

# WORLD CANCER DAY SYMPOSIUM

EMPOWERING PROGRESS

## New Frontiers in Cancer Care Pathways

Tuesday  
4 February  
2025

3:00 - 7:00 pm  
The Westin Grand Cayman



## Agenda

- 3:05 **Opening**
- 3:08 **Prayer**
- 3:10 **CEO Welcome:**  
*Lizzette Yearwood, Chief Executive Officer, HSA*
- 3:15 **Remarks**  
*The Honourable Juliana O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP  
The Premier and Minister of Health*
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- 3:20 *Amanda Nicholson, Cancer Registry*
- 3:25 **Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Breast Cancer Imaging;**  
*Dr. Jamaal Brown, Consultant Radiologist, HSA*
- 3:45 **Surgical Management Breast Cancer;**  
*Dr. Ajit Mathew, Consultant General Surgeon, HSA*
- 4:05 **Oncologists Discuss Breast Cancer Management,**  
*Dr. Danielle Smellie & Dr. Lundie Richards,  
Consultant Haematologists & Medical Oncologists, HSA*
- 4:25 **Panel Discussion** – Access to advances in cancer management strategies
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- 5:00 **Coffee Break**
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- 5:20 **Cancer Patient Story**
- 5:30 **Developments in Multiple Myeloma;**  
*Dr. Danielle Smellie, Consultant Haematologist & Medical Oncologist, HSA*
- 5:50 **Guest Lecture:**  
**Latest Advancements in The Surgical Approaches to Pancreatoduodenectomies**  
*Domenech Asbun, M.D., Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Surgeon,  
Baptist Health Miami Cancer Institute*
- 6:20 **Organ Preserving Surgery in Early Rectal Cancer;**  
*Dr. Paul Lidder, Consultant General Surgeon, HSA*
- 6:40 **Advances in the Treatment of Prostate Cancer:**  
*Dr. Lundie Richards, Consultant Haematologist & Medical Oncologist, HSA*
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- 7:00 **Closing**
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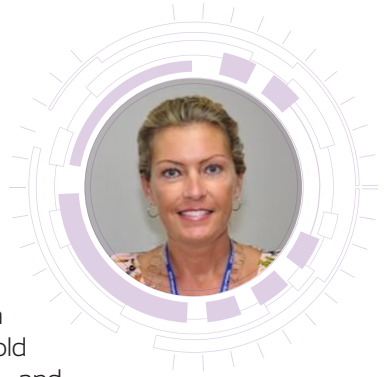
## SPEAKER PROFILE

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#### Amanda Nicholson

*Cancer Registrar, Cayman Islands Cancer Registry*

Before joining the Cayman Islands Health Services Authority as Cancer Registrar, Ms. Nicholson was previously employed as a statistician at both Washington University School of Medicine and The University of South Florida. While at the University of South Florida she was awarded a certificate of recognition for Gold Level Performance in Evaluation Data Use and Dissemination. Ms. Nicholson has been a member of the HSA team for nearly 12 years.

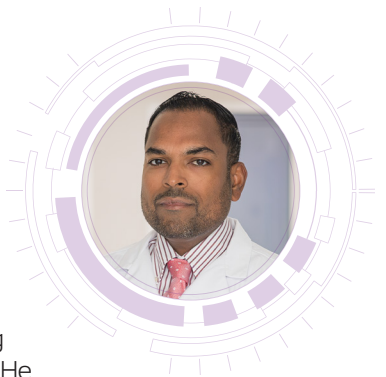


3:20 pm [Cancer Registry](#)

#### Dr Jamaal Brown

*HSA Consultant Radiologist*

Dr. Jamaal Brown is the Clinical Head of Diagnostic Services and a Consultant Radiologist at the Cayman Islands Health Services Authority. He earned his medical degree from the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus and pursued postgraduate training in Radiology at the University of the West Indies. He subsequently went on to complete his FRCR in the United Kingdom. Dr. Brown is a Fellow of the Royal College of Radiologists, UK and a member of the Radiological Society of North America and Caribbean Society of Radiologists.



3:25 pm [Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) in Breast Cancer Imaging](#)

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#### Dr. Lundie Richards

*HSA Consultant Haematologist & Oncologist*



Dr Lundie Richards is a Consultant Medical Haematologist-Oncologist at the Health Services Authority (HSA) and has been part of the organisation's Internal Medicine, Pathology Laboratory and Haematology Oncology teams since 2019. Prior to joining HSA full time, he was a visiting specialist to oncology patients on island. In addition to haematology and oncology services, he provides expertise in public health, blood bank and transfusion medicine.

Dr Richards received his medical degree from the Instituto Superior Ciencias Medicas, Villa Clara, Cuba, where he graduated with "Diploma de Oro" (Gold Seal Diploma - First Class Honours). He completed his Doctor of Medicine in Clinical Haematology & Oncology at the University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica. He earned the prestigious Common Wealth Scholarship award in 2000 and pursued his Master of Science in Transfusion and Transplantation Sciences at the University of Bristol UK. He has also obtained a Master of Public Health from Lakehead University, Ontario Canada and Master in Health Management from McMaster University, Ontario Canada. He is a Certified Health Executive (CHE) awarded by the Canadian College of Health Care Leaders.

Dr Richards has worked as a haematologist-oncologist in Jamaica for over 20 years. He has held several senior positions globally including: Director Laboratory Services Jamaica, Director National Blood Services Jamaica, Director Health Services Planning and Integration Jamaica, Advisor Blood Services Development and Management – Pan American Health Organization / World Health Organization and Senior Program Consultant at the Ministry of Health, Ontario Canada.

He is fluent in both Spanish and English and enjoys cricket.

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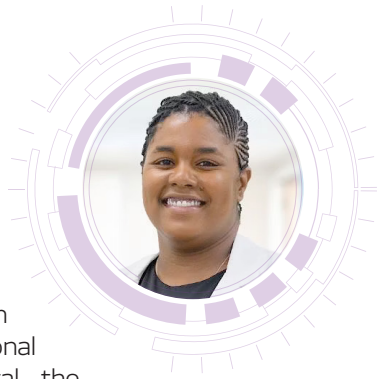
#### Dr. Danielle Smellie

*HSA Consultant Haematologist & Medical Oncologist*

Dr. Danielle Smellie is a Consultant Haematologist and Medical Oncologist at the Health Services Authority.

Dr. Smellie is a graduate of the University of the West Indies where she obtained her doctorate in Haematology & Medical Oncology. Her professional experience includes the Hope Institute Hospital, the Kingston Public Hospital, and the University Hospital of the West Indies in Jamaica.

Her clinical interests are focused on treating patients with breast, lung, colon cancers, lymphoma, multiple myeloma, anaemia, as well as performing bone marrow aspiration and biopsy procedures.



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5:30 pm [Developments in Multiple Myeloma](#)

#### Dr. Paul Lidder

*HSA Consultant General Surgeon*

Dr Lidder holds a Bachelors of Science Degree (Hons), a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery, as well as a Medical Doctor Degree. Specializing in colorectal surgery and transanal surgery, he brings with him 26 years of experience in general surgery, laparoscopic surgery, transanal surgery, colorectal cancer, inflammatory bowel disease, and benign anoproctology.



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6:20 pm [Organ Preserving Surgery in Early Rectal Cancer](#)

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#### Dr. Domenech Asbun

*Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Surgeon,  
Baptist Health Miami Cancer Institute*

Domenech Asbun, M.D. is a Board-certified hepatobiliary, pancreas and foregut surgeon at Baptist Health Miami Cancer Institute. He specializes in minimally invasive surgical procedures to treat liver, pancreatic and upper gastrointestinal diseases.



Dr. Asbun completed his surgical residency at UCSF Fresno, in Fresno, California, and completed a fellowship in minimally invasive hepatopancreatobiliary and foregut surgery at the Mayo Clinic Hospital Florida.

Dr. Asbun is a member of several professional associations, including the American College of Surgeons, and the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES).

He has presented at national and international surgical meetings. His research has been published in multiple high-impact surgical journals, including *Annals of Surgery* and *Surgical Endoscopy*. He has a strong interest and significant experience in surgical simulation.both Spanish and English and enjoys cricket.

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5:50 pm [Latest Advancements in The Surgical Approaches to Pancreatoduodenectomies](#)

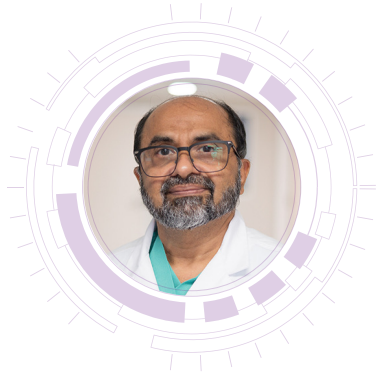
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#### Dr. Ajit Mathew

*HSA Consultant General Surgeon*

Dr. Ajit Mathew is a Consultant General Surgeon at the Cayman Islands Health Services Authority, where he has been practicing since 2007. With over 25 years of surgical experience, he specialises in gastrointestinal surgery, surgical oncology, and minimally invasive procedures.



Dr. Mathew completed his surgical training in New Delhi, India, and obtained his Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons (FRCS) in Upper GI and Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary (HPB) Surgery from Newcastle, UK. His expertise spans a broad spectrum of complex surgical conditions, with a commitment to delivering advanced, patient-centered care.

3:45 pm [Surgical Management Breast Cancer](#)



HSA Oncologist