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SKIN CANCER SYMPOSIUM, CAPE TOWN
27-28 February 2026

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Friday, 27 February 2026

Time	Talk Title	Speaker
07:00-08:00	Industry Symposium: Sponsored by 	Axel Hauschild
08:00-09:00	Clinical features of melanoma	Chairs: Dagmar Whitaker and Jessica Hassel
08:00-08:20	Lentigo maligna	Johann de Wet
08:20-08:40	Acral melanoma	Bianca Tod
08:40-09:00	Melanoma in SOC	Willie Visser
09:00-09:50	Sun protection and Vitamin D controversies	Chairs: Claus Garbe and Willie Visser
09:00-09:15	Why we don't recommend routine Vitamin D supplementation in Germany?	Claus Garbe
09:15-09:30	Vitamin D and sun protection: an update	David Whiteman
09:30-09:45	Prevention is still better than cure	Dagmar Whitaker
09:45-09:50	Questions	
09:50-10:15	Tea Break	
10:15-10:45	Keynote lecture: Epidemiology of melanoma and Non-melanoma skin cancer	David Whiteman (Chair: Dagmar Whitaker)
10:45-11:45	Metastatic melanoma therapy	Chairs: Grant Mc Arthur and Sze Wai Chan
10:45-11:05	Target and Immunotherapy	Sze Wai Chan
11:05-11:25	Metastatic Melanoma: What are our options in 2025	Grant Mc Arthur
11:25-11:45	Melanoma Brain Metastatic: What are our options	Jessica Hassel
11:45-12:45	Lunch Break	
12:45-13:45	The role of surgeons in the treatment of melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancer	Chairs: Merrick Ross and Mark Phipson
12:45-13:00	Management of high-risk cutaneous SCC	Johan De Wet
13:00-13:15	Is there still a role for surgery in stage III/IV melanoma patients?	Merrick Ross
13:15-13:30	Surgery will remain the gold standard	Mark Phipson

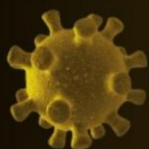


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13:30-13:45	Long-Term Cure Rates of Keratinocyte Carcinomas treated with Mohs Micrographic Surgery in South Africa with a Five-Year+ Follow-Up	Pieter du Plessis
13:45-14:15	Keynote lecture: Anti-Cancer vaccines: The future of Melanoma and other Oncologic indications	Christoffer Gebhardt (Chair: Sze Wai Chan)
14:15-15:00	The role of the Pathologist in the diagnosis and management of malignant melanoma - from histology to genetic testing	Chairs: Johann Schneider and Christoffer Gebhardt
14:15-14:30	Dilemmas and progress in the histological diagnosis of melanoma	Johann Schneider
14:30-14:45	Gold standards of genetic testing for melanoma	Christoffer Gebhardt
14:45-15:00	Molecular testing on melanoma - when to order, how to order and what's available in SA	Chris Maske
15:00-15:30	Tea Break	
15:30-17:00	Parallel session 1: Dermatology:	
	Dermoscopy workshop	Gary Levy / Rob Weiss
15:30-17:00	Parallel session 2: Oncology:	
	Treatment options for different stages of Melanoma	Chairs: Axel Hauschild, Sze Wai Chan
	Trials on Neoadjuvant ipilimumab/nivolumab for melanoma	Grant McArthur
	Is perioperative pembrolizumab an alternative to neoadjuvant ipi/nivo?	Axel Hauschild
	What is in the pipeline for the future?	Jessica Hassel
17:00-18:00	Combined Session: Choosing the correct treatment	Chairs: Grant Mc Arthur and Dagmar Whitaker
17:00-17:20	Current European Guidelines on adjuvant treatment	Claus Garbe
17:20-17:40	How do I select the right patient for the best treatment option	Grant McArthur
17:40-18:00	When should we consider adjuvant radiation for melanoma	Henriette Burger
18:00-18:30	Melanoma Society meeting - meet the EXCO/become involved!	
18:30	Welcome reception in Exhibition Area	
Saturday, 28 February 2026		
08:00-09:00	Industry Symposium – Sponsored by  MSD INVENTING FOR LIFE	
09:00-10:00	Guideline changes in the treatment of Melanoma and Non-Melanoma Skin Cancers and rare tumours	Chairs: Jessica Hassel and Willie Visser

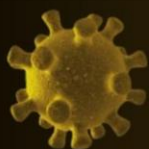


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09:00-09:20	What is new for rare skin cancers?	Jessica Hassel
09:20-09:40	BCC, CSCC and MCC guidelines	Johann de Wet
09:40-10:00	Adjuvant Radiation for CSCC/BCC	Mariza Tunmer
10:00-10:30	Keynote Lecture: Immune Checkpoint Inhibition for non-Melanoma skin cancers: An Ongoing Revolution	Axel Hauschild (Chair: Sze Wai Chan)
10:30-11:00	Tea Break	
11:00-12:00	Interdisciplinary case discussions: Melanoma	Chairs: Merrick Ross and Willie Visser
11:00-11:15	Case 1: Multimodality treatment utilized in a patient with stage IV BRAF mutated Melanoma	Andre Vos
11:15-11:30	Case 2	Pieter du Plessis
11:30-11:45	Case 3	Merrick Ross
11:45-12:00	Case 4	Mariza Tunmer
12:00-13:00	Interdisciplinary case discussions: Non-melanoma skin cancer	Chairs: Merrick Ross and Willie Visser
12:00-12:15	Case 1: Skin cancer in patients with Albinism	Daudi Mavura
12:15-12:30	Case 2: Squamous cell carcinoma following skin bleaching	Fatimata Ly
12:30-12:45	Case 3: DSFP	Vanessa Kriek
12:45-13:00	Case 4: Metastatic squamous cell carcinoma in patient with heart transplant	Redmund Nel
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00-14:30	Keynote Lecture: How to avoid overtreatment of High-risk melanomas?	Merrick Ross Chair: Willie Visser
14:30-15:00	Parallel session 1: Oncobeta	Chair: Mariza Tunmer
	Parallel session 2: Foto Finder - Latest Updates in Digital Follow up & AI	Chair: Dagmar Whitaker
14:30-15:00	Listen to the patient	Chair: Willie Visser
	Patient with Albinism	
	Patient with Xeroderma pigmentosa	
15:30-16:30	Ethics session	Chairs: Dagmar Whitaker and Sze Wai Chan

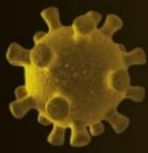


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15:30-15:45	Access to new cancer treatment in resource poor countries	Lidija Kandolf
15:45-16:00	Skin cancer in South Africa – a funder perspective	Noluthando Nematswerani
16:00-16:30	Is it time to look at dignity to die and not only dignity to live?	Joseph Ramondo
16:30	Closing	



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