

International Learning and Camaraderie: The 8th International Congress for Ambulatory Surgery

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On July 3-6, 2009, the International Association for Ambulatory Surgery will hold its biennial meeting in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. The 8th International Congress on Ambulatory Surgery is themed "The Destiny of Day Surgery".

The program will consist of a mix of plenary and concurrent sessions covering:

- * Bariatrics
- * Different Models of Day Surgeries
- * Education
- * Electronic Health Records
- * Ownership Models Across the Globe
- * Extended Recovery
- * Interventional Radiology
- * Management Issues in Day Surgeries
- * Medi-Hotels
- * National Reports
- * New Techniques in Day Surgery
- * Nursing
- * Office Based Surgery
- * Paperless Offices
- * Quality and Safety
- * Regional Anaesthesia

* Robotics

* Surgical Specialties and Anaesthetics

Workshops and an Industry Exhibition will add to the learning and excitement.

The Congress is being held at the award-winning Brisbane Convention & Exhibit Centre in the resort-style South Bank Precinct in the heart of Brisbane. Sunny Brisbane has many city attractions and is the perfect start to a host of truly Australian attractions. See the Social Program and Post Congress Tours for suggestions.

Dr. Hugh Bartholomeusz, President of the Organising Committee, offers you this invitation to the Congress:

"We will be joining with colleagues from around the world to ponder the 'Destiny of Day Surgery'. Where are we heading and what does it mean for our professions? How will technology influence our systems and procedures? Will there be a place for paper in our offices? What role will robotics play and where do we fit in? Nursing in the future, what skills are needed and how will responsibilities change?

Alone we can't answer these questions but collectively we can help shape our professional futures. Bring plenty of enthusiasm, ideas and knowledge and we will provide the Congress framework to enable you to get the most out of your participation."

We look forward to hosting all of our local and international colleagues in beautiful Brisbane in 2009. We invite you to see more details and register online at www.iaascongress2009.org Early Bird Registration has been extended to 22 May 2009.

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