

AUGUST 2021

APORG MEETING: SATURDAY 20 NOV '21 Save the date!

The APORG Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday 20
November. *Please save the date*.
We will be discussing the results of ASOS-2 and ACCCOS, the plans

for ASOS-Paeds, an update on ASOS-3, implementation of the APORG Minimum Dataset for Africa, and quality improvement projects for Africa.

A SHORT HISTORY OF APORG

This is what APORG has done in its first 5 years.

Remarkable!

APORG responds to the call for data by the Lancet Commission for Global Surgery with ASOS. 'Failure to rescue' is identified as the leading cause of postoperative mortality in Africa. The ASOS-2 trial attempts to decrease postop mortality through increased postoperative surveillance. APORG identifies that limited resources in Africa will negatively impact severe COVID-19 outcomes, and responds with ACCCOS to inform a response to severe COVID-19 infection in Africa.

LANDMARK EVENTS

1. ASOS RECRUITS IN 25
COUNTRIES IN 2016
2. ASOS PUBLISHED IN THE
LANCET 2018
3. ASOS OBSTETRICS
PUBLISHED IN LANCET GLOBAL

HEALTH 2019
4. ASOS-2 RECRUITS IN 28
COUNTRIES IN 2019/ 2020
5. APORG PUBLISHES
RESEARCH PRIORITIES IN 2020

6. ACCCOS RECRUITS IN 2020
7. ACCCOS PUBLISHED IN THE
LANCET IN 2021

ASOS-2 WILL BE PUBLISHED ONLINE BY THE LANCET GLOBAL HEALTH ON $14^{\rm TH}$ AUGUST 2021, AT 23H30 UK TIME.

THE ASOS-2 PROCESS EVALUATION WILL BE PUBLISHED AT A SIMILAR TIME BY THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF ANAESTHESIA

PROF THANDINKOSI MADIBA

It is sad to report that Prof Thandinkosi Madiba died recently. He was a giant in his surgical field and a real gentleman. He was an inspirational leader who helped lead the African Surgical Outcomes Study (ASOS) and establish the African Perioperative Research Group (APORG). This link provides a lovely summary of Prof Madiba's life. https://www.gregard



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