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(Surgical, Obstetric, Trauma & Anesthesia Care)

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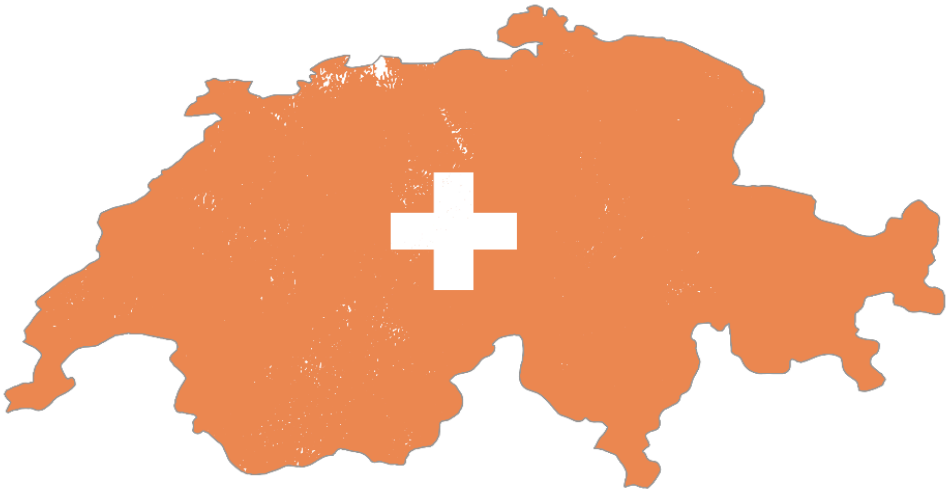

Event Program

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THEME: Advancing SOTA Care through Technology, Innovation and Sustainable Financing

Time (GENEVA)	Time length	Session	Title	Speaker/s	Moderator	Venue
15-May						
18:00 - 21:00	3 Hours	Board Meeting	G4 Alliance Board Meeting	G4 Alliance Leadership		JEFF Room, Novotel Geneve Centre
16-May						
07:30 - 08:00	30 Min	**REGISTRATION**				
08:00 - 08:15	15Min	Welcome	G4 Alliance Permanent Council Meeting	G4 Alliance Leadership	Neil Wetzig/ Gail Rosseau/ Colin McIff	Steve Room, Novotel Geneve Centre
08:15 - 09:15	60 Min	**Panel A** Technology & Innovation Panel	Technology and Innovation for Advancing SOTA Care: Digital Solutions & Implementation	1. Errol Norwitz 2. Butterfly Network 3. Ohana One	Richard Henker/ Kavyesh	Steve Room, Novotel Geneve Centre
09:15 -09:45	30 Min	**COFFEE BREAK**				
09:45 - 10:00	15 Min	Presentation	Ohana One Presentation	Jeanne Bray	Gail Rosseau	Steve Room, Novotel Geneve Centre
10:15- 11:00	45 Min	**Session 1 – From Global Strategy to WHA Action** WHA79 agenda items relevant to SOTA Care; how G4 Alliance & members can engage strategically	What is happening at WHA	1. Lee Wallis 2. Amelia Latu Afuhaamango Tuipulotu	Neil Wetzig/ G4 Alliance Fellows	Steve Room, Novotel Geneve Centre
11:00 - 11:45	45 Min	**WHA79 Resolutions / G4 Position Statement**	WHA79 Resolutions Associated to SOTA Care/WHO DG Elections/G4 Position Statement	Colin McIff	G4 Alliance/ Fellows	Steve Room, Novotel Geneve Centre
11:45 - 12:45	60 Min	**Session 2 – Country Focus** Practical lessons leading into country-level engagement (Ghana focus)	Learning from Practice: Ghana Surgical Dialogue	MoH Ghana Delegation/Operation Smile /Mercy Ships/G4 Alliance	Amy Leah Potter	Steve Room, Novotel Geneve Centre
12:45 - 13:45	60 Min	**LUNCH BREAK/NETWORKING & DISCUSSION**				
13:45 - 14:45	60 Min	**Session 3** Fireside Chat on what is happening in Global Surgery	The Global Surgery Leap	1. Kee Park 2. Irene Dzirasa 3. Rose Alenyo 4. Nardeen Dawood	John Meara	Steve Room, Novotel Geneve Centre
14:45 - 15:15	30 Min	**COFFEE BREAK**				
15:15- 16:15	60 Min	**Panel B** Breaking Silos and Working in Teams	Integrated Care in Action: Breaking Silos Across Surgical, Trauma, Obstetric and Anaesthesia Care	1. Juan Carlos Puyana 2. Maria Escobar 3. Manila Prak	Kerry Vaughan/ Cassandra Mbanje	Steve Room, Novotel Geneve Centre
16:15 - 16:25	10 Min	SURGhub & Global Surgery Foundation Update	SURGhub & GSF	Geoff Ibbotson/Juan Carlos Puyana	Gail/Colin/Lisa	Steve Room, Novotel Geneve Centre
16:25 - 16:55	30 Min	**G4 Alliance SOTA Awards** Recognizing Excellence and Innovation	SOTA Awards	G4 Alliance	Evelyn Abayaah-Issah/ Kerry Vaughan	Steve Room, Novotel Geneve Centre
16:55 - 17:00	05 Min	Book Talk	Brain and Heart	Prof David Sandberg	Gail Rosseau	Steve Room, Novotel Geneve Centre
17:00 - 17:30	30 Min	**Reflections and Highlights**	Key Moments and Takeaways	Neil Wetzig/Richard Henker	Neil Wetzig/ Richard Henker	Steve Room, Novotel Geneve Centre
17:30 - 19:00	90 Min	**RECEPTION/NETWORKING/WELCOME ACAN MEMBERS**				
19:30 - 22:00	2.5 Hours	**Dinner _ Open Mic with Laura Hoemeke**	**DINNER**	G4 Alliance	Laura Hoemeke	Novotel Geneve Centre

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