

XXVIII WORLD CONGRESS

*and International Vulvovaginal
Disease Update*



International Vulvovaginal
Disease Update
July 10 - 11, 2026



XXVIII World Congress
July 13 - 15, 2026



Halifax, Canada



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Session 1 – Normal Vulva

08:00 – 08:20 | Scientific Objectives

08:20 – 08:40 | Normal Vulvar Anatomy
Including Normal Variants

08:40 – 09:00 | How to Examine the Vulva
and Vagina

09:00 – 09:20 | Understanding Your
Pathology Report

09:20 – 09:40 | Q&A

09:40 – 10:00 | *Coffee Break*

Session 2 – Vulvovaginal Conditions: Current Classifications

10:00 – 10:20 | Current Classification of
Dermatoses

10:20 – 10:40 | Current Classification of
Vulvar Pain Conditions

10:40 – 11:00 | Current Classification of
Preinvasive/Invasive Vulvar Neoplasia
(HPV vs Non-HPV)

11:00 – 11:20 | Current Classification of
Vaginitis/Vaginosis

11:20 – 11:40 | Q&A

Session 3 – Medical Management of Vulvar Conditions

11:40 – 12:00 | Topical Rx – Steroids and
Other Options

12:00 – 12:20 | Systemic Rx

12:20 – 12:40 | How and When to Biopsy
the Vulva

12:40 – 13:00 | Q&A

13:00 – 14:00 | *Lunch*

Session 4 – Special and Underserved Populations

14:00 – 14:20 | Vulvovaginal Conditions in
Menopause

14:20 – 14:40 | Vulvovaginal Conditions in
Children

14:40 – 15:00 | Vulvovaginal Conditions in
Pregnancy

15:00 – 15:20 | Caring for Women of Color

15:20 – 15:40 | Q&A

15:40 – 16:00 | *Coffee Break*

Session 5 – The Lichens

16:00 – 16:20 | Lichen Sclerosus (LS)

16:20 – 16:40 | Lichen Planus (LP)

16:40 – 17:00 | Vulvar Carcinoma and Risks
Associated with LS and LP

17:00 – 17:20 | New Therapeutic Modalities
in Vulvovaginal Disease

17:20 – 17:40 | Q&A



Session 6 – Diagnostic Modalities

08:10 – 08:20 | Scientific Objectives

08:20 – 08:40 | The Wet Smear

08:40 – 09:00 | How the Laboratory Helps
with Diagnosis of Vulvovaginal Conditions
– Useful Lab Tests

09:00 – 09:20 | How to Distinguish Vulvar
Pain Conditions

09:20 – 09:40 | Q&A

09:40 – 10:00 | *Coffee Break*

Session 7 – Other Vulvar Conditions I

10:00 – 10:20 | Ulcers

10:20 – 10:40 | Lichen Simplex Chronicus
and Other Dermatoses

10:40 – 11:00 | Pigmented Lesions

11:00 – 11:20 | Paget's Disease

11:20 – 11:40 | Q&A

Session 8 – Other Vulvar Conditions II

11:40 – 12:00 | Treating HPV-Related
Lesions – Warts and SIL

12:00 – 12:20 | How to Handle Male
Partners of Patients with High-Risk HPV

12:20 – 12:40 | The Role of Physical
Therapy in Vulvovaginal Conditions

12:40 – 13:00 | Q&A

13:00 – 14:00 | *Lunch*

Session 9 – Vaginitis

14:00 – 14:20 | The Vaginal Microbiome

14:20 – 14:40 | Complicated Candida

14:40 – 15:00 | Bacterial Vaginosis /
Trichomoniasis

15:00 – 15:20 | Desquamative
Inflammatory Vaginitis (DIV)

15:20 – 15:40 | Q&A

15:40 – 16:00 | *Coffee Break*

Session 10 – Challenging Situations

16:00 – 16:20 | Cases from the Listserv

16:20 – 16:40 | How to Break into Research

16:40 – 17:20 | Your Diagnosis Is?

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07:30 - 08:15 | Registration

Session 11

08:30 – 08:45 | World Congress Overview and Objectives

08:45 – 09:15 | Forum: Frontiers in Inflammatory Vulvar Dermatoses

09:15 – 09:45 | Forum: Advances in Vulvodynia

09:45 – 10:45 | Top Abstracts – Section 1 (1–6)

10:45 – 11:00 | *Coffee Break*

Session 12

11:00 – 11:30 | Forum: Updates in Vulvovaginal Oncology and Terminology of Disease

11:30 – 12:00 | Forum: New Horizons in Vaginal Microbiome

12:00 – 12:30 | Forum: New Perspectives in Menopause

13:00 – 14:00 | *Lunch*

Session 13

13:30 – 14:00 | Highlights from the ISSVD Committees – Rapid Fire Highlights and Audience Input

14:00 – 15:00 | Top Abstracts – Section 2 (7–12)

Session 14

15:00 – 15:30 | Debates and Controversies: Laser and PRP for Lichen Sclerosus – What is the Evidence?

15:30 – 15:45 | *Coffee Break*

Session 15

15:45 – 16:15 | Highlights from the ISSVD Committees – Rapid Fire Highlights and Audience Input

16:15 – 16:45 | Debates and Controversies: Laser and Androgens for Menopause / Vaginal Atrophy

16:45 – 17:15 | Ask, Share, Solve: Clinical Cases from the Listserv

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Room 1

Session 16

08:30 - 08:50 Presidential Lecture

08:50 - 10:00 Forum: Case Management
Global Potpourri

Session 18

10:00 - 11:00 Abstracts – Section 3

11:00 - 11:15 *Coffee Break*

Session 20

11:15 - 11:45 Forum: Clinical Tips and Tricks

Session 22

11:45 - 12:45 Abstracts – Section 5

12:45 - 13:45 *Lunch Symposium*

Session 24

13:45 - 14:15 Forum: Pediatric and
Adolescent Vulvology

Session 26

14:15 - 15:15 Abstracts – Section 7

15:15 - 15:30 *Coffee Break*

Session 28

15:30 - 16:30 Abstracts – Section 9

Session 30

16:30 - 17:00 Forum: Creative Ways to
Improve Access to Vulvar Care
for the Underserved

Room 2

Session 17

Presidential Lecture

Forum: Vulvar Research Partnerships
Across the Globe

Session 19

Abstracts – Section 4

Coffee Break

Session 21

Forum: Researching Hot Topics

Session 23

Abstracts – Section 6

Lunch Symposium

Session 25

Special Topics on HPV:

- HPV-related Multicentric Z Lesions (cervix, vagina, vulva, and anus) and Reinfections
- AIN Risk in Women With Vulvar Cancer or Vulvar HSIL

Session 27

Abstracts – Section 8

Coffee Break

Session 29

Forum: Mentoring the Next
Generation

Session 31

Forum: Virtual Community of
Practices - A Tried Template for Case
Consultations Across Borders



Room 1

08:30 - 08:50 Announcements and Review

Session 32

08:40 - 09:30 Forum: Tales from the Ground: Real, successful interdisciplinary clinical collaborations

Session 34

09:30 - 10:30 Abstracts Section 10

Session 36

10:30 - 11:15 Forum: Televulvology: Successful setups to expand access through virtual care

11:15 - 11:30 *Coffee Break*

Session 38

11:30 - 12:15 Forum: New Frontiers in Sexual Function and Psychosocial Health

12:15 - 13:15 *Lunch*

Session 40

13:15 - 13:45 Forum: Working with Patients Outside of the Exam Room: Social Media Engagement and Interfacing with Patient Groups

13:45 - 14:00 AI in Vulvovaginal Disease: Promise, Practice, and Pitfalls

14:00 - 14:30 Forum: Patient Education Initiatives Outside of the Exam Room

14:30 - 15:15 Stump the Experts: Case Discussions

Session 41

15:15 - 17:00 Business Meeting--Part 1
Awards

Room 2

Session 33

Viewpoint: New Frontiers in Vaginitis

Session 35

Advanced Pathology Roundtable: Reviewing Challenging Pathology Cases

Session 37

Bring your Case to the Experts: Get Feedback on your most challenging cases

Coffee Break

Session 39

Forum: Sponsorship to Support Advancement in Vulvar Disease

Lunch



MASTERCLASS IN VULVOVAGINAL DISEASE

A GLOBAL APPROACH

APRIL 2-4, 2026
DOHA, QATAR

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COURSE 01: WET MOUNT MICROSCOPY



FACULTY:
PEDRO VIEIRA-BAPTISTA
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STUDENT LIMIT: 20
DURATION: 120 MIN
14:00H - 18:00H

In this course the participants will be able to **improve** their knowledge on the **use of wet mount microscopy**:

- Basic principles of microscopy
- Advantages of the use of phase contrast microscopy vs. bright light microscopy
- Indications for the use of wet mount microscopy
- Advantages and pitfalls
- Performance and limitations
- How to collect and prepare a sample
- Systematization of the technique for reading and classifying the slides
- Evaluation of the lactobacillary grades and background microbiota
- Inflammation and atrophy
- Diagnosis of candidiasis, bacterial vaginosis, trichomoniasis, desquamative inflammatory vaginitis, cytolytic vaginosis, leptothrix
- Discussion of cases, based on real clinical histories and microphotographs

The course will be **based on the presentation of an extensive number of microphotographs**, representative of the discussed conditions.

A phase **contrast microscope** connected to a computer will be used, **live practice** with slides previously collected by the faculty and participants will be performed.

COURSE 02: MASTERING VULVOVAGINAL SURGERY.



FACULTY:
HOPE HAEFNER; TANIA DAY,
MICHAEL FITZSIMMONS, MARIO PRETI

STUDENT LIMIT: 20
DURATION: 120 MIN
14:00H - 18:00H

Mastering vulvovaginal surgery: from **common vulvar procedures to advanced reconstructive** techniques. This will be a **practical, hands-on course**. The participants will be able to learn and practice:

- Different techniques of performing vulvar biopsies (e.g. punch, shaving)
- Suturing and haemostasis– tips and tricks
- Ellipsoidal excision
- V-Y flaps
- A-T flaps
- O-Z flaps
- Rhomboid flaps
- Rotation flaps

In the end, the participants will be able to perform biopsies, excise lesions, and/or reconstruction, **minimizing anatomical distortion** without sacrificing the outcomes.