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# RCSI INSTITUTE *of* GLOBAL SURGERY

## DUBLIN MEETING IN PATIENT-CENTRED GLOBAL SURGERY

HOSTED BY THE INSTITUTE OF GLOBAL SURGERY AT  
RCSI UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES

### CPD ACCREDITATION

**Tuesday:** Opening night keynote event = 1 Credit

**Wednesday:** Virtual Dublin Meeting in Patient-Centred Global Surgery = 5 Credits

### PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

#### TUESDAY, 15 MARCH 2022

18.30	<b>OPENING AND WELCOME</b> Professor P. Ronan O'Connell President, RCSI	Desmond Auditorium
18.35 - 19.30	<b>IN CONVERSATION WITH DR MPOKI ULISUBISYA</b> Dr Mpoki Ulisubisya President of the College of Anaesthesiologists of East, Central and Southern Africa (CANECSA) & Professor Mark Shrim, O'Brien Chair, Institute of Global Surgery, RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences  Moderated by Professor Camilla Carroll RCSI Member of Council and Chair Committee for International Co- operation and Development  <i>Followed by Q&amp;A from the audience</i>	

**WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH 2022**

10:00 – 10:05	<b>OPEN AND WELCOME DAY 2</b> Professor Cathal Kelly Vice Chancellor and CEO/Registrar, RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences	Online only
10.05 – 10.10	<b>OPENING REMARKS</b> Professor Mark Shrimme O'Brien Chair, Institute of Global Surgery, RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences	
10.10 – 10.15	<b>Introduction to keynote speaker</b> Mr Eric O'Flynn Programme Director for Education, Training and Advocacy in the Institute of Global Surgery, RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences	
10.15 – 11.00	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS 1</b> Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah Director General of Health, Ministry of Health, Malaysia  Followed by Q&A	
11.00 – 11.40	<b>Putting patient-centred care at the heart of global surgery – the RCSI IGS experience</b>  Celina Flocks Monaghan, MPH, CPH U.S. Fulbright Student and RCSI StAR PhD Scholar & Paul Okeny StAR International PhD Scholar, RCSI	
11.40 – 12.10	<b>BREAK</b>	
12.10 – 13.10	<b>ABSTRACTS PRESENTATIONS</b> Moderated by Dr Chiara Pittalis Postdoctoral Researcher, Institute of Global Surgery, RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences  <b>Profiling African health journals: Scope, PubMed indexation, H-index, open access status, and publication fees</b> Dr Oloruntoba Ogunfolaji  <b>Perceptions and experiences of delays to accessing care for appendectomy in the Western Cape, South Africa</b> Miss Johnelize Louw  <b>The Socioeconomic Consequences of Femoral Shaft Fracture for Patients in Malawi</b> Kush S. Mody  <b>Implementing a mHealth-based patient and nurse educational program to reduce wound infection in rural Philippines</b> Belén Merck Navarro MD, PhD  <b>Health system utilization and barriers to seeking care in Karonga, Northern Malawi</b> Mr John Whitaker  <i>Followed by Q&amp;A</i>	

**WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH 2022**

13.10 - 13.15	<b>Introduction to Keynote speaker</b> Dr Chiara Pittalis Postdoctoral Researcher, Institute of Global Surgery, RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences	Online only
13.15 – 14.00	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS 2</b> Dr C. Alessandra Colaianni Assistant Professor, Division of Head and Neck Surgery, Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Oregon Health & Science University  <i>Followed by Q&amp;A</i>	
14.00 – 14.20	<b>BREAK</b>	
14.20 – 14.25	<b>Introduction to Keynote speaker</b> Dr Ines Perić Education Programme Officer, Institute of Global Surgery, RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences	
14.25 – 15.10	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS 3</b> Professor Agnes Binagwaho, MD, M(Ped), PhD Vice Chancellor, University of Global Health Equity & Professor of Pediatrics, University of Global Health Equity, Rwanda  <i>Followed by Q&amp;A</i>	
15.10 – 15.50	<b>ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS AND PRIZES</b> Moderated by Dr Jakub Gajewski Programme Director (Research), Institute of Global Surgery, RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences  Financial impact of urologic conditions in men and women in Belize David E Rapp, MD, FPRMS  The experiences of adult patients receiving treatment for femoral shaft fractures at Kamuzu Central Hospital, Malawi: a qualitative analysis Louise A. Atadja  Social determinants of Seeking and Reaching Injury Care in South Africa: A community-based qualitative study Eytayo Omolara Owolabi  <i>Followed by Q&amp;A</i>	
15.50 – 16.00	<b>CLOSING COMMENTS</b> Professor Mark Shrimme O'Brien Chair, Institute of Global Surgery, RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences & Professor Hannah McGee Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs, RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences	

## GUEST SPEAKERS



**Tuesday, 15 March**

**Mpoki M. Ulisubisya, MD, MMed, FCTACC (CIMS – Telangana)  
FCA ECSA, MBA**

Mpoki M. Ulisubisya is an Anaesthesiologist and Critical Care physician with more than 25 years of experience practicing medicine, training doctors and teaching medical students in the United Republic of Tanzania. He is Tanzania's High Commissioner to Canada.

He earned his undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in medicine and anaesthesiology from the University of Dar Es Salaam at Muhimbili and received postgraduate clinical training at the Royal Perth Hospital (Australia) and Fellowship at the CARE Institute of Medical Sciences (India). Additionally, he earned a Masters in Business Administration from Mzumbe University.

Before coming to Canada, he served as the Permanent Secretary in the Tanzanian Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly where he oversaw country's efforts to provide health services that are high-quality, equitable, accessible, affordable, sustainable and gender-sensitive. He oversaw the inclusion of Tele-Health services in the national health agenda while promoting the Better Immunization Data rollout in all Regions of Tanzania, as a stepping stone to Digitization of Medical records. For several years he served as president of the Society of Anaesthesiologists of Tanzania [SATA], during which time he spearheaded the introduction of advanced care of the critically ill and quality anaesthetic services in Tanzania.

Dr. Mpoki serves as President of the College of Anaesthesiologists of East Central and Southern Africa College (CANECOSA).

Throughout his career, Dr. Mpoki has published extensively in journals such as the Tanzania Medical Journal, the African Journal of Anaesthesia and Intensive Care, British Journal of Anaesthesia, the Lancet, the East and Central African Journal of Surgery, and Globalization and Health.

**In his Keynote lecture, Dr Mpoki will address what patient-centred global surgery means to him as an anaesthesiologist, a policy-maker and as President of a regional training college. This will be followed by an in-conversation event with Prof Mark Shrimme, O'Brien Chair of Global Surgery at RCSI.**



**Wednesday, 16 March**

**Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, MD (UKM), MS (UKM), FAMM (Malaysia), FRCP (London), Hon. Causa MD (NUMed), FAFPM (Malaysia), FICD, Hon. DM (MSU), FRCS Ad Hominem (Edinburgh), Hon. Ph. D. (NUM), FISS (ISS)**

Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah is a Senior Consultant Surgeon in Breast and Endocrine Surgery, Putrajaya Hospital, and has held the post of Director-General of Health Malaysia since March 2013.

His area of expertise is in breast and endocrine cancers, with numerous published papers and textbook chapters in endocrine surgery. He obtained his Master of Surgery and Medical Degrees from the National University of Malaysia (UKM) and trained in breast and endocrine surgery under the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Fellowship training programme.

He chairs multiple medical professional councils and national-level technical committees and is actively involved as a policymaker in global organisations such as the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative (DNDi). He is also a Councillor-at-Large (2017-2021) in the Executive Board of the International Society of Surgery (ISS) and chairs the Global Surgery Committee of ISS. In March 2020, he was elected as the Chairman of the Asian Association of Endocrine Surgeons.

Dr Noor Hisham has been conferred numerous local and international awards, including the prestigious Fellowship Ad Hominem of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in 2018 for his contributions toward healthcare. In 2019, he was given the honour to deliver the distinguished Martin Allgöwer Lecture at the 48th World Congress of Surgery in Krakow, Poland.

His special interest lies in enhancing universal healthcare coverage to marginalised communities and bringing personalised healthcare back to the community and home through digital technology and creative innovation.

**In his Keynote lecture, Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah will address what patient-centred global surgery means to him as a surgeon, a policy-maker, a Malaysian, and for the WHO Western Pacific Region and ASEAN.**



**Dr C. Alessandra Colaianni, Assistant Professor, Division of Head and Neck Surgery, Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Oregon Health & Science University**

Dr Colaianni is an assistant professor of head and neck surgery at Oregon Health and Science University in Portland, Oregon, USA.

She attended the University of Cambridge as a Gates Cambridge Scholar and obtained an MPhil in the History and Philosophy of Science, where her thesis work focused on intentionally ineffective CPR. Her academic interests are medical and surgical ethics, as well as narrative medicine.

She is a writer of creative nonfiction and her work has appeared in the New York Times, New Yorker online, The Examined Life Journal, Hobart, The New England Journal of Medicine, JAMA, and other venues.

In her Keynote lecture, Dr Alessandra Colaianni will address thinking from the patient's perspective, issues of consent, ethics, medical missions, and balances of power in global surgery.



## **Professor Agnes Binagwaho MD, M(Ped), PhD, Vice Chancellor and Professor of Pediatrics, University of Global Health Equity**

Professor Agnes Binagwaho, MD, M(Ped), PHD currently resides in Rwanda. She is the Vice Chancellor and co-founder of the University of Global Health Equity (UGHE) (in 2015), an initiative of Partners In Health based in Rwanda which focuses on changing how health care is delivered around the world by training global health professionals who strive to deliver more equitable, quality health services for all. She is a Rwandan pediatrician who returned to Rwanda in 1996, two years after the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi.

Previously, she has provided clinical care in the public sector and has served the Rwandan health sector (1996-2016) in high-level government positions, first as the Executive Secretary of Rwanda's National AIDS Control Commission, then as Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Health, and lastly as Minister of Health for five years. She is a Professor of Pediatrics at UGHE, a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School, and an Adjunct Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at Dartmouth's Geisel School of Medicine.

She is member of multiple editorial, advisory and directors' boards, including the Think20 (T20), the Rockefeller Foundation, the African Europe Foundation and the Commission on African COVID-19 Response. Professor Binagwaho is a member of the U.S. National Academy of Medicine and the World Academy of Sciences, and a fellow of the African Academy of Sciences. She has published over 220 peer-reviewed articles and was named among the 100 Most Influential African Women for 2020 and 2021.

**In her Keynote lecture, Professor Binagwaho will address what patient-centred global surgery means to her as a paediatrician, a former policy-maker, as a Rwandan, and as the Vice-Chancellor and co-founder of UGHE educating the next generation.**