

ROBOTICS, INNOVATION & SURGICAL EXCELLENCE | UK 2026

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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