



South African Society of Oculoplastic Surgeons



African Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

— WETLAB · CADAVER DISSECTION

Advanced Functional & Aesthetic Oculoplastic Dissection Course

DATE

Monday 19 October 2026

TIME

08h00 – 17h00

VENUE

Medtronic Sunskills Lab

Stellenbosch University Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences

Reflecting a shared commitment to education and training in oculoplastic surgery, the South African Society of Oculoplastic Surgeons (SASOPS) and the African Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (AFSOPRS) invite you to an interactive, hands-on cadaver dissection workshop. The course focuses on advanced techniques in functional and aesthetic eyelid surgery, as well as orbital surgical approaches, decompression and fracture repair. Two delegates per station, with a dedicated expert faculty.

Faculty

EXPERT INSTRUCTORS



Prof Hamzah Mustak



Prof Grant McClaren



Dr Mpopi Lenake



Dr Maanda Mabogo



Dr Leandri Linde



Dr Petrus Gous



Dr Lynette Venter



Dr Carol Willies



Dr Hela Kamhoun



Dr Mehdi Fendri

Course Programme

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08H00 – 17H00

08h00 – 08h30 *Registration and Housekeeping*

08h30 – 09h15 **Upper Blepharoplasty**

Skin marking, crease design, excision limits; orbicularis/septum management; medial & central fat; superior sulcus; crease fixation.

09h15 – 10h00 **Brow and Blepharoplasty Adjuncts**

Brassiere suture; internal/external browpexy; indirect brow lift; temporal & pre-trichial brow lift.

10h00 – 10h45 **Ptosis Surgery**

Aponeurosis identification/disinsertion; anterior levator advancement; MMCR; frontalis flap.

10h45 – 11h00 **TEA BREAK**

11h00 – 12h00 **Lower Eyelid Surgery and Fat Transfer**

Transconjunctival and transcutaneous approaches; skin-muscle flap; SOOF elevation; midface support; fat repositioning/transfer.

12h00 – 12h30 **Canthopexy and Canthoplasty**

Lateral canthal tendon shortening/reattachment; suture passage & vector control; lateral and medial canthoplasty.

12h30 – 13h30 **Eyelid Margin and Lamellar Reconstruction**

Full-thickness direct closure; tarsoconjunctival flap; local flaps; posterior lamella grafts; full-thickness skin grafts.

13h30 – 14h00 **LUNCH BREAK**

14h00 – 14h45 **Orbitotomy Approaches**

Superior approaches; medial transcaruncular; inferior transconjunctival & swinging eyelid approach.

14h45 – 15h30 **Orbital Decompression**

Medial wall; floor; lateral wall; fat decompression.

15h30 – 15h45 **TEA BREAK**

15h45 – 16h30 **Orbital Fractures and Reconstruction**

Floor/medial wall exposure; reduction of periorbital/herniated tissue; implant positioning.

16h30 – 17h00 *Course Feedback and Handover of Certificates*

HANDS-ON CADAVER DISSECTION · TWO DELEGATES PER STATION · DEDICATED EXPERT FACULTY