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From Training to Surgical Transformation: Advancing Surgical Care through Global Partnerships and Local Innovations

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PROGRAMME GUIDE

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15 - 17 OCTOBER 2026 · ARTHUR CHUNG CONVENTION CENTRE

Georgetown, Guyana · Hybrid

*In the tradition of Dr Norman Bethune (1890-1939):
surgical care that reaches everyone.*

DAY 1

Thursday 15 October 2026

Arthur Chung Convention Centre · Georgetown, Guyana

Opening Plenary

8:00 am	KEYNOTE · 40 minutes The Surgeon’s Role in Health Advocacy and Equity for the Caribbean Region Hon. Dr Rufus Ewing — Surgeon, Former CMO, Minister of Health and Premier of Turks and Caicos Islands
8:40 am	Question and Answer
9:00 am	Welcome — Opening Remarks

Scientific Session 1 · Surgery

9:10 am	KEYNOTE · 30 minutes Surgical Research as Determinants of Health Outcomes in the Caribbean Prof. Shamir Cawich
9:40 am	Questions and Answer
Coffee Break	
ABSTRACT SESSION Moderator: Dr Andrea Rambaran	
10:15 am	Establishing a Comprehensive Cleft Service in Guyana Richard Raker (USA)
10:25 am	Laparoscopic Management of Splenic Pathologies in Paediatric Patients at a Tertiary Institution in Guyana: Report of Two Cases Krystal Lee (Guyana)
10:35 am	Advancing Surgical Care at Lethem Regional Hospital in Guyana Cho-Yee R (Guyana)
10:45 am	Mapping the Landscape of Breast Surgery Education in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: A Scoping Review Hasnaien Ahmed (Canada)
10:55 am	Implementation of a Novel General Surgery Review Course for Final-Year Registrars in Sub-Saharan Africa Madeleine Kruth (Canada)
11:05 am	Introduction to Robotic Surgery in Guyana Bibi Hussain (Guyana)
11:15 am	Question and Answer
11:30 am	SPONSORED LECTURE Consent and Litigation Dr Brian Charles
11:45 am	PANEL DISCUSSION “Developing Leaders in a Changing Health Care Era” Panelists: Robbie Rambarran, Shilindra Rajkumar, Gwen Hollar, Anise Bartho
12:15 pm	Lunch

Scientific Session 2 · Obstetrics and Gynaecology				
1:00 pm	KEYNOTE Transforming Reproductive Care through Equity, Genomics, and Digital Innovation: A Roadmap for the Next Decade Dr Rafi Rozan			
1:30 pm	Questions and Answer			
	ABSTRACT SESSION Moderator: Dr Owens Ogbeiwi			
1:40 pm	Reducing Decision to Delivery Interval for Emergency Cesarean Sections through Optimized Labor Ward and Operating Theatre Team Performance in Selected Hospitals in Ethiopia Zekarias Seife Bashaye (Ethiopia) VIRTUAL			
1:50 pm	Challenges in Managing an Abdominal Ectopic Pregnancy with Adverse Reaction to Methotrexate: A Case Report Samuel Tarazona (Colombia) VIRTUAL			
2:00 pm	Uterine Roadblock Resolved: Myomectomy Enables Termination of Pregnancy Amid Fibroid Siege Jeniesa Klass			
2:10 pm	Question and Answer			
2:20 pm	INVITED LECTURE Silence, Stigma, and Scalpels: Overcoming the Barriers to Stress Incontinence Surgery in LMICs Prof Kurt McCammon			
2:50 pm	Question and Answer			
3:00 pm	PANEL DISCUSSION Quality without Borders: Connecting Every Patient with the Best Panelists: Dr Fareez Khan, Nurse Berta Barjohn, Dr Padmini Singh, Dr Ester Chin, Prof Kurt McCammon			
3:40 pm	Day 1 Closing Remarks			
KEYNOTE	LECTURE	PANEL	ABSTRACT	VIRTUAL

DAY 2

Friday 16 October 2026

Arthur Chung Convention Centre · Georgetown, Guyana

8:00 am Welcome

Scientific Session 3 · Trauma

8:15 am KEYNOTE · 30 minutes
A Global Strategy for Zero Pedestrian and Road Traffic Deaths
Dr Morad Hameed

8:45 am Question and Answer

ABSTRACT SESSION Moderator: Dr Tracy Bovell

9:00 am In-patient Outcomes after Trauma in Guyana — a Rapidly Developing Nation
Alexandra Harvey (Guyana)

9:10 am Slot to be confirmed

9:20 am From Training to Transformation: The Ethiopia Trauma Quality Improvement Collaborative (ETQIC) as a Model of Equitable Partnership and Locally Led Innovation
Aman Sawefo (Ethiopia)

9:30 am From Data to Action: Hospital Level Trauma Quality Improvement at Two Ethiopian Tertiary Centers — Early Registry and Mortality Audit Outcomes from ALERT and AaBET
Biruh Alemtsehay (Ethiopia)

9:40 am Question and Answer

10:00 am Coffee Break

10:30 am PANEL DISCUSSION
“Pedestrian Road Traffic Accident Prevention”
Panelists: Dr Andrew Howard, Ramona Doorgen, Kester Hinds, Inspector Trotz, Akintunde Watson

11:00 am Poster Viewing

12:00 pm Lunch

Scientific Session 4 · Anaesthesia

1:00 pm KEYNOTE
The Next Frontier in Perioperative Safety
Prof Adrian Gelb

1:30 pm Question and Answer

ABSTRACT SESSION Moderators: Dr Youlanda Hendricks, Dr Alan Chu

1:40 pm From Preoperative Training to System Transformation: Increase Surgical Access and Reducing Elective Surgical Cancellations through Integrated Pre-Anesthetic Clinics and Morning Briefings in Resource-Limited Setting of Koidu Government Hospital, Sierra Leone 2025. A Quality Improvement Project
Hailemariam Tesema (Sierra Leone) VIRTUAL

1:50 pm Building Sustainable Cardiac Surgery Capacity in Guyana: Local Workforce Development, Strategic Off-Pump Techniques, and a Proposed Perioperative Checklist for a Single-Pump Setting
Marc Anthony Atwell (Guyana)

2:00 pm SAFE Obstetric and Paediatric Courses: Can They Contribute to Improving Patient Outcomes?
Pauline Wake (Papua New Guinea)

2:10 pm	A Randomized Controlled Trial of the Role of Activated Charcoal in Expedited Awakening from General Anesthesia in Patients Scheduled for Intra-abdominal Surgeries Phillicia Findlay-Hardyal (Guyana)
2:20 pm	Evidence-Based Case Report of Corticosteroid Role in Neglected Organophosphate Intoxication Treatment at Limited Resource Secondary Hospital Intensive Care Unit in Indonesia Taufiq Qurrohman (Indonesia) VIRTUAL
2:30 pm	Question and Answer
2:40 pm	PANEL DISCUSSION · HOST: DR ALAN CHU Fellowship Models Panelists: Youlanda Hendricks, Onica Higgins, Pauline Wake, Avalon Jeffrey
3:00 pm	KEYNOTE Art of Medicine Vivienne Mitchell
3:30 pm	Question and Answer
3:45 pm	Day 2 Closing Remarks
Evening	
7:00 pm	BANQUET AND DINNER · NETWORKING Dinner talk: 'Chaos, Sustainability and Global Surgery' Dr Andrew Howard

DAY 3

Saturday 17 October 2026

Arthur Chung Convention Centre · Georgetown, Guyana

8:00 am Welcome

Scientific Session 5 · Innovations, Research and Education

8:10 am

KEYNOTE

Trauma Systems Development in the Caribbean Region — Impact of Education, Research and Innovations

Prof Daniel Pust

8:30 am

Question and Answer

ABSTRACT SESSION Moderator: Dr Dominick Park

8:40 am

Evaluating an Augmented Educational Intervention for Non-Physician Anesthesia Providers: Impacts on Surgical Volume and Perioperative Mortality

Sebastian Henostroza (USA)

8:50 am

Has Economic Transformation in Guyana Impacted Surgical Research Capacity, Leadership, and Equity? A Scoping Review

Riasoya Jodah

9:00 am

Bridging the Access Gap: The Role of Telemedicine in Prostate Cancer Treatment in Remote Regions of Guyana

Akesha Murray (Guyana)

9:10 am

Comprehensive Characterization of Oncology Trials from ClinicalTrials.gov Using Natural Language Processing

Hasnaien Ahmed (Canada)

9:20 am

Perioperative Electronic Medical Record Capacity Assessment in Ethiopia: A National Multicenter Survey

Peniel Dula (Ethiopia)

9:30 am

Question and Answer

10:00 am

Coffee Break

10:15 am

PANEL DISCUSSION

Impact of Postgraduate Surgical Education on Surgical Care in Guyana

Panelists: Navindranauth Rambaran, Madan Rambaran, Alexandra Harvey, Brian Cameron, Tamesh Algu

11:00 am

CNIS SPEAKER

Dr Ron Lett

11:15 am

ICCHANGE SPEAKER

Dr Abdullah Saleh

12:00 pm

Lunch

1:00 pm

WORKSHOPS

Workshop 1 — Health Research · Workshop 2 — Leadership in Healthcare

2:00 pm

Closing

Announcement of Poster Winner · Vote of Thanks · BRT 2027 Announcement