



# Surgical Society Co-Chair 2026 /27 Proposals

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Dear Voters and Surgical Society Members,

We are **proud to announce** our candidacy for **Surgical Society Co-Presidents!**

Thank you for reading our manifesto – listed below are our initiatives for our oncoming candidacy:

- **Educational Innovation and New Events**

- **Imperial Surgical Society Journal:** Launch of **Imperial's first student-led, peer-reviewed surgical journal** showcasing case reports, research summaries, reflections, and innovation, supporting academic development and portfolio building
- **Global Leaders Discussion Series:** A termly series featuring international surgical leaders discussing medical education, leadership, and innovation, with speakers such as **Atul Gawande, Catherine Mohr,** and Professor **Magdi Yacoub**
- **Surgical Mentoring & Relocation Scheme:** A **speaker series connecting students with UK-trained surgeons** working internationally, with panels from the **US, Europe,** and the **Middle East** offering guidance on **training pathways** and **relocation**
- **Joint Anatomage & Surgery (JAS) Series:** Recurring anatomy-to-surgery teaching sessions using live **Anatomage tables** to **integrate anatomy,** imaging, and operative relevance
- **Online Suturing Teaching Series:** A structured **virtual programme** covering core suturing theory and demonstrations, supporting preparation for in-person skills sessions
- **Surgical Hackathon (MedTech & AI):** A multidisciplinary innovation event bringing together medical students, engineers, and entrepreneurs to develop solutions to real surgical challenges
- **Minimally Invasive & Cardiac Skills Day:** A dedicated skills event introducing cardiac surgical principles, instruments, and suturing techniques

- **Inclusivity & Outreach**

- **SurgSoc Event Passport:** we recognise the difficulties with accessing some events. With an aim of **reducing overall prices** we'd also like to introduce the "**SurgSoc Passport**". This is a scheme that will allow you to attend events at subsidised prices the more involved you are with the society
- **Secondary School Outreach:** A **widening-participation** initiative **introducing surgery** to secondary school students, supporting early aspiration, mentorship, and diversity in surgery
- **Bursary Scheme for ALL events:** Recognising that **event costs** can be a **barrier** for some students, we will relaunch and expand our **bursary scheme** to provide financial support and ensure equitable access to Surgical Society events and opportunities

- **Committee Structure & Organisational Development**

- **Year 1 & 2 Surgical Society Representatives:** To **strengthen early engagement** and improve communication
- **Committee handbook:** Producing a comprehensive **committee handbook** outlining **standardised processes** for event planning, sponsorship, finance, governance, and marketing to ensure continuity and efficient committee transitions
- **Defined Subcommittee Structure:** Formalising a clear subcommittee structure covering finance, education and media to improve accountability, streamline delivery, and support leadership development

**Surgery is learned through exposure, mentorship, and opportunity. Our goal is to ensure every student with an interest in surgery can achieve these goals within SurgSoc. We are committed to building a Surgical Society that challenges, supports, and inspires its members to become the surgeons of tomorrow!**



## Contact us!

If you'd like to hear more about our ideas, please get in touch:



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Marya Abuarqoub & Hasan Zaidi – Gallery



Christos Christou, MSF President



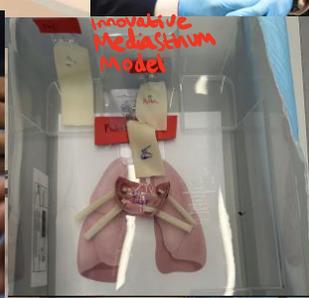
Co-chaired ICSM's Largest plastics event Ever!



Marya introduced moulage simulation



Hasan's Renal Transplant



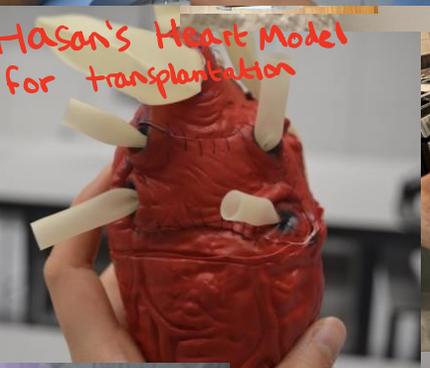
Innovative Mediastinum Model



Years of experience across multiple specialties



RECONSTRUCTING THE STERIODS  
8-9 FEBRUARY 2025  
IMPERIAL COLLEGE SURGERY  
SOCIETY OF SURGEONS



Hasan's Heart Model for transplantation



Hasan testing new ideas in the sink (Ross procedure)



Hasan's Nail-bed repair model



Marya organised the largest Student Surgical event in the Nation!



Hasan visited Pakistani Surgical markets and worked with factories to buy new equipment!



Largest Oncology Conference!



Presenting Surgical Research



**Femoral nerve**

- L2 to L4 anterior rami
- Passes through gap between the inguinal ligament and superior margin of the pelvis -> femoral triangle on the anteromedial aspect of the thigh (lateral to the femoral artery)

Branches:

- Motor to pectineus
- Anterior branch: femoral branch of genitofemoral nerve
- Posterior branch: saphenous nerve

Other structures shown: Bicipital, Lateral of the I, Lumbo, Superior, Femoral, Obturator foramen, Genitofemoral, Inferior, Piriformis, Sciatic n., Peroneal n.

Hasan has taught most of JAS



Hasan has years of experience managing waste

**24** Mount Sinai Hospital  
**OBSERVER**  
Expires: 07/18/2025  
**Hasan Zaidi**  
Cardiovascular Surgery



Led London wide plastics teaching



Marya and Hasan helping at FRCS plastics



Tissue engineering



INTERNATIONAL TRILINGUA CONFERENCE  
CURRENTS OF CRISIS  
11-12 NOVEMBER 2024

## Manifesto

We are proud to announce our candidacy for **Surgical Society Co-Presidents 2026/27!**

With a combined 6 years of experience across surgical committees including **iPRAS, TVS, and Surgical Society**, we have served on executive committees, chaired major national events, and led the **UK's largest student-run Surgical Conference, Trauma Conference 2025/26**. Across our roles, we have secured **over £10,000 in sponsorship** and built strong relationships with partners including **Casualty Resources, ASiT, RCS, BAPRAS, Anatomage, MSF, and BOA**. We have deepened our expertise through developing new workshops, procuring equipment directly from global factories, and by completing international placements and presentations. These experiences place us in a strong position to lead SurgSoc into its next stage of growth.

To build on the strong momentum established this year, we aim to introduce the following goals and targets:

### Educational Innovation & New Events

- **Imperial Indexed Surgical Journal:** A student-led platform supporting publication, academic writing, and portfolio development
- **Global Leaders Discussion Series:** Interactive panels exploring leadership, innovation, and surgical practice
- **Surgical Crisis Hackathon & Surgical Hackathon (MedTech & AI):** Multidisciplinary innovation events connecting medicine, engineering, and industry to solve real-world surgical problems
- **Minimally-Invasive & Cardiac Skills Day:** Hands-on training providing early exposure to core and specialist surgical skills
- **Surgical Mentorship & Relocating Scheme:** Pairing students with NHS and international surgeons and senior colleagues for guidance, questions, and collaborative projects

### Inclusivity, Collaboration & Outreach

- **SurgSoc Event Passport & Bursary Scheme:** Attend two events and receive a **subsidised fee for the third**, alongside financial support to ensure cost is never a barrier
- **Cross-Society Collaboration & Equipment Sharing:** Joint events and shared access to surgical equipment to improve accessibility and reduce costs
- **Year 1 & 2 Representation:** Reintroducing a Year 1 representative alongside the Year 2 role
- **Secondary School Outreach:** Introducing surgery early and widening participation.

Thank you for your support. We would be honoured to serve as your **Surgical Society Co-Presidents!**

**Marya & Hasan**