

VASBI ASM 2026 AGENDA

Thursday 24 September 26 – Day One

A LIFELINE FOR A LIFETIME

08:00	Registration, refreshments & exhibition opens	
09:00 – 09:10	Welcome and Presidential Address Jeremy Crane Consultant Transplant and Vascular Surgeon; Honorary Clinical Senior Lecturer Imperial College Healthcare VASBI President	
09:10 - 10.30	Opening Plenary – Vascular access in 2026, are outcomes good enough	
09:10 - 09:25	<i>Session chairs: Mel Field and Paul Gibbs</i> Technical Failure in fistula creation: causes, Predictors and Prevention Nick Inston Surgeon Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham	
09:25 - 09:40	Shared ownership in vascular access, where does the responsibility lie in improving vascular access outcomes? Charmaine Lok Nephrologist University Health Network	
09:40 – 09:55	Tools, technology and strategies to optimise surgical AVF outcomes Karen Stevenson Consultant Surgeon Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow	
09:55 – 10:10	Plenary first – Oasis Trial Maarten Snoeijjs Vascular Surgeon Maastricht University Medical Center	
10:10 - 10:30	Panel discussion All session speakers	
10:30 – 11:00	Refreshments served in the exhibition area	
11:00 - 12:00	Scientific Session – Abstract Presentations	
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12:00 - 12.30	HD nurse/nephrological/Interventional Radiology /surgery discussion	
	<i>Session chairs: David Kingsmore and Victoria Teodorescu</i> Whose choice is it anyway - the true value of the vascular access MDT and where does the patient sit? Todd Lambert - Patient Rebecca Higgins Renal Access Nurse, Belfast City Hospital Charmaine Lok Nephrologist University Health Network R Chandrasekar Consultant Vascular Surgeon, Countess of Chester Hospital	

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12:30 - 13:40	Lunch served in the exhibition area
13:45 – 14:10	Gore Industry Symposium AV Access Revisions: Evidence-Based Use of Stent-Grafts in Complex Lesions Join us for a focused, case-based session examining the evolving role of stent-grafts in the management of complex AV access lesions. Through clinically grounded discussion and supporting evidence, faculty will explore key decision points in the treatment pathway - from recurrent stenosis to acute complications and long-term access preservation. This session will highlight practical strategies to support decision-making and optimise procedural approaches in AV access interventions. Rob Jones Consultant Interventional Radiologist, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham Kate Steiner Consultant Interventional Radiologist, University Hospital Sussex Ram Kasthuri Dr. Ram Kasthuri Consultant Interventional Radiologist, Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow
14:15 – 15:15	Practicum / Parallel Sessions
	Cannulation and Point of Care Ultrasound Alison Swain, Renal Vascular Access Sister, Royal Berkshire Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Rebecca Higgins Renal Access Nurse, Belfast City Hospital Jennifer Hanko Consultant Nephrologist, Belfast City Hospital, VASBI Vice President
	Interventional Radiology Case Discussions Sammy Rostampour Consultant Interventional Radiologist, Imperial College NHS Trust Sam Walker Consultant Interventional Radiologist, Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham
	Surgical tips and tricks – the aneurysmal fistula Jeremy Crane Consultant Transplant and Vascular Surgeon; Honorary Clinical Senior Lecturer Imperial College Healthcare Damian McGrogan Consultant, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust Ali Kordzadeh Consultant Vascular, Endovascular & Renal Access, Mid & South Essex NHS foundation Trust
14:15 – 15:15	Refreshments served in the exhibition area
15:15–16:15	Scientific Session – Abstract Presentations
16:15 – 16:45	Keynote Speech / Gold Medal
	How will the next 60 years of vascular access for dialysis differ from the last 60 years? Jeremy Crane Consultant Transplant and Vascular Surgeon, Honorary Clinical Senior Lecturer, Imperial College Healthcare. VASBI President Nick Inston Surgeon, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham
17:00	Poster viewing and drinks reception
19:30	Conference dinner and networking event – Hilton Hotel Liverpool

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Friday 25 September 26 – Day Two

MAINTAINING THE LIFELINE

08:00	Registration, refreshments & exhibition opens
08:15 – 08:40	Getting Industry Breakfast Symposium Flixene in Focus: A Surgeon's Perspective on Long-Term Success Hear from Nick Inston, Consultant Vascular Access and Kidney Transplant Surgeon at Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham, as he shares his clinical experience, practical insights and the latest evidence on vascular access grafts. What You'll Learn • Clinical considerations when selecting a vascular access graft. • The unique Flixene Graft Deployment System implantation technique. • The evidence supporting early cannulation, blood flow and long-term patency. • Published clinical data on durability, complications and long-term outcomes. • Future educational opportunities, including cadaveric courses and surgical workshops. Nick Inston Consultant Transplant and Vascular Surgeon, Honorary Clinical Senior Lecturer, Imperial College Healthcare.
09:00 – 09:05	Welcome to Day 2 Jeremy Crane Consultant Transplant and Vascular Surgeon, Honorary Clinical Senior Lecturer, Imperial College Healthcare. VASBI President
09:05 – 10:00	MEGA MDT. Jennifer Hanko, Consultant Nephrologist, Belfast City Hospital, VASBI Vice President Kate Steiner, Consultant Interventional Radiologist, University Hospital Sussex
10:00 – 10:20	Trial Update
10:00 – 10:05	<i>Session chairs: David Kingsmore and Liz Wallin</i> Access dashboards for Vascular Access. Arun Pherwani Consultant Vascular Surgeon, Hon Professor, University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust, Keele University School of Medicine
10:05 – 10:10	Landmark Surgical trials in vascular access. Bynvan Sandhu University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust, Keele University School of Medicine, Hammersmith Hospital
10:10 – 10:15	Landmark Interventional radiological trials in vascular access. Rob Jones Consultant Interventional Radiologist, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham
10:15 – 10:20	Panel discussion - All session speakers
10:20 – 10:50	Refreshments served in the exhibition area
10:50 – 11:45	Morning Plenary – Current Climate
10:50 – 11:00	<i>Session chairs: Jennifer Hanko and Victoria Teodorescu</i> The optimal timing of fistula creation in dialysis patients. Charmaine Lok Prof of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto and Senior Scientist at the Toronto General Hospital Research Institute
11:00 – 11:10	EndoAVF – Where are we? John Aruny Interventional Radiologist, The Dialysis Access Institute-Medical University of South Carolina
11:10 – 11:20	Which interventional radiological adjuncts are creating the greatest outcome gains? John Aruny Interventional Radiologist, The Dialysis Access Institute-Medical University of South Carolina
11:20 – 11:30	Which surgical adjuncts are creating the greatest outcome gains in vascular access? David Kingsmore Surgeon, Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow
11:30 – 11:45	Panel discussion - All session speakers

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11:45 – 12:45	Needling the Access; Competence, Training and Governance
11:45 – 11:55	<i>Session chairs: Alison Swain and Rebecca Higgins</i> History of buttonhole cannulation – The Swedish Experience. Karin Staaf RN, MSc, PhD, Department of Health, Medicine and Caring Sciences/Department of Nephrology
11:55 – 12:05	Is access cannulation an underestimated skill? Miriam Mason Vascular Access Nurse University Hospital Sussex
12:05 – 12:15	Individualising needling technique according to patient and access type. Julia Mcarthy Clinical Nurse Specialist, Xtra-med
12:15 – 12:25	Needling in paediatric vascular access and the role of shared care. Kate Sinnott Sales Specialist, B Braun
12:25 – 12:45	Panel discussion - All session speakers
12:45 – 14:10	Lunch served in the exhibition area
13:15 – 13:40	Kimal Industry Symposium Enhancing AV Fistula Creation by Implementing VasQ Extravascular Support This session looks at extravascular support at the arteriovenous anastomosis and its role in fistula maturation. Dr Teodorescu shares her own experience with VasQ, the functional outcomes she has seen and how it has shaped her surgical practice Victoria Teodorescu Professor of Surgery, Division of Vascular Surgery and Endovascular Therapy, Program Director - Vascular Surgery Residency and Fellowship at Emory University
14:10 – 14:30	Refreshments served in the exhibition area
14:30 – 15:10	Question Time – Maintaining access longevity across the patient journey. Jeremy Crane Charmaine Lok John Aruny Nick Inston Todd Lambert Karin Staaf
15:10	Presidential handover and close of conference