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## **COSECSA – CEGS VIRTUAL EDUCATIONAL LECTURE SERIES**

Greetings from COSECSA and hope all is well at your end.

The **College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA)** and the **Center for Equity in Global Surgery at the University of Global Health Equity** are organizing weekly online educational lecture series (18 sessions) on Oncology, Thoracic and Vascular topics for trainees and examination candidates from the LMIC region, mainly for COSECSA trainees.

Born out of a review of COSECSA trainees' clinical exposure and analysis of their deficits, this educational lecture series serves as a training opportunity for trainees across sub-Saharan Africa and hopefully as a refresher for practicing surgeons. The focus of the program would be **Oncology, Thoracic and Vascular care** with emphasis on essential areas of knowledge and skill.

Please note that the **COSECSA MCS and FCS General Surgery [curricula](#)** makes it mandatory for exam candidate to do attachments in Vascular and Cardiothoracic Surgery and be ready for examinations. Unfortunately, many of our trainees are not in a position to be trained in hospitals where these services are provided routinely and may even graduate without any exposure to these topics.

Hence, from 2022 we have decided to organize the following education series for our trainees with the primary intention of exposing you to these important but sidelined topics of surgery, and to help you get exposure in these surgical fields.

The sessions will be conducted **every Wednesday** for 18 weeks at **2:30 PM East Africa Time (1:30 PM CAT)**, from **April 2, 2025**.

You are requested to complete registration through the link below to be given more details.

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)**

**NOTE:** COSECSA 2025 General Surgery Exam Candidates Attendance is Mandatory

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## **COSECSA – CEGS VIRTUAL EDUCATIONAL LECTURE SERIES** **SCHEDULE**

#	DATE	TIME (EAT)	TOPIC	SPEAKER
<b><u>ONCOLOGY SURGERY</u></b>				
1	2 <sup>nd</sup> April	14:30	Thyroid Cancers	Kristin LONG
2	9 <sup>th</sup> April	14:30	Colorectal Cancers	Shilpa Murthy
3	16 <sup>th</sup> April	14:30	Bone Cancers	Prem YOHANNAN
4	23 <sup>rd</sup> April	14:30	Renal Cancer	Kasonde BOWA
5	<b>30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	14:30	Gastric Cancers	Keir THELANDER
6	<b>21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	14:30	Prostate Cancer	Charles MABEDI
7	28 <sup>th</sup> May	14:30	Esophageal Cancer	Russell WHITE
8	4 <sup>th</sup> June	14:30	Breast Cancers	Ainhoa COSTAS
9	11 <sup>th</sup> June	14:30	Skin Cancers	Faustin NTIRENGANYA

<b><u>THORACIC SURGERY</u></b>				
10	18 <sup>th</sup> June	14.30	Mediastinal Tumors	James MALONEY
11	25 <sup>th</sup> June	14:30	Lung Cancer	Gita MODY
12	2 <sup>nd</sup> July	14:30	Empyema Thoracis	Abebe BEKELE
13	9 <sup>th</sup> July	14:30	Introduction to Open Heart Surgery	Ahmed ELSAYED
14	16 <sup>th</sup> July	14:30	Surgically Treated Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Valarie RUSCH
15	23 <sup>rd</sup> July	14:30	Thoracic trauma: Principles	Andrew CHENG

<b><u>VASCULAR SURGERY</u></b>				
16	30 <sup>th</sup> July	14:30	Approach to Vascular Trauma	Nebiyou SEYOUM
17	6 <sup>th</sup> August	14:30	Acute Vascular Occlusion	Girma TEFERRA
18	13 <sup>th</sup> August	14:30	Chronic Vascular Occlusion	Becky SANDFORD