



AUSTRALASIAN STUDENTS'
SURGICAL CONFERENCE 2023

DELEGATE GUIDE

ONLINE

5TH - 7TH MAY

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Welcome Address



Welcome Delegates!

We are delighted to welcome you to the Australasian Students' Surgical Conference 2023!

Our aim is to inspire the next generation of health practitioners to consider the numerous pathways surgery beholds and to understand where your passion may lie. We are excited to present this three-day hybrid conference, allowing delegates from Australia, New Zealand and all across the world to attend either in-person or online. The in-person conference will be running from the 28th to the 30th of April, while the online conference will take place on the following weekend from the 5th to the 7th of May.

In line with this year's theme, At The Cutting Edge, we have curated speakers and demonstrators at the vanguard of their fields to showcase the innovative fields within surgery and to inspire future surgeons. Prepare yourselves to get some hands-on experience!

With delegates, demonstrators and speakers from all corners of Australia and New Zealand, it is the ideal opportunity for students to meet like-minded individuals in-person or virtually to share their passion for surgical excellence, research and advocacy. Over three days, we will host a series of keynote speakers, unique breakout sessions, cutting-edge workshops, social events, as well as innovative research sessions designed to highlight key aspects of Australasia's contribution to the surgical field.

We encourage all delegates to use ASSC23 as a unique opportunity to inspire and be inspired by others; a platform to form lifelong connections with peers and mentors. We would love to see your posts with #ASSC23 on social media across the weekend!

We hope you enjoy ASSC 2023, and we look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

Annie Lim (Convenor ASSC23)

Jordi Elliott, Chiara Gorchach & Alex Mesecke (Deputy Convenors ASSC23)



Online Introduction



In line with the theme of At The Cutting Edge, the ASSC 2023 **Online Conference** aims to immerse students in the forefront of surgical technology and innovation. With a strong lineup of academic speakers from a variety of surgical backgrounds, interactive question and answer sessions, surgical skills workshops and workshops navigating the pathways to surgery, it makes for a jam-packed and exciting 3 days.

Further details about the online platform used to conduct ASSC and instructions on how to use it will be sent out shortly. We strongly encourage students to ask any itching questions, with dedicated question time following keynote speakers and breakout rooms. Additionally, we have planned online social networking events, an online research competition and socials nights, so there is something for everyone!

We hope you are as excited as we are and keen to meet you online!



Itinerary



Day 1:

Afternoon:

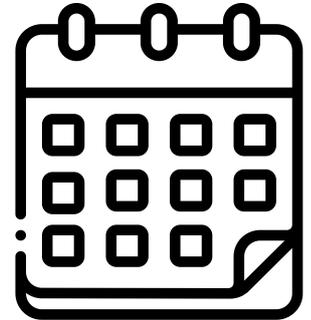
Opening address

Academic Speakers #1

Panel Discussion + Q&A

Evening:

Social Night



Day 2:

Morning:

Welcoming

Academic Speakers #2. + QnA

Research Oral Presentation

Afternoon:

Academic Workshop – Specialty Speed Dating

Surgical Skills Program

Evening:

Social & Awards Night

Day 3:

Morning:

Welcoming

Academic Speakers #3

Panel Discussion + QnA

Afternoon:

Academic MedTech workshop

Research Workshop

Closing Ceremony

*Note: The itinerary may be subject to change closer to the date of the conference based on speaker availability.



Itinerary

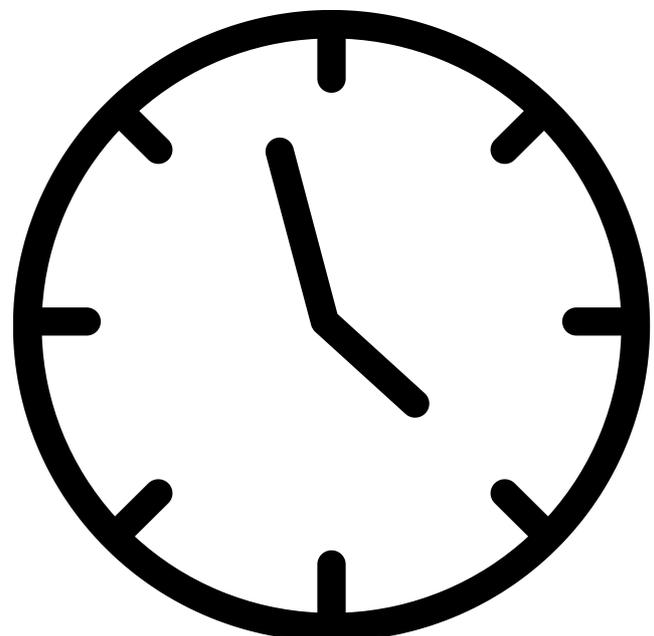
Time Zones



Country	Day 1 May 5th Start time	Day 2 & 3 May 6th - 7th Start time
Australia (Adelaide) ACDT	5:00 pm	10:00 am
Australia (Sydney & Melbourne)	5:30 pm	10:30 am
Malaysia & Singapore	2:30 pm	7:30 am
Cambodia	1:30 pm	6:30 am
England	6:30 am	11:30 pm
New Zealand	7:30 pm	12:30 pm

Country	Time Difference From Adelaide (ACDT)
Australia (Sydney & Melbourne)	30 minutes
Malaysia & Singapore	2 hours 30 minutes
Cambodia	3 hours 30 minutes
England	10 hours 30 minutes
New Zealand	2 hours 30 minutes

*all unspecified timings are in ACDT



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Debate Night // Medical Trivia

5th May

Debate Night // Medical Trivia

On night one, we will begin with a debate competition - so if you are smooth with your words come show off your skills of persuasion! Afterwards we will be running a trivia competition, so bring your best brainy facts to the table.

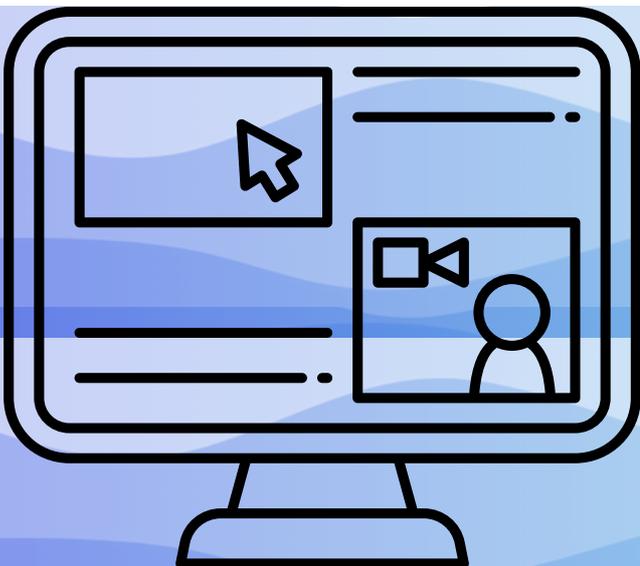
Among Us // Google Escape Room

6th May

Among Us and Google Escape Room

Night two will be a test of your teamwork and betrayal as we play Among Us! - will you be the last one to stay alive?

Prefer to put your puzzling brain to the test as a team? Race against other teams to solve the Google Escape Room the fastest!



Online

Academics



Our three-day academic programme seeks to give you a glimpse of what life as a surgeon is like and give you the tools you need to bring your surgical aspirations to fruition. Over the three days of the conference, delegates will get to see presentations from the world-class academic speakers that we have invited, spanning a diverse range of backgrounds and surgical specialities.

The conference will focus on empowering you, the student, to give you the confidence and will-power to pursue your passion for surgery. As a part of this, our guest speakers will detail their pathway to surgery, describing the hurdles they faced and share tips for future surgeons. We will then open the floor to all delegates and host a panel Q&A so that you can ask your burning questions directly to the speakers.

Too shy to ask your questions in front of the entire audience? Don't worry! Delegates will also have the unbelievable opportunity to directly meet and network with surgeons and academics in small groups with our "Speed Dating" workshop.

In line with the 'At the Cutting Edge' theme, we also have a range of activities to showcase the significant surgical innovations that are currently taking place and will be relevant to your future careers as surgeons. These include our exciting new Medtech workshop, as well as a range of presentations from industry leaders on innovative surgical techniques and research. Over the course of these activities, we will show delegates how these innovations stemmed from research, we will explore the arduous process of having them recognised as the best practice standard, and most importantly we will demonstrate how you can get involved in future surgical innovation as well!



Surgical Skills Workshops



Delegates will get to go into various breakout rooms and have small group workshop stations with our honourable demonstrators!

Workshops

Basic Suturing and Knot Tying

These are the bread and butter of surgery and mastering these skills will save you during your surgical rotations. After the workshop, you will be well on your way to becoming an expert, and all your future surgeons will always remember you as that student with suturing skills like no other!

Surgical Scenario Walkthroughs (GIBLIB)

Want a chance to learn the most effective ways surgeons learn the intricate details of surgical procedures and their management? Look no further than this workshop in which experienced surgeons share their methods of keeping their skills sharp.

Deep dive into a walkthrough of the management of various surgical cases by an experienced surgeon. This is an awesome opportunity to visualise the anatomical structures in a surgical case, and how they influence the surgical approach and the considerations required.

Grape Excision/Mandarin Cyst Removal

Learn how to recreate a routine plastic surgery case from the comfort of your own home. Remove a sebaceous cyst using a scapula and practice suturing with home-grown materials. Test your fine motor skills by excising the cyst but make sure you avoid rupturing it! This is one not to be missed.

***Disclaimer: The workshops may be subjected to change closer to the date of the conference.**

Research



Following our theme, "At The Cutting Edge," this year's conference aims to bring attendees to the forefront of surgical research by offering a range of opportunities to engage with the field. From presentations by experienced surgeons who have an extensive research repertoire, to workshops on key aspects of research such as writing abstracts, ethics and publishing papers, attendees will have the chance to learn from the best and have their voices heard as they ease their concerns through a panel of experienced researchers.

As always, the conference will showcase research projects by current students through posters and oral presentations, with prizes for the top performers. The aim of this year's committee is to help the upcoming surgeons understand how investigative tools allow us to develop a more concrete understanding of the art of surgery. They will highlight commonly overlooked areas that are necessary for establishing a strong foundation in the world of research, and to stay at the cutting edge.



Our goal is to ensure that every delegate has the best possible experience online at ASSC 2023. Two dedicated delegate support officers, Devanshu and Mouhtadi are here to make this a valuable experience and an unforgettable conference.

Should you need anything, do not hesitate to reach out to the team by email. Whether it be something that may seem small, we are more than happy to help and be your first point of contact.

Additionally, they will be online and active during the online conference and breakout rooms, so they are never far away.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us through our socials or reach out directly to the delegate support email!

Email address: support@surgconference.com

IT Support

Our IT support officer is always on standby to help with any connection problems you may experience. Feel free to reach out to them by email

Email address: it@surgconference.com



Frequently Asked Questions



Where can I find the conference schedule?

The itinerary is listed above, showing a general overview of the timetable. A full personalised timetable for the conference, showing your selected surgical workshops, will be released through our accompanying website. We will provide more details on how to access this closer to the date! Keep a close eye on your inbox.

Will I receive a certificate for attending the conference?

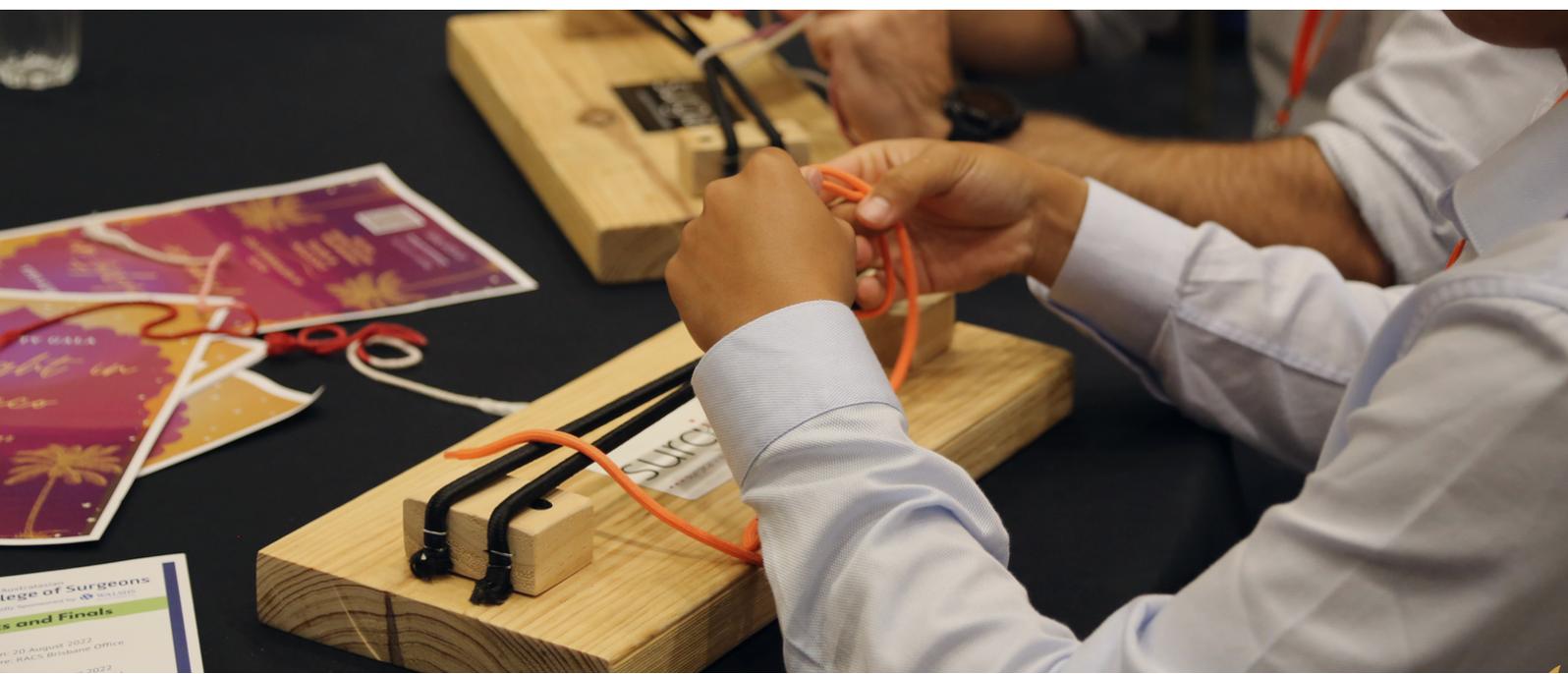
Yes, all delegates will receive a certificate of participation!

Is the online conference exactly the same as the in-person conference?

Whilst revolving around the same theme of At The Cutting Edge, the online conference this year will have unique speakers and workshops. These speakers and workshops have been specifically tailored for online audiences, giving delegates the opportunity to be interactive and ask questions following speaker's talk, and gain helpful surgical workshop feedback from experienced surgeons.

Where will I find details about the keynote speakers and online workshops?

Hold tight! More details about the speakers and information regarding the online workshop will be released shortly to delegates in the form of an email and social media platforms (Instagram, Facebook).



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