



Draft Programme for BASS 2026: Aberdeen

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Please note that this is a draft version, and subject to change.

Wednesday 29 April 2026		
08:00 - 09:00	Arrival Refreshments & Exhibition	Hall C
09:00-09:10	Welcome Introduction Speakers: Rajat Vema (BASS President) and Santosh Baliga (Local Organising Committee)	Conference Suite 1 A&B
09:10-09:50	KEYNOTE SESSION NOTSS - Outcome for Nothing and Lives for Free Speaker: James Tomlinson Safety and Leadership Speaker: Manoj Kumar <i>Moderators: Rajat Verma & Pragnesh Bhatt</i>	
09:50-11:00	PAPER SESSION 1 - Best of the Best Papers <i>Moderators: Pal Lakshmanan & Aprajay Golash</i> 37 - From Geometry to Biomechanics: A Patient-Specific Digital Twin Approach to Reducing Mechanical Failure in Spine Fusion Presenter: Roger Assaker 53 - The DISCUS randomised controlled trial for acute severe traumatic cervical spinal cord injury Presenter: Love C. Ilochonwu 96 - Curved Narratives: Cultural Representation of Spinal Deformity in Children's Animated Films and its Psychosocial Implications Presenter: Elie Najjar 125 - Pelvic Fixation for Adult Spine Deformity: Two Year Results from an International, Multicenter, Randomized Trial Presenter: Robert Lee 141 - The Veracity of Large Language Models in Spine Surgery Research: A Comparative Analysis of Five Artificial Intelligence (AI) Tools for Evidence Synthesis Presenter: Riaz Mohammed	

	163 - Shelf life of Lumbar decompression surgery - A single centre analysis of 15-year survival probability Presenter: Sai Gautham Balasubramanian	
11:00-11:30	Refreshments, Exhibition & Posters	Hall C
11:30-12:30	PAPER SESSION 2 - Lumbar Degen & Cervical Degen <i>Moderators: Subodh Patil & Anastasios Giamouriadis</i> 6 - Hybrid Surgery versus Three-Level ACDF: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Clinical and Radiological Outcomes Presenter: Chinedu Egu 32 - How Many Cases to Competency? A Systematic Review of the Learning Curve in Endoscopic Lumbar Interbody Fusion Presenter: Chinedu Egu 71 - Anchorless stand-alone cages versus anchored and plate constructs in multilevel anterior cervical discectomy and fusion: A systematic review and meta-analysis Presenter: Faisal Mohammed 93 - The Utility of SPECT/CT in Managing Degenerative Spinal Conditions: A Systematic Literature Review Presenter: Pavlina Zigova 121 - Does longer waiting times for lumbar canal stenosis decompression surgeries impact the Cauda Equina Syndrome Presentations Presenter: Vinay Patel 148 - Steroid Injection versus Conventional Radiofrequency Denervation for Sacroiliac Joint Pain: A Comparative Case Series Presenter: Aashish Raghu 170 - Course, Branching and Ultrastructure of Lumbar Medial Branches from human tissue: Implications for Lumbar Facet Joint Radiofrequency Denervation Presenter: Saravanakumar Kanakarajan 198 - Incidence and Outcomes of Cauda Equina Syndrome in Severe Lumbar Stenosis Presenter: Unnamalai Palaniappan	Conference Suite 1 A&B
12:30-13:15	KEYNOTE SESSION Post Tubercular Kyphosis: Surgical considerations Speaker: Sudhir Srivastava (ASSI) Paediatric Cranio-cervical Junction Surgery: Lessons Learned Speaker: Natarajan Muthukumar (NSSA) <i>Moderators: Kaushik Ghosh & Pragnesh Bhatt</i>	
13:15-14:15	Lunch, Exhibition, Posters & Workshops	Hall C
14:15-15:15	PAPER SESSION 3 - Infection & Innovation <i>Moderators: Ashley Cole & Andrew Frost</i> 8 - RCT-Based Meta-Analysis of Povidone-Iodine Irrigation in Spinal Surgery: Clarifying Efficacy and Safety Presenter: Chinedu Egu 23 - Network Meta-analysis of Antibiotic Exposure and Holiday Duration, Biopsy Site, Imaging Guidance, and Sampling Approach on Culture Yield in Vertebral Presenter: Eslam Abourisha	Conference Suite 1 A&B

	40 - Comparative Efficacy of Regenerative Medicine for Chronic Sacroiliac Joint Pain: A Systematic Review Presenter: Abdelrahman Elkomy 82 - The Suspected Cauda Equina Syndrome Score (SuCESS): Development and Validation of a Clinical Triage Tool Presenter: Elie Najjar 124 - Maintaining a Warm and Hydrated Surgical Site Reduces Tissue Damage, Lowers Bacterial Growth, and Improves Healing in Open Spine Surgery Presenter: Simon Manners 169 - Assessment of Radiological outcomes and Factors contributing to a poor clinical outcome in Interlaminar Endoscopic Spine Surgery for Spine Stenosis Decompression Presenter: Aniruddh Agrawal 200 - A Systematic Review of Sacroiliac Joint Septic Arthritis in Adults and Children Presenter: Unnamalai Palaniappan 203 - Perioperative Mounjaro (tirzepatide) and GLP-1 receptor agonists in spine surgery: a PRISMA-ScR scoping review of surgical site infection, wound complications, and peri-anaesthetic safety Presenter: Hassan Fawi	
15:15-15:45	<i>Debate Session - Foot drop secondary to Lumbar root compression</i> Does surgical decompression have a role in delayed presentation Speaker: Aprajay Golash Role of Surgery in painless foot drop Speaker: Sashin Ahuja <i>Moderators: Vinay Jasani & Santosh Baliga</i>	
15:45-16:15	Refreshments, Exhibition & Posters	Hall C
16:15-17:00	KEYNOTE SESSION <i>Lumbar degenerative deformity</i> Short segment fusion with partial correction is a good option for symptom management Speaker: Robert Lee Fusion without full correction is going to be a failure Speaker: Rupinder Chahal <i>Moderators: Girish Swamy & Duncan Whittaker</i>	Conference Suite 1 A&B
17:00-17:45	PAPER SESSION 4 - Commissioning, Governance & Patient Pathways <i>Moderators: Sandra Bonczek & Pragnesh Bhatt</i> 55 - Developing a Consensus-Based UK Quality Indicator Set for Low Back Pain: A National Protocol Presenter: Karl Baraks 84 - Low Conversion Rates in Elective Spinal Clinics as a Patient Safety Signal: Impact of Specialist Physiotherapist-Led Triage Presenter: Jehan Butt	

	117 - An International Comparison of Undergraduate Medical Education on Spinal Conditions: Implications for Early Recognition of Spinal Deformity in the UK Presenter: Mujataba Haider 118 - Does the GIRFT interactive Pathway Serve Its Purpose? A Retrospective Study Presenter: Kathryn Ramshaw	
17:45-19:00	Welcome Reception and Posters	Hall C

Thursday 30 April 2026		
07:45-08:45	Arrival Refreshments & Exhibition	Hall C
08:45-09:05	KEYNOTE SESSION Soft landing strategies for the prevention of Proximal Junctional Kyphosis (PJK) Speaker: Ou Yang Youheng (Singapore Spine Society) <i>Moderators: Kaushik Ghosh & Pandurang Kulkarni</i>	Conference Suite 1 A&B
09:05 - 09:35	KEYNOTE SESSION Patient centred Spine surgery: how to apply? Speaker: Prof Mehmet Zileli <i>Moderators: Kaushik Ghosh & Pandurang Kulkarni</i>	
09:35-10:00	KEYNOTE SESSION 1st, 2nd and even 3rd victim: What have we learned? Speaker: Lee Breakwell <i>Moderators: Ashish Khurana & Rajat Verma</i>	
10:00-10:45	KEYNOTE SESSION Use of intra-operative ultrasound in spinal surgery Speaker: Prakash Modha (NSSI) Integrated Operation Theatre Spine suite (IOTSS) Speaker: Bharat Dave (ASSI) <i>Moderators: Aprajay Golash & James Walkden</i>	
10:45-11:15	Refreshments, Exhibition & Posters	Hall C
11:15-12:15	PAPER SESSION 5 - Deformity <i>Moderators: Silvia Tene & Peter Bodkin</i> 73 - Beyond the Curve: Sexual and Psychological Health After Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis Treatment Presenter: Elie Najjar 78 - Reassessing the Clock in Cauda Equina Syndrome: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis of Surgical Timing and Outcomes Presenter: Elie Najjar 95 - The Lenke paradox: substantial agreement or methodological mirage? Presenter: Elie Najjar 107 - Comparison of Rates of Pedicle Screw Malplacement Between a Freehand Technique and 3D Printed Guides in Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis Presenter: Sophie Griffiths 146 - Distal Adding-on following posterior spinal fusion for AIS using a stable vertebra minus one LIV strategy: a single-centre interim analysis Presenter: Sanil Kamat 157 - Patient-Specific Rods versus Conventional Rods in Spinal Deformity Surgery: Systematic Review and meta-analysis of outcomes Presenter: Chinedu Egu 192 - Posterior-Only Correction of Large-Magnitude Paediatric Scoliosis Using Patient-Specific Drill Guides and Skeletal Traction Presenter: Amrut Hosmath	Conference Suite 1 A&B

12:15-13:15	PAPER SESSION 6 - Spinal Injuries, Trauma & Misc <i>Moderators: Georgios Prezerakos & Harinder Gakhar</i> 16 - Cervical spine injury in ankylosing spondylitis : Management and Clinical Outcomes — A Systematic Review Presenter: Mohamed Elhendawy 80 - Before the Break: A Near term Osteoporotic fracture risk score from opportunistic CT (RAVEN) Presenter: Elie Najjar 98 - Managing Orthostatic Hypotension in Acute Spinal Cord Injury: A Systematic Review Presenter: Michelle Emsley 116 - Optimum Duration of Bedrest following Traumatic Spinal Cord Injury associated with Neurological Deficit: A Systematic Review Presenter: Benjamin Gasston 154 - Early morbidity and mortality following subaxial cervical spine fractures in older patients Presenter: Joanne McKay 161 - Paediatric Cervical Spine Protection in UK Motorsport: A review of the guidelines Presenter: Prerana Gogoi 202 - Are Three Screws Better Than Two Screws in Percutaneous Sacroiliac Joint Fusion? A Comparative Analysis Presenter: Unnamalai Palaniappan 210 - Cervical Myelopathy Patients: When waiting longer means operating and staying longer Presenter: Amelia Ait-Tales	
13:15-14:15	Lunch, Exhibition, Posters & Workshops	Hall C
14:15-15:15	PAPER SESSION 7 - Deformity & Misc <i>Moderators: Tony Bateman & Mahmoud Kamel</i> 24 - Radiographic Predictors of Proximal Junctional Kyphosis After Adult Spinal Deformity Surgery: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis Presenter: Eslam Abourisha 42 - Development of a Spine Deformity Specific Artificial Intelligence Large Language Model: SpineDeformityGPT Presenter: Hassan Tahir 64 - Improving Sustainability in Spinal Lumbar Decompression Surgery: Impact of Instrument Tray Optimisation on Reducing Carbon Emissions and Costs Presenter: Tahir Khaleeq 94 - Prediction Tools for Curve Progression in Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis: A Scoping Review Presenter: Aryan A Sagdeo 110 - A nerve-wracking journey: decision-making during loss or reduction of neuromonitoring in thoracic disc excision in 5/31 cases in a single institution Presenter: James Robins 128 - Artificial Intelligence for Predicting Surgical Outcomes in Sagittal Spine Deformity: A Scoping Review Presenter: Alisha Mahmud	Conference Suite 1 A&B

	149 - Spinal Surgery in Nonagenarians: Insights from a 10-Year Retrospective Cohort Study Presenter: Mohamed Wael Mohamed 152 - What inferiority margin will patients accept for the benefits of night-time bracing? - Early results of the Brace DCE study Presenter: Raveen Jayasuriya	
15:15-16:00	British Orthopaedic Association Updates Update from President (15mins) Speaker: Fergal Monsell The future of spinal surgery and how you can influence it? (15mins) Speaker: Janardhan Rao <i>Moderators: Ashish Khurana & Harinder Gakhar</i>	
16:00-16:30	Refreshments, Exhibition & Posters	Hall C
16:30-17:30	KEYNOTE SESSION Science, Law and Art of Consent Speaker: Ashish Khurana Governance in Spine Surgery Speaker: Matt Lea Medicolegal Impact of Guidelines Speaker: Kaushik Ghosh <i>Moderators: Rajat Verma & Sashin Ahuja</i>	Conference Suite 1 A&B
17:30-18:30	BASS AGM	
19:30-late	Conference Dinner (Tickets only) Coaches will leave from the Hilton entrance at 7:00pm	Marcliffe Hotel

Friday 1 May 2026		
08:00-08:45	Arrival Refreshments & Exhibition	Hall C
08:45-09:45	PAPER SESSION 8 - Tumour & Misc <i>Moderators: Girish Swamy & Mohit Arora</i> 12 - Endoscopic Surgery for Spinal Tumours Presenter: Melissa Kwak 20 - Spinal Cord Compression Outcomes of Treatment (SCOOT) Delphi Study Presenter: Eslam Abourisha 33 - Marked variation in wound drain use following elective thoracolumbar fusion in the UK: A national practice survey and trial feasibility study Presenter: Chinedu Egu 77 - Development and validation of the NOVA score for surgical triage in metastatic spinal cord compression Presenter: Elie Najjar 122 - Improving Spinal Surgery Consent: A Closed-Loop Audit Comparing Paper-Based and Online Interactive Consent Presenter: Tarek Elmoslemany 143 - Spinal Cord Compression Outcomes of Treatment (SCOOT): A Single-Unit Observational Cohort Study of 970 Patients. What Influences Neurological Status at Discharge and Length of Stay? Presenter: Amelia Ait-Tales 144 - Spinal Cord Compression Outcomes of Treatment (SCOOT): A Single-Unit Observational Cohort Study of 970 Patients. Who Lives and Who Dies? Presenter: Amelia Ait-Tales 190 - Is it time to update the modified Tokunashi Scoring System for metastatic spinal cord compression? Presenter: Dev Panchal 211 - Revised Tokunashi scoring in metastatic spinal cord compression secondary to lower gastrointestinal primary tumours: a retrospective audit of a tertiary London hospital between 2017-2023 Presenter: Samuel North	Conference Suite 1 A&B
09:45-10:15	Panel Discussion Women In Spine Surgery - Challenges and Achievements Speaker: Naomi Slator, Mukta Vadhva & Hui Ling Kerr <i>Moderators: Shreya Srinivas & Silvia Tene</i>	
10:15-11:15	Political Updates GIRFT Update Speaker: Vinay Jasani BSR Update Speaker: Ashley Cole <i>Moderator: Sashin Ahuja</i>	
11:15-11:45	Refreshments, Exhibition & Posters	Hall C

11:45-12:30	KEYNOTE SESSION Surgical strategy in osteoporotic spine fractures Speaker: Prof Mehmud Zileli <i>Moderator: Vinay Jasani</i>	Conference Suite A&B
12:30-13:15	Research and Fellowships Updates BASS / ORUK / BSS Fellowship Project Update – Sashin Ahuja (4mins) FORENSIC Trial Update – Sashin Ahuja (4mins) IMPRESS Trial Update – David Baxter (4mins) DISCUS Trial – Love Ilochonwu (4mins) POLYFIX-DCM Trial – Mark Kotter (4mins) RECEDE Trial – Mark Kotter (4mins) PRAISE Trial – Lessons Learned – Ashley Cole (4mins) BASS/BSS Presidents’ Travelling Fellowship: Group presentation - Joseph Boktor, Raveen Jayasuriya, Visagan Ravindran, Yuvaraja Murugan, Angus Kaye (10 minutes total) Final Discussions (7mins) <i>Moderators: Ashley Cole & Pal Lakshmanan</i>	
13:15-13:30	Prizes and Closing Session	
13:30-14:00	Grab & Go Lunch	Ground floor