

ROBOTICS, INNOVATION & SURGICAL EXCELLENCE | UK 2026

CORNERSTONE
MEDICAL EDUCATION

AGENDA – DAY 1

ORTHOPAEDICS • SPINE • HUMAN FACTORS • FUTURE SYSTEMS

Morning Session

- **08:00 – 09:00** | Registration, Robotics Exhibition Opens
- **09:00 – 09:20** | Opening Keynote – *The Future of Surgical Robotics in the UK: Workforce, Technology, and NHS Readiness* – Speaker: National Clinical Director or NHS England Robotics Lead.
- **09:20 – 10:00** | Health Economics Plenary – *Why Robotics Makes Financial Sense: Cost Efficiency, Patient Outcomes, & Long-Term Strategic Value* – Speaker: Senior Executive (UHL)
- **10:00 – 11:00** | Orthopaedics Robotics Session (1): The Knee Era
- **11:00 – 11:30** | Coffee Break & Exhibition
- **11:30 – 12:30** | Orthopaedics Robotics Session (2): Hips, Revision & Outliers
- **12:30 – 13:00** | Spine Robotics Session (Mini-Keynote)
- **13:00 – 14:00** | Lunch & Exhibition

Afternoon Session

- **14:00 – 14:45** | Human Factors + Theatre Ergonomics Plenary – *Ergonomics in Robotic Surgery: Protecting Surgeons, Scrub Teams & Careers* – Speaker: Prof Massimiliano Zecca, Loughborough University, PLUS a co-presenter from UHL
- **14:45 – 15:20** | Theatre Setup Masterclass – *How to Build the Perfect Robotic Theatre: Workflow, Docking, Safety & Turnover Time*
- **15:20 – 15:45** | Coffee Break & Robotics Demos
- **15:45 – 16:30** | Physiotherapy Keynote – *Post-Robotic Rehab – Recovery After Robotic Surgery: What Changes for Physiotherapists & Patients?*
- **16:30 – 17:00** | Intelligent Surgical & Diagnostic Robotics: AI-Enabled Medical Imaging & Learning-Based Decision-Making – Speaker: Dr Behnaz Sohani Assistant Professor in Robotics & Automation, Loughborough University

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AGENDA – DAY 2

UROLOGY • GYNAECOLOGY • COLORECTAL • INNOVATION

Morning Session

- **08:00 – 09:00** | Registration and Exhibition
- **09:00 – 09:20** | Welcome Back – Industry Trends Update
- **09:20 – 10:00** | Colorectal Robotics Plenary – TME safety, nerve preservation, pelvic narrowness, obesity challenges, reduced LOS – *Speaker: Consultant, Mr Sam Sangal*
- **10:00 – 11:00** | Urology Robotics Session – Prostatectomy outcomes, Partial nephrectomy, Robotics in upper tract surgery, Single-port (SP) platform future – *Speaker: Consultant, Mr Ben Jackson*
- **11:00 – 11:30** | Coffee + Exhibition
- **11:30 – 12:15** | Gynaecology Robotics Session – Endometriosis excision, Oncology applications, Fertility-preserving surgery, Ergonomics of deep pelvic work – *Speaker: Consultant Mr Supratik Chattopadhyay*

Afternoon Session

- **12:15 – 13:00** | Multi-Specialty Panel: Robotics in Complex Patient Populations – *Speakers: Mr Sam Sangal, Mr Ben Jackson, Mr Supratik Chattopadhyay*
- **13:00 – 14:00** | Lunch & Exhibition
- **14:00 – 14:45** | Innovation Pitch Zone – Startups & New Technology – 10 companies × 4 minutes each
- **14:45 – 15:20** | The NHS Robotics Workforce Strategy, Training pathways, Credentialing, Simulation, Robotics in DGHs, Access & equality
- **15:20 – 15:45** | Coffee + Exhibition
- **15:45 – 16:30** | Closing Keynote – “Where UK Robotics Will Be by 2030: A Unified Vision of Surgery, Industry & Academia”
- **16:30 – 17:00** | Exhibition Finale + Networking

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