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## International Colorectal Research Forum Vilnius 2026 with Korean Society of Coloproctology and International Society of University Colon and Rectal Surgeons Sessions

2026-05-15, 9.00-17.10, Panorama Hotel, Vilnius, Lithuania

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| 09.00-09.10 | <b>WELCOMING ADDRESS:</b><br><b>Prof. Narimantas Evaldas Samalavicius (Republican Vilnius University Hospital, Vilnius, Lithuania); Prof. Woo Yong Lee (Samsung Medical Center, Seoul, Korea); Prof. Ho-Kyung Chun (Jeju National University, Korea)</b> |
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### SESSION I and II (Korean), 09.10-10.55

Moderators: Narimantas Evaldas Samalavicius (Vilnius, Lithuania) and Soon Sup Chung (Seoul, Korea)

#### SESSION I. Surgical innovations & techniques

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| 09.10-09.25 | <i>Colorectal surgery in the era of robotics.</i><br>Hye Jung CHO (Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea).   |
| 09.25-09.40 | <i>Minimally invasive surgery for colorectal cancer.</i><br>Daero LIM (Soonchunhyang University, Seoul, Korea).  |
| 09.40-09.55 | <i>Surgical principles and techniques for the tailored treatment of right colon cancer.</i><br>Byung Soh MIN (Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea).                                  |
| 09.55-10.10 | <i>Optimal time to surgery after colorectal cancer diagnosis: evidence from a nationwide Korean quality-assessment cohort.</i><br>Hye Jung CHO (Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea) |

#### SESSION II. Advanced strategies for rectal cancer

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| 10.10-10.25 | <i>Predicting the unpredictable: a multi-modal AI journey toward personalized neoadjuvant response in advanced rectal cancer.</i><br>Rumi SHIN (Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea) |
| 10.25-10.40 | <i>Beyond local excision: the precision of TAMIS in early rectal cancer.</i><br>Rumi SHIN (Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea).   |
| 10.40-10.55 | <i>Optimal indication for lateral pelvic lymph node dissection.</i><br>Jung Hoon BAE (Catholic University, Seoul, Korea).  |

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| 10.55–11.25   | Coffee break   |
| <b>SESSION III and IV (Korean), 11.25–12.40</b>   |  |
| <b>Moderators: Vita Kimasauskiene (Vilnius, Lithuania) and Eungjin Shin (Seoul, Korea).</b>   |  |
| <b>SESSION III. Research, technology &amp; management</b>   |  |
| 11.25–11.40   | <i>Colonoscopy for postoperative complications.</i><br>Sun Il LEE (Korea University, Seoul, Korea).  |
| 11.40–11.55   | <i>AI literacy: integrating ChatGPT into medical research and clinical workflows.</i><br>Ki-Hyun JEON (Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea).   |
| 11.55–12.10   | <i>Development of tumour-infiltrating lymphocytes based prognostic biomarker in CRC patients.</i><br>Jeonghyun KANG (Yonsei University, Korea).  |
| 12.10–12.25   | <i>Aerobic bacterial group as an early-stage biomarker from fecal samples of patients with colorectal cancer without distant metastasis.</i><br>Ho-Kyung Chun (Jeju National University, Korea). |
| 12.25–12.40   | <i>Colorectal screening – challenges and recommendations.</i><br>Samar Alhomoud (Riyadh, Saudi Arabia).  |
| <b>SESSION IV. Pelvic floor disorders</b>   |  |
| 12.40–12.55   | <i>Laparoscopic ventral mesh rectopexy for symptomatic rectocele and rectal intussusception with biologic mesh.</i><br>Doo Seok LEE (Daehang Hospital, Korea).                                   |
| <b>SESSION V (Combined KSC and ISUCRS), 12.55–13.30. Consultant corner.</b>   |  |
| <b>Moderator – Joseph Nunoo Mensah (London, UK).</b>  |  |
| Panel: Woo Yong Lee (Korea), Rumi Shin (Korea), Hye Jung Cho (Korea), Jung Hoon Bae (Korea), Samar Alhomoud (Saudi Arabia), Ricardo Escalante (Venezuela), Joaquim Costa Pereira (Portugal) |  |
| 13.30–14.30   | Lunch  |
| 14.30–15.30   | <b>Colorectal emergencies.</b><br><b>Moderators – Zilvinas Gričius (Vilnius, Lithuania), Samar Alhomoud (Riyadh, Saudi Arabia).</b>  |
| <b>SESSION VI. (ISUCRS)</b>   |  |
| 14.30–14.45   | <i>Current strategies in acute diverticulitis.</i><br>Joseph Nunoo-Mensah (London, UK).  |
| 14.45–15.00   | <i>Combat injuries of colon and rectum.</i><br>Ievgen Kvasnevskiy (Odesa, Ukraine).  |
| 15.00–15.15   | <i>Malignant colonic obstruction: radical surgery, or stenting or stoma?</i><br>Samar Alhomoud (Riyadh, Saudi Arabia).   |
| 15.15–15.30   | <i>Anastomotic leak in colorectal surgery: a surgeons challenge.</i><br>Joaquim Costa Pereira (Braga, Portugal).   |

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| 15.30–15.45        | Discussion  |
| <b>15.45–16.45</b> | <b>Proctology.<br/>Moderators – Andrei Kolosov (Vilnius, Lithuania), Ricardo Escalante (Caracas, Venezuela)</b> |

### SESSION VII. (ISUCRS)

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| 15.45–16.00 | <i>My approach to surgical treatment of hemorrhoidal disease.</i><br>Joaquim Costa Pereira (Braga, Portugal).            |
| 16.00–16.15 | <i>Contemporary treatment of pilonidal disease.</i><br>Ricardo Escalante (Caracas, Venezuela).                           |
| 16.15–16.30 | <i>Perianal abscess: drainage alone or primary fistula management?</i><br>Joaquim Costa Pereira (Braga, Portugal).       |
| 16.30–16.45 | <i>Why does anal fistula surgery fail? Lessons from recurrence and non-healing.</i><br>Joseph Nunoo Mensah (London, UK). |
| 16.45–17.00 | Discussion   |

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| <b>17.00–17.10</b> | <b>CLOSING REMARKS:<br/>Joseph Nunoo Mensah (Kings College and Cleveland Clinic London, London, UK)<br/>and Narimantas Evaldas Samalavicius (Republican Vilnius University Hospital, Vilnius, Lithuania)</b> |
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