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NATIONAL OSTOMY & WOUND CARE CONFERENCE

CAPE TOWN

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PROGRAMME RELEASED

OFFICIAL CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

COMPLEX WOUNDS, COMPLEX PATIENTS:

The Ostomy Challenge

Advancing Ostomy, Wound and Rehabilitation Care Through Collaboration, Education and Innovation.



20+ EXPERTS



2 DAYS OF LEARNING



1 NATIONAL CONFERENCE



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DAY 1

📅 FRIDAY,
2 OCTOBER 2026

Integrating Ostomy and Wound Care in Colorectal Health

🕒 TIME	💬 TOPIC	👤 SPEAKER
07:30 – 08:45	Arrivals and Registration	ALL
08:45 – 08:50	Opening	RN Jolanda v Noordwyk (JHB) Conference Chair
08:50 – 09:00	Welcome	Mr. Faizel Jacobs (CT) SASS President
09:00 – 09:10	Complex Patients, Connected Systems: Building a Digitally Enabled Multidisciplinary Health System under NHI	Dr Nicholas Crisp (CT) Acting Director General: Health, Deputy Director General: NHI
09:10 – 09:40	Improving Ostomy outcomes through multidisciplinary care: A shared responsibility	Dr Shakeel Kader (Durban) Colorectal Surgeon
09:40 – 10:10	Modern Colorectal Surgical Techniques and their impact on post-operative Nursing Care	Dr Daniel Surridge (JHB) Colorectal Surgeon
10:10 – 10:40	Colorectal Cancer in SA: Future Projections/ Trends and the Critical Role of Early Detection and Screening	Ms. Tumi Ramasodi (JHB) Regional Director Global Colon Cancer Association
10:40 – 11:15	☕ COFFEE / TEA & EXHIBITION VISITS	ALL
11:15 – 11:45	Managing Complex Colorectal Patients: The Role of Integrated Stoma and Wound Care	RN Laura Obbes (Namibia) Stomatherapist & AWC Practitioner

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Surgeons & Medical Practitioners

Stoma Care Nurses

Wound Care Practitioners

Dietitians & Nutrition Professionals

Rehabilitation Professionals

Psychologists & Psychosocial Support Professionals

Social Workers

Occupational Therapists

Healthcare Managers & Policy Leaders

👥 Join a multidisciplinary community advancing integrated care for **better patient outcomes.**



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11:45 – 12:15	Infection, Biofilm & Inflammation control. Mastering the invisible barriers to healing.	PhD Candidate Zhavandre van der Merwe (PTA) – AWC Practitioner
12:15 – 12:45	Advanced Wound & Peristomal Wound Assessment Tools. Identifying surgical, dermatological and systemic red flags.	RN Liezl Naude (PTA) – AWC Practitioner
12:45 – 13:45	LUNCH & EXHIBITION VISITS	ALL
13:45 – 14:15	Abdominal Post-surgical Integrated Care Pathways - ERA's to reduce post-operative hospitalization, readmission rates, enhancing long-term QOL.	Mr. Ricardo Siljeur (CT) – Biokineticists
14:15 – 14:45	Guiding a patient to return to work with confidence and comfort after major abdominal and ostomy surgery. They are not disabled!	Ms. Marijke Krijt (Somerset West) – Occupational Therapist (OTASA)
14:45 – 15:15	UCT Research Study: Physical activity behaviors in people living with a stoma	Ms. Naila Edries (CT) – Lecturer, Physiotherapy Division UCT
15:15 – 15:45	COFFEE / TEA & EXHIBITION VISITS	ALL
15:45 – 16:00	The Role of the AOA in Unifying Practice, Addressing Shared Challenges, and Strengthening Continental Collaboration.”	Mr Jon Thorkelsson (Iceland) - President- European Ostomy Association
16:00 – 16:30	Pediatric gastrostomy placement best practice and complication management	Dr Marion Arnold (CT) – Pediatric Surgeon & Senior Lecturer UCT
16:30 – 17:00	Clinical Challenges and Therapeutic Strategies in Ostomy Patients with Advanced Malignancy and Lymphoedema	RN Maxine Blaine (Durban) – AWC Practitioner & Lymphoedema Specialist
17:00 – 19:00	FREE TIME	ALL
19:00 – 22:00	DINNER @ BISTRO31 – STAR AWARDS	ALL

WHY ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE?



Clinical Excellence

Gain practical insights into advanced wound and ostomy management.



Multidisciplinary Collaboration

Explore integrated approaches to complex patient care.



International Perspectives

Learn from local and international faculty and professional organisations.



Research & Innovation

Discover emerging evidence, research and best practices.



Patient-Centred Rehabilitation

Support patients beyond surgery through recovery, reintegration and quality of life.



Celebrate Excellence

Join colleagues at the Star Awards Gala Evening.



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DAY 2 MORNING

SATURDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2026

Advanced Wound & Ostomy – Clinical Excellence in Practice

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
07:30 – 08:30	ARRIVALS & EXHIBITION VISITS	ALL
08:30 – 09:00	NPWT in the complicated open abdominal wound, managing fistulas as functioning ostomy, and ostomy as mucous fistula	RN Jolanda Janse van Noordwyk (JHB) – AWC Practitioner & Stomaltherapist
09:00 – 09:30	Fundamentals in the Advanced Pathophysiology of chronic pressure injuries in the paraplegic patient and the need for fecal diversions for wound healing.	Dr Ethel Andrews (JHB) – Stomaltherapist & AWC Practitioner
09:30 – 10:00	Neonatal Stomas: From Creation to Closure – Comprehensive Management, Complications, Nutrition, Fluid Balance, and Distal Refeeding	Dr Josie Middleton (CT) – Consultant Pediatric Surgeon
10:00 – 10:40	TEA / COFFEE & EXHIBITION VISITS	ALL
10:40 – 11:10	Endoscopic Enteral Access: Early gastrostomy complications leading to complex wounds - necrotizing fasciitis & treatment	Dr Nazeer Chopdat (JHB) – Specialist Physician Gastroenterologist
11:10 – 11:40	Managing Complex, Non-healing wounds / Peristomal wounds when standard wound care fails in Pyoderma Gangrenosum, Vasculitis, Malignancy, etc.	Dr Febe Bruwer (JHB) – AWC Practitioner
11:40 – 12:10	Advanced dressing selection in a contaminated, high-moisture environment, managing SSI with exudate, and effluent.	RN Nicci Peterson (CT) – Operational Manager Stoma Therapy Dept, Groote Schuur Hospital
12:10 – 13:00	LUNCH & EXHIBITION VISITS	ALL

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS



20+ EXPERT SPEAKERS
National and international faculty sharing practical clinical experience.



CPD ACCREDITATION APPLICATION UNDERWAY
Supporting ongoing professional development and lifelong learning.



INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION
Faculty and professional organisations from across Southern Africa, Europe and beyond.



INDUSTRY EXHIBITION
Meet leading healthcare partners and explore the latest products and innovations.



STAR AWARDS GALA EVENING
Celebrating excellence in wound and ostomy care.



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A premier venue for collaboration, education and networking.



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DAY 2 AFTERNOON

SATURDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2026

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TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
13:00 – 13:30	Wound and stoma care in high-risk populations with a focus on Age, Diabetes, Obesity, Oncology, and Palliative care	RN Leonie Van Wyk (CT) – AWC Practitioner & Stomaltherapist
13:30 – 14:00	Nutrition, Output & Wound Healing. What you and wound nurses need to know but aren't always told.	Thandeka Mhlanga (PE)- (Chief Dietitian (PE) & PhD Candidate (SMU)
14:00 – 14:30	Psychological impact of stoma formation, sexuality, body image, and intimacy after surgery.	Pierre Matthee (JHB) – Social Worker
14:30 – 15:00	From Complications to Confidence: The Nurse's role in my Ostomy Journey	Jearlean Taylor (USA) – An accomplished fashion model & double ostomate
15:00 – 15:10	Closure and Reflections	Mr. Faizel Jacobs (CT) – SASS President
15:10 – 15:30	TEA / COFFEE & DEPARTURES	ALL

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE INFORMATION



CPD ACCREDITATION

Application currently underway. Certificate details to be communicated to delegates.



VENUE

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Cape Town
2 – 3 October 2026



NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Connect with healthcare professionals, researchers, educators and industry leaders.



STAR AWARDS GALA EVENING

Friday evening celebration recognising excellence in wound and ostomy care.



REGISTRATION & INFORMATION

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MULTIDISCIPLINARY LEARNING

A conference designed for the entire multidisciplinary team involved in wound, ostomy and rehabilitation care.





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