SKAA 2027

SHOULDER KNEE ARTHROSCOPY TO ARTHROPLASTY SYMPOSIUM 2027

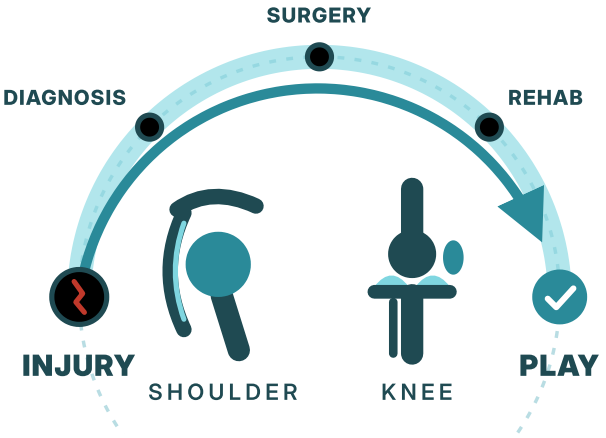
Current concepts in shoulder and knee orthopaedics and rehabilitation

FROM INJURY TO PLAY!

PROGRAMME AND GENERAL INFORMATION

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME 2027

Shoulder & Knee Arthroscopy to Arthroplasty Symposium · From injury to play!



4th and 5th November 2027

Grand Hotel Bernardin, Portorož, Slovenia

CALL FOR POSTER ABSTRACTS

Submit your abstract by 30 September 2027

Online form at **www.skaa.si** · three categories: **shoulder orthopaedics**, **knee orthopaedics** and **rehabilitation** · abstracts of up to 500 words in English · accepted posters are presented as e-posters in the Poster Battles

BEST POSTER AWARDS

Three categories, three winners

The winner of each category receives a two-week fellowship with the SKAA faculty, announced at the closing on 5 November 2027

6 live battles

Orthopaedics vs Physiotherapy – one per topic, decided by an expert jury and the audience

Re-live surgery

Operative techniques paired with the matching rehabilitation after each topic

Poster Battles

Six posters at the end of each day · Best Poster Awards and SKAA fellowships

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WHEN

4–5 November 2027

WHERE

Grand Hotel Bernardin, Portorož

LANGUAGE

English

WEBSITE

www.skaa.si

Dear friends and colleagues,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to the Shoulder & Knee Arthroscopy to Arthroplasty Symposium 2027. This year's motto, **From Injury to Play**, captures what SKAA 2027 is all about: following the patient through the entire journey, from injury or diagnosis, through surgery and rehabilitation, to returning to sport, work, and everyday life.

A symposium built on real cases

Instead of lectures, the heart of SKAA 2027 is case-based discussion. Faculty and participants will work through real clinical cases – shoulder and knee – from the first consultation to the final follow-up. Each case opens the floor to debate: Was this the right indication? Was the timing right? What would you have done differently? How should rehabilitation be planned and progressed? When is the patient truly ready to play again?

Across all sessions, sports medicine experts, physicians, physiotherapists and kinesiologists will bring the non-operative and rehabilitation perspective to every case: deciding when surgery is needed and when it is not, protecting the repair in the early phase, restoring strength and movement, objectively assessing readiness, and guiding the athlete or active patient safely back to full performance.

Who should attend?

SKAA 2027 is for everyone involved in caring for the injured shoulder and knee – orthopaedic and trauma surgeons, sports medicine experts, physicians, physiotherapists, kinesiologists, residents and students. Whether you operate, treat, rehabilitate, or do all three, you will leave with practical ideas you can apply the very next day and with new colleagues across professional boundaries.

Warm regards,
The Organising Committee
SKAA 2027

MAIN TOPICS

Shoulder

Instability, frozen shoulder and arthroplasty – state-of-the-art lectures, Orthopaedics vs Physiotherapy battles and re-live surgery with the matching rehabilitation.

Knee

ACL injury, meniscus tear and patellar instability – state-of-the-art lectures, Orthopaedics vs Physiotherapy battles and re-live surgery with the matching rehabilitation.

FACULTY

The faculty of SKAA 2027 forms two teams that meet in the Orthopaedics vs Physiotherapy battles, present the re-live surgery and rehabilitation sessions and sit on the expert juries. Biographies and photos are published on the website.

Orthopaedics team

Benjamin Marjanovič
TEAM CAPTAIN

- Bogdan Ambrožič
- Emmanouil Antonogiannakis
- Markas Fiodorovas
- Boštjan Gosnik
- Neil Jain
- Ladislav Kovačič
- Guido Marra
- David Martinčič
- Àngel Masferrer
- Jakob Merkač
- Nino Mirnik
- Marko Nabergoj
- Samo Novak
- Boris Poberaj
- Giuseppe Porcellini

Physiotherapy team

Ivana Hrvatin
TEAM CAPTAIN

- Matej Bombač
- Amy Bowzaylo
- Fabrizio Brindisino
- Leopoldo Buttinioni
- Alessandro Compagnin
- Katarina Cunder
- Eric Hamrin Senorski
- Lana Jović
- Julija Kralj
- Neža Majdič
- Robbie Ohashi
- Maria Papatzikou
- Marina Rojc
- Špela Škerjanc
- Renata Vauhnik
- Matej Voglar

Faculty according to the preliminary programme; further speakers will be announced on www.skaa.si.

HOW THE SYMPOSIUM WORKS

State-of-the-art lectures

Each of the six topics – shoulder instability, frozen shoulder, shoulder arthroplasty, ACL injury, meniscus tear and patellar instability – opens with a 15-minute lecture on the current concepts in 2027.

Orthopaedics vs Physiotherapy battles

“Fastest Way to Return to Play!” – one orthopaedic surgeon and one physiotherapist argue the best way back to play for the same patient. An expert jury and the audience decide the winner; every battle counts for the running scoreboard.

Re-live surgery and rehabilitation

Short presentations of the operative techniques of each topic, paired with the matching post-operative rehabilitation and a joint discussion with the expert jury.

Poster Battles and awards

Six posters at the end of each day – four from orthopaedics and two from rehabilitation – 5 minutes each, followed by discussion and voting. The Best Poster Awards and SKAA fellowships are presented at the closing on 5 November 2027.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

Two days, two joints, one question at every table: what is the best way back to play? Each topic opens with a state-of-the-art lecture, continues with a head-to-head battle between orthopaedic surgery and physiotherapy, and closes with a re-live surgery block paired with the matching rehabilitation. Each day ends with a poster battle. We want everyone in the room to take part, so come ready to vote for your winners.

Scoreboard – the running Orthopaedics vs Physiotherapy score is shown throughout both days; the overall winner is announced at the closing. **Side events** take place during the breaks (times on site).

DAY 1 · SHOULDER

Thursday, 4 November 2027

7.30 – 8.20	Registration	
8.20 – 8.30	Welcome and opening remarks	Benjamin Marjanovič, Ivana Hrvatin, Ladislav Kovačič, Vado Keranović, Radoslav Marčan

SHOULDER INSTABILITY

Expert jury: Katarina Cunder, Ladislav Kovačič, Giuseppe Porcellini, Amy Bowzaylo, Robbie Ohashi

8.30 – 8.40	Current trends in the treatment of shoulder instability	Emmanouil Antonogiannakis
8.40 – 9.45	**FASTEST WAY TO RETURN TO PLAY!** ORTHOPAEDICS TEAM **Guido Marra** **VS** PHYSIOTHERAPY TEAM **Leopoldo Buttinioni**	
9.45 – 10.00	*Coffee break*	

RE-LIVE SURGERY · SHOULDER INSTABILITY

Expert jury: Markas Fiodorovas, Špela Škerjanc, Giuseppe Porcellini, Leopoldo Buttinioni, Marko Nabergoj

10.00 – 10.10	Latarjet procedure	Boris Poberaj
10.10 – 10.20	Bankart repair with remplissage	Guido Marra
10.20 – 10.30	Bone block procedures	Emmanouil Antonogiannakis
10.30 – 10.40	Post-operative rehabilitation after stabilisation surgery	Maria Papatzikou
10.40 – 10.50	Enhancing tissue healing	Neža Majdič
10.50 – 11.10	Discussion	
11.10 – 11.20	*Hydration break*	

FROZEN SHOULDER

Expert jury: Markas Fiodorovas, Matej Bombač, David Martinčič, Neža Majdič, Leopoldo Buttinioni

11.20 – 11.30	Treatment trends 2027	Marko Nabergoj
11.30 – 12.30	**FASTEST WAY TO RETURN TO PLAY!** ORTHOPAEDICS TEAM **Emmanouil Antonogiannakis** **VS** PHYSIOTHERAPY TEAM **Fabrizio Brindisino**	
12.30 – 13.30	*Lunch break*	

SHOULDER ARTHROPLASTY

Expert jury: Boštjan Gosnik, Benjamin Marjanovič, Maria Papatzikou, Guido Marra, Ivana Hrvatin

13.30 – 13.40	Shoulder arthroplasty in 2027	David Martinčič
13.40 – 14.45	**FASTEST WAY TO RETURN TO PLAY!** ORTHOPAEDICS TEAM **Giuseppe Porcellini** **VS** PHYSIOTHERAPY TEAM **Robbie Ohashi**	
14.45 – 15.00	*Coffee break*	

RE-LIVE SURGERY · SHOULDER ARTHROPLASTY

Expert jury: Boris Poberaj, Benjamin Marjanovič, Fabrizio Brindisino, Marina Rojc, Ivana Hrvatin

15.00 – 15.10	Anatomic total shoulder arthroplasty	Ladislav Kovačič
15.10 – 15.20	Reverse shoulder arthroplasty	Giuseppe Porcellini
15.20 – 15.30	Conversion from anatomic to reverse arthroplasty	Guido Marra
15.30 – 15.40	Rehabilitation after shoulder arthroplasty	Maria Papatzikou
15.40 – 16.00	Discussion	

POSTER BATTLE · SHOULDER

Expert jury: Boris Poberaj, Benjamin Marjanovič, Fabrizio Brindisino, Marina Rojc, Ivana Hrvatin

16.00 – 16.05	Poster 1	Orthopaedics
16.05 – 16.10	Poster 2	Orthopaedics
16.10 – 16.15	Poster 3	Orthopaedics
16.15 – 16.20	Poster 4	Orthopaedics
16.20 – 16.25	Poster 5	Rehabilitation
16.25 – 16.30	Poster 6	Rehabilitation
16.30 – 17.00	Discussion and voting	
19.30	**Conference dinner**	Included in the registration fee · venue to be announced

Preliminary programme – timings and speakers are subject to change.

DAY 2 · KNEE Friday, 5 November 2027

8.00 – 8.30	Registration			

ACL INJURY

Expert jury: Samo Novak, Renata Vauhnik, Markas Fiodorovas, Amy Bowzaylo, Eric Hamrin Senorski

8.30 – 8.40	Current perspectives on ACL treatment in 2027			Jakob Merkač
8.40 – 9.45	FASTEST WAY TO RETURN TO PLAY!	ORTHOPAEDICS TEAM **Neil Jain**	VS	PHYSIOTHERAPY TEAM **Alessandro Compagnin**
9.45 – 10.00	*Coffee break*			

RE-LIVE SURGERY · ACL RECONSTRUCTION

Expert jury: Nino Mirnik, Lana Jović, Jakob Merkač, Àngel Masferrer, Alessandro Compagnin

10.00 – 10.10	Graft options and harvesting	Neil Jain
10.10 – 10.20	ACL + anterolateral ligament (ALL) reconstruction	Samo Novak
10.20 – 10.30	ACL + lateral extra-articular tenodesis (LET)	Markas Fiodorovas
10.30 – 10.40	Graft-based rehabilitation – is this the future?	Eric Hamrin Senorski
10.40 – 10.50	Is isokinetic testing still relevant?	Katarina Cunder
10.50 – 11.10	Discussion	
11.10 – 11.20	*Hydration break*	

MENISCUS TEAR

Expert jury: Bogdan Ambrožič, Samo Novak, Matej Voglar, Àngel Masferrer, Matej Bombač

11.20 – 11.30	Current perspectives on meniscus treatment in 2027			Boštjan Gosnik
11.30 – 12.30	FASTEST WAY TO RETURN TO PLAY!	ORTHOPAEDICS TEAM **Markas Fiodorovas**	VS	PHYSIOTHERAPY TEAM **Amy Bowzaylo**
12.30 – 13.30	*Lunch break*			

PATELLAR INSTABILITY

Expert jury: Bogdan Ambrožič, Matej Bombač, David Martinčič, Robbie Ohashi, Renata Vauhnik

13.30 – 13.40	Patellar instability in 2027			Neil Jain
13.40 – 14.45	FASTEST WAY TO RETURN TO PLAY!	ORTHOPAEDICS TEAM **Àngel Masferrer**	VS	PHYSIOTHERAPY TEAM **Eric Hamrin Senorski**
14.45 – 15.00	*Coffee break*			

RE-LIVE SURGERY · PATELLAR INSTABILITY

Expert jury: Jakob Merkač, Neil Jain, Boštjan Gosnik, Eric Hamrin Senorski, Neža Majdič

15.00 – 15.10	MPFL reconstruction	David Martinčič
15.10 – 15.20	Trochleoplasty	Bogdan Ambrožič
15.20 – 15.30	Rotational osteotomy	Àngel Masferrer
15.30 – 15.40	Rehabilitation after patellar stabilisation	Julija Kralj
15.40 – 16.00	Discussion	

POSTER BATTLE · KNEE

Expert jury: Jakob Merkač, Neil Jain, Boštjan Gosnik, Eric Hamrin Senorski, Neža Majdič

16.00 – 16.05	Poster 1	Orthopaedics
16.05 – 16.10	Poster 2	Orthopaedics
16.10 – 16.15	Poster 3	Orthopaedics
16.15 – 16.20	Poster 4	Orthopaedics
16.20 – 16.25	Poster 5	Rehabilitation
16.25 – 16.30	Poster 6	Rehabilitation
16.30 – 17.00	Discussion and voting	
17.00 – 17.15	**Closing of the symposium and Best Poster Awards**	Best Poster Awards in shoulder orthopaedics, knee orthopaedics and rehabilitation · final Orthopaedics vs Physiotherapy score and farewell

Preliminary programme – timings and speakers are subject to change.

CALL FOR POSTER ABSTRACTS

Poster abstracts on shoulder and knee orthopaedics, sports traumatology and rehabilitation are invited for SKAA 2027 – original research, systematic reviews, case reports or technical notes. Abstracts are submitted through the online form on www.skaa.si by **30 September 2027**.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

30 September 2027

23:59 CET · no extensions

PRESENTATION TYPE

Posters only

Best posters: 5-minute presentation in the Poster Battle

HOW TO SUBMIT

Online form

www.skaa.si · no e-mail submissions

LANGUAGE

English

Abstract and poster

Three categories, three winners, three fellowships

Shoulder orthopaedics

Instability, rotator cuff, frozen shoulder, arthroplasty, sports injuries of the shoulder

Knee orthopaedics

ACL and other ligaments, meniscus, cartilage, patellofemoral instability, arthroplasty

Rehabilitation

Physiotherapy, kinesiology and sports medicine after shoulder and knee injury or surgery, testing, return to play

The prize – the best posters of each category are presented in the Poster Battle sessions; from the presented posters the audience and an expert jury select one winner per category. Each winner receives a **two-week fellowship with the SKAA faculty**. The winners are announced at the closing of the symposium on 5 November 2027.

In brief

- **Format:** title max. 20 words · up to 8 authors with affiliations · structured text max. 500 words · one category per abstract.
- **Rules:** up to three abstracts as presenting author · original, non-promotional work · ethics approval or patient consent stated, no identifying data.
- **Submission:** online form only; a confirmation e-mail follows (if it does not arrive within 24 hours, write to abstracts@skaa.si). Corrections until the deadline via abstracts@skaa.si. A portrait photo of the presenting author is uploaded with the abstract.
- **Review:** blinded review by the Scientific Committee; notification by 15 October 2027. The four highest-scoring abstracts in each category are selected for the Poster Battle.
- **Presenting author:** registers by 22 October 2027 and presents the poster in person; posters are presented in electronic form (e-posters). E-poster design instructions follow with the acceptance.
- **Publication:** accepted abstracts are published in the electronic SKAA 2027 Abstract Book, issued at the end of the symposium and catalogued in COBISS.

Key dates

1 December 2026	Abstract submission opens
30 September 2027	Abstract submission deadline (23:59 CET)
by 15 October 2027	Notification of acceptance and selection for the Poster Battle
22 October 2027	Registration deadline for presenting authors
4–5 November 2027	Poster Battles · Shoulder (4 Nov) and Knee (5 Nov), Best Poster Awards at the closing

Full details – review criteria, Poster Battle and award rules, obligations of authors and a checklist – are in the Instructions for authors (PDF) on www.skaa.si.

VENUE

Grand Hotel Bernardin, Portorož

SKAA 2027 takes place at the Grand Hotel Bernardin, part of the St. Bernardin Resort on the seafront between Portorož and Piran. The five-star hotel houses the largest hotel congress centre in Slovenia. The whole symposium – lectures, battles, re-live surgery and the poster battles – runs in a single conference hall, with the exhibition, coffee breaks and lunch right next to it, and the sea a few steps away.

Grand Hotel Bernardin, Obala 2, 6320 Portorož, Slovenia · Hotel reception: +386 5 695 1000

- **By car:** A1 motorway from Ljubljana (about 120 km) or H5 expressway from Trieste (about 36 km); an e-vignette is required on Slovenian motorways. Outdoor parking and a garage (surcharge) at the resort.
- **Nearest airports:** Trieste (TRS, about 75 km), Ljubljana (LJU, about 140 km), Venice Marco Polo (VCE, about 190 km), Venice Treviso (TSF, about 180 km), Pula (about 90 km), Zagreb (about 260 km).
- **By bus and train:** coaches from Ljubljana, Koper, Trieste and Venice (bus station about 1.5 km from the hotel); nearest railway stations Koper and Trieste.
- **Accommodation:** Grand Hotel Bernardin, Hotel Histrion and Hotel Vile Park in the same resort; further hotels and apartments in Portorož and Piran. Booking information is published with the registration.







REGISTRATION

Registration for SKAA 2027 is open to everyone involved in the care of the injured shoulder and knee – surgeons, physicians, physiotherapists, kinesiologists, residents and students. One registration fee applies to all participants. Registration is online only (www.skaa.si) until 31 October 2027 or until all places are taken, first come, first served.

EARLY BIRD
220 EUR
until 31 May 2027, 23:59 CET

REGULAR
260 EUR
1 June – 30 September 2027

LATE
300 EUR
1 – 31 October 2027

The fee includes

- Access to all scientific sessions on both days – lectures, Orthopaedics vs Physiotherapy battles, re-live surgery sessions and the Poster Battles
- Exhibition and networking area, symposium materials and the electronic abstract book
- Coffee breaks and lunches on both days
- Conference dinner on Thursday, 4 November 2027, at 19.30
- Electronic certificate of attendance (sent by e-mail after the symposium)

All fees include VAT. Travel and accommodation are not included.

Payment and conditions

- Fees are paid by bank transfer within 3 working days after registration; the confirmation e-mail contains the payment details. The invoice is issued by the Slovenian Medical Association (Zveza društev – Slovensko zdravniško društvo) after payment.
- The applicable fee is determined by the date of registration, provided the fee is paid within 3 working days.
- Cancellations in writing to info@skaa.si: by 30 September 2027 refunded minus 50 EUR; later cancellations are not refunded. Name substitutions are free until 31 October 2027.
- Official language: English. Participants who need a visa receive an invitation letter on request after registration and payment.

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