



# 40th Annual Scientific Meeting

21-22 August 2026

Newcastle



## Welcome

I'm excited to invite you to the Hunter Orthopaedic Society Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM),

Dates: 21–22 August 2026

Venue: Royal Newcastle Hospital  
Lecture Theatre

Two days designed to challenge thinking, sharpen practice, and connect our orthopaedic community.

This year's theme, "Pathways, Perspective and Problems in Orthopaedics," brings together cutting-edge insights, real-world problem solving, and forward-looking discussion across the specialty.

A major highlight is our distinguished invited speaker, Professor Christian Gerber, Chairman Emeritus of the Department of Orthopaedics at the University of Zürich, Switzerland—renowned for his pioneering contributions and global influence in shoulder surgery.

With a dynamic program, opportunities to present your work, and invaluable networking with peers and leaders in the field, this is a meeting not to be missed.

Secure your place—register today.

Ben East  
Convenor



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## Guest Speaker

Dr. Gerber is the Professor and Chairman Emeritus of the Department of Orthopaedics at the University of Zürich in Switzerland.

Dr. Gerber is an orthopaedic surgeon-scientist known for his extensive work on traumatic and atraumatic pathologies of the shoulder. He has authored over 450 scientific articles and has been cited over 50'000 times according to Google Scholar. His H-index of 118 is a testimony of his substantial contributions to the field of Orthopaedic Surgery. He is a four-time winner of the Charles S. Neer Award of the American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons, the first non-American winner of Kappa Delta Research Award of the AAOS and a recipient of the Arthur Steindler Award of the Orthopaedic Research Society. He is an honorary member of multiple national societies among them Swiss orthopaedics and the French Society of Orthopaedics and Traumatology (SOFOT).



In 2000 Dr. Gerber created the ResOrtho Foundation for Orthopaedic Research and Education to propel musculoskeletal research and support young academic careers. ResOrtho also created the prestigious Meyer Award for Discovery, Innovation and Disruption in Orthopaedics. The award is given every three years and endowed with 100'000 Swiss Francs. Through ResOrtho he is the initiator and founder of Balgrist Campus, a novel musculoskeletal research and development campus in Zürich, Switzerland.

Dr. Gerber holds an MD from the University of Berne, Switzerland and an Honorary Doctor of Philosophy of La Sapienza University in Rome, Italy. He is an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Dr Gerber remains involved in patient centered basic and clinical research related to acute and chronic shoulder pathologies



## Friday 21 August 2026

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| 8.00am         | Trial Exam                                                                                              |
| <b>11:45am</b> | <b>Invited Speaker - Christian Gerber - Gordon Kerridge Oration - My Journey As A Surgeon Scientist</b> |
| 1.00pm         | Lunch                                                                                                   |
| 2.00pm         | The Art Of Clinical Examination                                                                         |
| 4.00pm         | Wellness Session - Jhh V Maitland Soccer                                                                |
| 6.00pm         | Warners Bay Hotel                                                                                       |

## Saturday 22 August 2026

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| <b>9.00am</b>  | <b>Invited Speaker - Christian Gerber</b>                                                                                                                                                     |
| 9.15am         | <b>Elias Awwad</b> - Clinical presentations of Kingella kingae musculoskeletal infections in South Australian children                                                                        |
| 9.25am         | <b>Savannah Brooks</b> - Comparison of Direct Anterior and Posterior Approaches in Total Hip Arthroplasty for Neck of Femur Fractures: A Retrospective Cohort with a One-Year Follow-up       |
| 9.35am         | <b>David Dewar</b> - Update on the ROADMAP study                                                                                                                                              |
| 9.45am         | <b>Matthew Donaldson</b> - A Safe Window of Time: Rethinking the Urgency of Traumatic Posterior Sternoclavicular Joint Reductions                                                             |
| 9.55am         | <b>Matthew Dowsett</b> - Accuracy and Validity of 3D Markerless Motion Capture Compared to Marker-Based Systems for Lower-Limb Biomechanical Assessment: A Systematic Review                  |
| 10.05am        | <b>Heidi Freeman</b> - Acute scapholunate ligament injuries: A systematic review of long-term outcomes.                                                                                       |
| 10.15am        | <b>Robbie Glanfield</b> - Early weight bearing following rotational ankle fracture fixation is safe in our local population                                                                   |
| 10.25am        | <b>Tim Karbowskiak</b> - Two Stage Revision to Arthrodesis with Periosteal Flap for Massive Osteolysis in Failed Wrist Arthroplasty: A Unique and Challenging Case"                           |
| 10.35am        | Morning Tea                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 11.00am        | <b>Dumindu Katupitiya</b> - A novel technique for arthroscopic scapholunate ligament repair utilising knotless bone anchors with dorsal capsulodesis: technical considerations"               |
| 11.10am        | <b>Stephan Malan</b> - Epidemiology of spinal fractures in polytrauma patients                                                                                                                |
| 11.20am        | <b>Jade Moody</b> - Distal Femoral Fractures - are they any less serious?                                                                                                                     |
| 11.30am        | <b>Natasha Stokes</b> - Unexpected Positive Cultures in Presumed Aseptic Revision Arthroplasty: Prevalence, Microbiology, and Infection-Free Implant Survival at a Tertiary Australian Centre |
| 11.40am        | <b>Ezekiel Tan</b> - Perspectives - Learning from Non-Compliant Patients                                                                                                                      |
| 11.50am        | <b>Jack Woodley</b> - Utilising Intra-operative Video for Anatomy Teaching in Medical Students and Junior Doctors - A Systematic Review                                                       |
| 12.00pm        | Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>12.45pm</b> | <b>Invited Speaker - Christian Gerber</b>                                                                                                                                                     |
| 1.00pm         | Closing Remarks                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 6.00pm         | Gala Dinner - The Newcastle Art Gallery                                                                                                                                                       |

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