

# XXVIII WORLD CONGRESS

*and International Vulvovaginal  
Disease Update*



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Disease Update  
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XXVIII World Congress  
July 13 - 15, 2026



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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?

Check out our online courses:  
**issvdcourses.com**



## 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





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**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*

