

LONDON GLOBAL CANCER WEEK 2026

Gender Parity in Cancer Surgical Workforce



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1:30 PM – 2:30 PM GMT
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM IST



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More Women
in Surgery,
A More Equitable
Future in Cancer Care.



About the Session

Although women account for a growing number of students in medical schools (almost reaching parity), women in the surgical workforce tend to be underrepresented. Even though some specialties (general surgery and plastic surgery in high-income countries) are closing on gender parity, women continue to be underrepresented in the cancer surgical workforce globally. It is well-known that the gender of treating cancer surgeon can have an impact on the delivery of cancer surgical care, particularly for those cancers affecting reproductive cancers. This session will focus on the current status and outline strategies to promote gender parity in the cancer surgical workforce globally.



Agenda

Time (IST)	Speaker	Topic	Duration
7:00 PM – 7:05 PM	Dr. Chandrakanth Are	Introduction	5 Mins
7:05 PM – 7:10 PM	Dr. Chandramohan K	Remarks by IASO President	5 Mins
7:10 PM – 7:20 PM	Dr. Shilpa Murthy	Gender Parity in Cancer Surgery Workforce- Perspectives from Americas	10 Mins
7:20 PM – 7:30 PM	Dr. Funmilola Wuraola	Gender Parity in Cancer Surgery Workforce- Perspectives from Africa	10 Mins
7:30 PM – 7:40 PM	Dr. Chandramohan K	Gender Parity in Cancer Surgery Workforce- Perspectives from Asia	10 Mins
7:40 PM – 7:50 PM	Dr. Elizabeth Dennett	Gender Parity in Cancer Surgery Workforce- Perspectives from Oceania - New Zealand	10 Mins
7:50 PM – 8:00 PM	ALL	Panel Discussion	10 Mins

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1:35 PM – 1:40 PM	Dr. Chandramohan K	Remarks by IASO President
1:40 PM – 1:50 PM	Dr. Shilpa Murthy	Gender Parity in Cancer Surgery Workforce Perspectives from Americas
1:50 PM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Funmilola Wuraola	Gender Parity in Cancer Surgery Workforce- Perspectives from Africa
2:00 PM – 2:10 PM	Dr. Chandramohan K	Gender Parity in Cancer Surgery Workforce- Perspectives from Asia
2:10 PM – 2:20 PM	Dr. Elizabeth Dennett	Gender Parity in Cancer Surgery Workforce- Perspectives from Oceania - New Zealand
2:20 PM – 2:30 PM	ALL	Panel Discussion



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Perspectives from Africa –
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Dr. Shilpa Murthy 
Perspectives from Americas
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