



BOTSWANA SURGICAL SOCIETY
Promoting excellence in surgical care



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2025
Annual Congress
& AGM



**SURGERY IN FOCUS: ADVANCING
VALUE-BASED CARE IN BOTSWANA'S
HEALTH SYSTEM.**

 10-11 October 2025
 Royal Aria Marquee

Scientific
Programme



About **Botswana Surgical Society**

Mission

To promote excellence in surgical care, cultivate and promote friendship and exchange of ideas within the surgical fraternity in Botswana.

Objectives

To promote the integrity of the surgical and allied professions through cultivation and maintenance of the highest ethical standards and professional conduct.

To advance the science and art of surgery and promote friendship and exchange of ideas amongst surgeons of Botswana.

To promote cooperation with bodies with similar aims and objectives within and outside Botswana.



BSS PRESIDENT REMARKS



It is an honour to welcome everyone to the congress and to thank you for taking some of your valuable time to make our engagement meaningful.

The Botswana Surgical Society is a non-profit, professional organisation committed to excellence in surgical care, uniting the surgical fraternity in Botswana by fostering friendship and the exchange of ideas both nationally and internationally. We remain dedicated and loyal to upholding the profession's integrity and moral dignity.

The Botswana Surgical Society recognises the current national healthcare challenges and has therefore established this annual congress as a platform for dialogue. The theme, 'Surgery in Focus: Advancing Value-Based Care in Botswana's Health System,' aligns with current healthcare issues in Botswana. Value-based care is a healthcare model that shifts focus from the quantity of services provided to the quality of patient outcomes relative to the cost. Enhancing value, therefore, involves improving outcomes per unit of cost while optimising resource use. Healthcare delivery processes should be organised around the patient's value.

Similarly, value-based surgical care aims to maximise the benefits of health resources to provide personalised patient outcomes aligned with individuals' preferences while keeping costs down. This approach involves assessing and improving value in surgical care through integrated tools such as the Patient Value Compass (PVC), the PVC score, and the Optimal Care Index (OCI). These tools enable the evaluation of outcomes that matter most to patients, including functional outcomes, clinical outcomes, patient experience outcomes, and cost-to-patient outcomes. This comprehensive, patient-centred approach supports value-based improvements across various care teams and offers a scalable, data-driven strategy for delivering person-centred and value-driven healthcare services.

It is essential to aim for a high-value healthcare delivery system as the nation prioritises universal healthcare coverage. Equity and efficiency are essential for creating a sustainable healthcare system. The key question we need to ask, then, is how we can design a healthcare system that will significantly improve value. What structures, processes, and policies will maximise the value provided to the patient?

Everyone is invited to join the discussion and influence our healthcare system.

Thank you.

Dr Mpapho Joseph Motsumi
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SOCIETY PROGRESS REPORT ON EVENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS (2023-2025)



The Botswana Surgical Society (BSS) remains committed to advancing surgical care in Botswana through education, outreach, advocacy, and collaboration. Over the past two years, the Society has successfully organized outreach programs, Continuing Medical Education (CME) sessions, and engaged in strategic dialogue with the Ministry of Health to align surgical services with the Essential Health Services Package (EHSP).

Events and Achievements (2023–2024)



2023 – Selebi-Phikwe Outreach.

Date: 6–7 October 2023

Activities: CME with 35 participants; 81 outpatient reviews; 17 minor procedures; mammography and health education.

Outcomes: Two breast cancer diagnoses, one suspected melanoma, strengthened partnerships.



The 2024 CME

The Surgical Management of Malignant Melanoma.
(18/04/2024)



2024 – Ghanzi Outreach and Elective AGM

Date: 5-7 July 2024.

Activities: Multidisciplinary team; 19 surgical cases identified; 77 mammograms conducted; surgical procedures performed.

Outcomes: Improved surgical access in Ghanzi, collaboration with DHMT, capacity-building for local staff.

A new BSS council was elected into office to carry the society's mandate for 2024-2026



2025 CME Events:

1. ***Minimally Invasive Surgery in Botswana:*** Current Trends and Experience (10 April 2025)
 2. ***Considerations for the Patient with Spinal Cord Injury:*** A Holistic Approach (19 June 2025)
- Both events drew 50+ participants.*



2025 Outreach

Planned Outreach – Letlhakane (August 2025)

Partners: Letlhakane Primary Hospital & Boteti DHMT

Services: Outpatient and inpatient consultations, elective procedures, referrals, telemedicine support.

Impact: Expanded access to surgical care, strengthened local capacity.



Engagement with the Ministry of Health

BSS has engaged the Ministry of Health regarding the Essential Health Services Package (EHSP).

Key points include:

- Surgical care as a core component of essential health coverage.
- Alignment of outreach and CME activities with national strategy.
- Advocacy for sustainable financing and integration into universal health coverage.

Looking ahead, the Letlhakane Surgical Outreach (August 2025) will build on these achievements and further expand equitable surgical care for Botswana. We continue to seek new partners, and more society membership engagement to deliver equitable, safe and value-based surgical care.

Thank you.

Dr Ludo Masole
Secretary

DAY 1

10th
Friday

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BSS CONGRESS PROGRAMME 2025



TIME	ACTIVITIES
07:00 – 07:45	GUEST ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION
07:45 – 08:00	WELCOME REMARKS BSS President - Dr Mpapho Joseph Motsumi
08:00 – 08:30	KEYNOTE ADDRESS Guest of Honour - Hon. Dr. Stephen Modise
08:30 – 09:00	GIVING BACK THROUGH SURGERY: BSS CHARITY HIGHLIGHTS Speaker: Dr Ludo Masole
09:00 – 09:30	SPEAKER SESSION 1: Dr Kutlo Motlhobogwa - Strengthening Children's surgical care in Botswana
09:30 – 10:00	SPEAKER SESSION 2: Dr Caiphus Gofhamodimo - Benefits of Laparoscopic Surgery in a common condition: Acute Appendicitis. Is laparoscopic surgery feasible in Botswana Hospitals?
10:00 – 10:30	SPEAKER SESSION 3: Dr Kefilwe Boineelo Benjamin - Measuring what matters and paying for what works: A hand and upper limb surgeons' perspective on value-based care.
10:30 – 11:00	SPEAKER SESSION 4: Dr Thanolo Kashamba - The Evolving Role of Surgical Pathology in Value-Based Surgical Care: Precision, Efficiency, Collaboration and Funder Impact.
11:00 – 11:30	TEA BREAK
11:30 – 13:00	PANEL DISCUSSION 1: Value-Based Care, Access & Sustainability in Botswana's Health Care System
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH
14:00 – 14:30	SPEAKER SESSION 5: Dr. Mpapho Joseph Motsumi – An Insight into the Princess Marina Hospital Trauma Registry
14:30 -1500	SPEAKER SESSION 6: Dr Moneimang Makgasa - Equity in Surgical Access: The Case for a Patient Prioritization Tool
15:00 – 16:15	PANEL DISCUSSION 2: Technology, Infrastructure and Innovation
16:15 – 16:30	CLOSING REMARKS – Day 1
17:00 – 22:00	COCKTAIL RECEPTION & NETWORKING

DAY 2

11th
Saturday

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TIME	ACTIVITIES
07:00 – 08:00	GUEST ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION
08:00 – 08:10	RECAP OF DAY 1 HIGHLIGHTS
08:10 – 08:30	SPEAKER SESSION 7: Dr Tlotlo Nthibo - The Profile and Outcomes of Patients in a Newly Established Acute Surgical Care Unit in a Teaching Tertiary Hospital in Botswana
08:30 – 09:00	SPEAKER SESSION 8: Dr Mogomotsi Karabo Binikwa - Evaluation of trauma burden, patient profile and outcomes in patients admitted by the trauma team at PMH
09:00 – 09:25	SPEAKER SESSION 9: Dr Mpapho Motsumi - Single and dual compartment positivity in predicting diaphragmatic injuries in Thoracoabdominal penetrating trauma
09:25 – 09:45	SPEAKER SESSION 10: Dr Gaone Collen Moloise - Factors influencing outcomes of blunt abdominal trauma. A prospective observational study of a single institution
09:45 – 10:15	SPEAKER SESSION 11: Dr William Manyilira : Endovascular aortic repair (TEVAR and EVAR) in Botswana: The Bokamoso experience
10:15 – 10:30	BREAK
10:30 – 10:45	SPEAKER SESSION 12: Dr Elnour - Paediatric Stoma Complications: Surgical Technique, Avoidable Errors, and Value - Based Management Strategies
10:45 – 11:15	SPEAKER SESSION 13: Malebo Ramatebele : Retrospective review of paediatric surgery cancellations over a period of 6 months and impact on patient at Princess Marina Hospital
11:15 -11:45	SPEAKER SESSION 14: Dr Hanna Woldeselassie - Kasai portoenterostomy for Biliary Atresia Surgery: Early Outcomes and Implications for Pediatric Care in Botswana
11:45 – 13:00	PANEL DISCUSSION 3: Surgical Workforce and Training in Botswana
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH
14:00 – 15:00	BSS Annual General Meeting (AGM): All
15:00 – 15:15	VOTE OF THANKS & OFFICIAL CLOSE

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