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ANNUAL Scientific
SYMPOSIUM



JAMAICAN
SURGICAL
INNOVATION

MAY 15-17
2026



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20 CMEs
requested



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PRESIDENT'S *Message*



Welcome to the 67th scientific symposium of the Association of Surgeons in Jamaica. This year the organizing committee and ASJ Council spared no effort to curate symposium 2026. We reflected on the year that was; marked by the tumult of disasters, both natural and man-made. We had the ambition that 67 would aim to surpass the unquestionable success of 66, and so we had to dig deep into the recesses of our surgical annals. What emerged was "Jamaican Surgical Innovations".

You will hear in this symposium from many thoughtful leaders and pillars of surgical education, innovation and practice. True to our desire to insure for the future, you will also hear in abundance from the emerging generation of surgeons. As has been the recent tradition we had our AA Laquis sponsored surgical skills workshop hosted yesterday for the first time at the Kingston Public Hospital. This widely anticipated fixture promises to be great.

We are grateful for our sponsor and collaborators in this quest to educate and engage with surgeons and the wider medical community. Symposia are expensive and we need the indispensable support of our partners from whom you will hear throughout the next 2 days. We strongly encourage the attendee to engage with our sponsors in the breaks and beyond.

We are so grateful for the hospitality of the UWI Regional Headquarters. This is truly an element of the surgical innovation we referenced. This is my second and final year serving you as President of the ASJ and I will have the pleasure of passing the baton to the incoming President Professor Derek Mitchell.

Leo-Paul Powell
ASJ President



SURGICAL SKILLS WORKSHOP

Kingston Public Hospital
MAY 15, 2026

Session 1



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8:00–8:15 AM

Registration

8:15–8:30 AM

President's Greetings *Dr. L. Powell*

8:30–9:00 AM

The Reconstructive Ladder *Dr. M. Johnson*

9:00–10:20 AM

GROUP A

Local Skin Flap *Dr. C. Neblet*

GROUP B

Innovative Dressings *Dr. C. Wilson | Z. Dabichan*

10:20 – 10:30 AM

COFFEE BREAK- SPONSOR'S MESSAGE

10:30–11:50 AM

GROUP A

Local Skin Flap *Dr. R. Escoffery*

GROUP B

Innovative Dressings *Dr. O. Thomas | C. Riley*

11:50–12:00 PM

Closing Remarks *Dr. C. Wilson*



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Session 2



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1:00-1:15 PM

Registration

1:15-1:30 PM

President's Greetings *Dr. L. Powell*

1:30-2:00 PM

The Reconstructive Ladder *Dr. G. Crookendale*

2:00-3:20 PM

GROUP C
Local Skin Flap *Dr. R. Escoffery*

GROUP D
Innovative Dressings *Dr. C. DeSouza/K. Knight*

3:20 - 3:30 PM

COFFEE BREAK- SPONSOR'S MESSAGE

3:30-4:50 PM

GROUP D
Local Skin Flap *Dr. C. Neblet*

GROUP C
Innovative Dressings *Dr. O. Thomas/R. Haughton*

4:50-5:00 PM

Closing Remarks *Dr. C. Wilson*



SPECIAL LECTURES



Professor Joseph Plummer

SIR HARRY
ANNAMANTHODO LECTURE



ALPHA-MED GLOBAL
LIMITED



Professor
Archibald McDonald

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF
SURGEONS LECTURE



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8:00 - 8:30 AM

Registration

8:30- 8:35 AM

President's Message

*Dr. Leo-Paul Powell – ASJ
President*

8:35- 8:45AM

Greetings

*Professor Marvin Reid – MAJ
President*

8:45- 8:55 AM

Sponsor's Message



SESSION 1

Moderator *Dr. Graeme Crookendale*

8:55 – 9:10 am

Optimising CT Use in Paediatric Patients
with Blunt Head Trauma: A Closed Loop
Audit

Dr. Lashaunie Lindo

9:10 – 9:25 am

The Utility of Ki67 in Pituitary NETs

Dr Anyya Gordon-Whyte

9:25 – 9:40 am

Arteriovenous Fistulas Assessment at
UHWI Fistula Clinic: 5-year Review

Dr. Lysandra Spence

9:40 – 9:55 am

Outcomes of Non-operative
Management vs. Appendectomy for
Uncomplicated Appendicitis

Dr Wrenae Samuels

9:55 – 10:00am

Q & A

10:00 – 10:15 am

Viewing of Exhibits /Coffee Break
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SESSION 2

10:15 – 10:20 am

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10:20 – 10:40 am

The American College of Surgeons
Lecture Introduction

*Professor Derek Mitchell –
President ACS Jamaica
Chapter*

10:40 – 11:20 am

The American College of Surgeons
Lecture: Building Systems That Work:
Innovation in Resource-Limited
Environments

*Professor Archibald
McDonald*

11:20 – 11:50 am

Q & A



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SESSION 3

CME SESSION 3

Dr. Rico Matthews

Dr. Rico Matthews

11:50 – 11:55 am

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11:55 – 12:10 am

Estimating the Prevalence of AAA
in Jamaica

Dr. Alyssa Graham

12:10 – 12:25 pm

The effect of Tranexamic acid
compared to tourniquet on visual
clarity in knee Arthroscopic
Anterior Cruciate ligament (ACL)
reconstruction

Dr. Courtney Berry

12:25 – 12:40 pm

The Prevalence of HER2 Gastric
Cancer in the Jamaican
Population

Dr. Chantal Charles Nation

12:40 – 12:45 pm

Q & A

12:45 – 12:50 pm

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12:50 – 1:20 pm

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SESSION 4

Mental Health

1:20 – 1:25 pm

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1:25 – 3:35 pm

Implementing Mental Health
Assessment into Surgical Practice

*Dr. Clayton Sewell -
Consultant Psychiatrist*

3:35 – 3:45 pm

Closing Remarks



ANNUAL BANQUET &



Awards Ceremony 2026

16.05.26

THE RUINS, UWI, MONA



HONOREES

DR. CECIL BATCHELOR
DR. HUGH BARNED

Cocktails : 7PM
Dinner : 8PM
Entertainment: Kamoy Gordon



INDUCTEES

LORI-ANN VAZ

KADEEM KNIGHT

CORNELIA RILEY

JASON HOPE

ROXROY HAUGHTON

ZENICA DABICHAN

EPHRAIM INGRAM



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DAY 2

SUNDAY

8:30– 8:40 am

Registration

8:40– 8:45 am

Opening Remarks

SESSION 5

Moderator

Dr. Richard Escoffery

8:45 – 8:50 am

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8:50 – 9:05 am

Contemporary Management of
Haemorrhoidal Disease

Dr. Wendy Elena

9:05 – 9:20 am

Barium Localisation for Lung
Lesions

Dr. Patrice Pinkney

9:20 – 9:35 am

Skin Harvest of A Fasciocutaneous
Flap (SHAFT) Technique

Dr. Rajeev Venugopal

9:35– 9:50 am

The Use of Cellophane Wrap
Dressings in the Management of
Partial Thickness Thermal Burns.

Dr. Xenophon Kirby

9:50 – 10:05 am

Q & A



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SESSION 6

10:05 – 10:10 am

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10:10 – 10:25 am

38th Annual Sir Harry
Annamunthodo Memorial Lecture

*Dr. Hugh Roberts (Past
President)*

10:25 – 11:10 am

50 Years of Surgical Training at
UWI Mona

*Professor Joseph Plummer -
Dean, Faculty of Medical
Sciences, UWI Mona*

11:10 – 11:15 am

Q & A

11:15 – 11:45 am

Viewing of Exhibits /Coffee Break
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SESSION 7

Moderator

Nichelle Whyte

11:45 – 11:50 am

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11:50 – 12:05 pm

Multidisciplinary Management of
Glomus Jugulare Tuomurs- Nuances of
Embolization and Surgery

Dr. Kevin Wade

12:05 – 12:20 pm

Novel Anaesthesia Techniques at the
Bustamante Childrens' Hospital

Dr. Roxanne Johnson

12:20 – 12:35 pm

Simulation in Surgical Resident Training:
A Low Cost Porcine Stomach Model for
TAPP Repair in a Resource-Limited
Setting

Dr. O'Rane Thomas

12:35 – 12:50 pm

Complicated Appendicitis -
Management Outcomes

Dr. Roxroy Haughton

12:50 – 12:55 pm

Q & A

12:55- 1:00 pm

Sponsor's Message - A.A LAQUIS

1:00 – 1:30 pm

Viewing of Exhibits /Coffee Break
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SESSION 8

Ethics

1:30 – 1:35 pm

Sponsor's Message - MPS

1:35 – 2:00 pm

Surgical Innovation; the
Medicolegal Landscape

*Dr. Emma Green - MPS
Medico-legal Consultant*

2:00 – 3:00 pm

Interactive Discussion: Ethics

3:00 – 3:15 pm

Closing Remarks

*Professor Derek Mitchell -
President*



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