction syndrome - an important differential diagnosis for abdominal pain in patients with Cystic Fibrosis  
**Amy Hort (North Ryde)**
- GS100P**      Predictors of Unplanned Readmission Following Excisional Haemorrhoidectomy  
**Weisi XIA (Auckland)**
- GS123P**      The impact of oversewing double stapled anastomoses in colorectal cancer surgery.  
**Ali BAQAR (Alice Springs)**
- GS036P**      National Survey of Inguinal Hernia Mesh Repair Practices  
**YUE YU (Taree)**
- GS103P**      Prophylactic Clexane in Surgical Patients: Are We Doing Enough?  
**Angela Holmes (Melbourne)**
- Extended Spectrum Beta-Lactamases (ESBL) Colonisation and the risk of Surgical Site Infection in Colorectal Surgery  
**Jenny Choi (St Johns)**
- GS075P**      Implementation of a local guideline improves efficiency and evidence-based care of small bowel obstruction  
**Ben FINLAY (Mile End)**
- GS106P**      Recurrent Sigmoid Volvulus: Can We Do More?  
**Emily Farrow (West Malling, United Kingdom (Great Britain))**
- GS097P**      Pneumomediastinum and pericardium during labour  
**Nelson Chen (Kangaroo Point)**
- GS121P**      The acute surgical unit improves outcomes in appendicectomy  
**Tarik Sammour (Adelaide)**
- GS118P**      SOS save our surgeons: Stress levels reduced by robotic surgery  
**Aoife Hurley (Melbourne)**
- GS063P**      Discharges from general surgery with non-specific abdominal pain: where do they end up?

**Fiona BELLAMY**

Young patients with rectal bleeding - it's time to get your colonoscopy  
**Jason Kim (Gold Coast QLD)**

- GS084P** Minimally invasive management of pilonidal sinus disease, a single centre retrospective audit.  
**Peter Rogers (Subiaco)**
- GS095P** Peri-operative blood loss & transfusion and pelvic exenteration outcomes  
**Kai Sheng SAW (Manukau)**
- GS124P** The impact of sarcopenia on outcomes from emergency laparotomy  
**Ahmed Barazanchi (Auckland)**
- GS070P** Evaluating Risk Prediction Tools in Emergency Laparotomy  
**Sameer Bhat (Bucklands Beach)**
- GS109P** Repair of extensive testicular rupture with a biosynthetic graft: a case series  
**Paul Nhu DOAN (Oatlands)**
- GS050P** Appendiceal neoplasia - a single institution experience of 3526 operations involving appendiceal resection  
**Jacques Eastment (Brisbane)**
- GS093P** Outcomes of minimally invasive versus open total mesorectal excision: a propensity matched analysis of prospective data from the Bi-National Colorectal Cancer Audit.  
**Sergei Bedrikovetski (Adelaide)**
- GS126P** The Incidence of Colorectal Cancer in Younger Adults Using the Bi-National Colorectal Cancer Audit Database  
**Joy Chakraborty (Woolloongabba)**
- GS054P** Are we doing too many Temporal Artery Biopsies?  
**Kay Tai Choy (Taringa)**
- GS125P** The Incidence of Colorectal Cancer in Octogenarian and Nonagenarian and Long-term Survival Across Queensland Health  
**Joy Chakraborty (Woolloongabba)**
- GS047P** A Tale of Two Hospitals: Lessons learned from relocating an Acute Surgical Unit to a new quaternary referral centre in Adelaide, South Australia  
**Dylan BARNETT (Gilberton)**
- GS041P** A novel presentation of a rare disorder - Isolated abdominal Kaposiform Lymphangiomatosis  
**George Chen (Toongabbie)**
- GS117P** Simultaneous Bilateral Pheochromocytoma and pNET: Rare Presentation of Von-Hippel Lindau Syndrome  
**George Chen (Toongabbie)**
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