Scottish Society of Anaesthetists
Annual Spring meeting
Peebles Hydro Hotel

Programme: Thursday 23 April 2026

09:00-09:25	Registration, coffee and trade exhibition	
09:25-09:30	Presidential Welcome	Dr Ken Barker
Session 1	**Focus on Emergency Theatres**	**Chair: Dr Ken Barker**
09:30-09:55	Scottish Emergency Laparotomy Network	Dr Gemma Scotland
09:55-10:20	Emergency Surgery – Why the Wait?	Dr Carolyn Johnston
10:20- 10:45	Perioperative Risk Prediction: You have the right to remain silent	Dr Alfie Lloyd
10:45 – 11:00	Q+A	
11:00- 11:30	REFRESHMENTS and trade exhibition	
Session 2	**Breaking down barriers**	**Chair: Dr Katie Lake**
11:30-11:55	Antiracism rootwork for anaesthetic allies	Dr Krithi Ravi
11:55-12:20	Medecin sans Frontieres	Dr Christian Hillstrom
12:20-12:30	Q+A	
12:30-13:30	LUNCH and trade exhibition	
13:10-13:30	**AGM** – all SSA members welcome	
Session 3	**Medical Updates for Anaesthetists**	**Chair: Dr Gavin Scott**
13:30-13:55	Periop Diabetic Management	Dr Marcus Lyall
13:55 – 14:20	Functional Neurological Disorders	Dr Neil Ramsay
14:20 – 14:45	Periop Management of Anticoagulants	Prof Catherine Bagot
14:45-15:00	Q&A	
15:00-15:20	REFRESHMENTS and trade exhibition	
Session 4	**Work and Health Matters**	**Chair: Dr Niels Weidenhammer**
15:20-15:45	RCOA Update from the Vice President	Dr Sarah Thornton
15:45-16:10	Work-Life Balance: Does it Exist	Prof Colin McCartney
16:10 – 16:35	Practitioner Health, Addiction and Anaesthesia	Mr Richard Jones
16:35-16:45	Q+A	
16:45-17:15	DRINKS reception	
Session 5	**President's Session**	
17:15-17:45	Presidential address	Dr Paul Fettes

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Session 1	**Around the Specialties**	**Chair: Dr Kathryn Hill**
09:35- 10:00	Acute Pain in ICU: An Uncomfortable Relationship	Dr Claire Young
10:00-10:25	Beyond the Block – Delivering Service Innovation in Practice?	Dr Dave Macpherson
10:25-10:50	Long term sequelae of PDPH	Dr David Nesvadba
10:50-11:00	Q&A	
11:00-11:25	REFRESHMENTS and trade exhibition (poster judging)	
Session 2	**"Scottish" Anaesthetists Abroad**	**Chair: Dr Emma Bhatti**
11:25-11:50	"Some years of living Danishly"	Dr Cara Marshall
11.50-12:10	From the NHS to Australia: is the grass really greener? A financial comparison	Dr Charlotte Heath
12:10-12:30	Sea Change: Going home after 2 decades and why you might want to come too!	Dr Angela Baker
12:30-12:40	Q&A	
12:40-13:40	LUNCH and trade exhibition (poster judging)	
Session 3	**QI and Resident Presentations**	**Chair: Dr Emma Mann**
13:40-14:05	QI – with a small "q"	Dr Steven Young
14:05-14:30	Resident Oral Presentations	Top Abstracts
14:30-15:00	REFRESHMENTS and trade exhibition	
Session 4	**SSA Grants in Action**	**Chair: Dr Gary Thompson**
15:00-15:20	Remote and Rural Anaesthesia	Dr Lizzie Beattie
15:20-15:40	Clinical Debriefing	Dr Emma Phillips
15:40-15:50	Q&A	
15:50-16:00	Prizegiving	SSA Exec
	CLOSE OF MEETING	

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