

The Australasian Students' Surgical Conference (ASSC) was a fantastic experience. The conference offered a cocktail careers evening, a gala ball, as well as excellent quality surgical skill workshops and academic talks. I learned a great deal from my time there, and was afforded the opportunity to meet fellow like-minded medical students from across Australia. In addition, I was able to continue fostering the relationships I have formed over this year with the representatives from the other surgical societies from around the country.

The theme of the conference was '*Make a Connection*' and I firmly believe that the organisers of the program did a terrific job in integrating this theme into the numerous activities of the program. Further, the skills that I developed within the workshops will be brought to Deakin later this year, as my team and I continue to construct the surgical skills workshop for Deakin medical students to be held next month.

Overall, the ASSC was a terrific experience that has certainly inspired to continue pursuing surgery as a speciality in the coming years of my medical studies.