

# Epidemiology & Biostatistics and Surgery Joint Research Symposium

**November 19, 2025**

**Public Health and Family Medicine, Room 1150**

**Co-Chairs: Dr. Kelly Vogt & Dr. Joel Gagnier**

- 8:30 a.m. Coffee and continental breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Opening Remarks  
**Dr Joel Gagnier**, Associate Professor, Department of Epidemiology & Biostatistics, Department of Surgery  
**Dr Kelly Vogt**, Associate Professor, Department of Surgery
- 9:10 a.m. Department Talks: Surgery  
**Dr Farhad Ghasemi**, Assistant Professor, General Surgery  
“Investigating Biomarkers in Publicly-Accessible Cancer Databases: PARP1 in Breast Cancer”
- 9:30 a.m. **Dr Jovana Momic**, PGY 5, Division of General Surgery  
“Creation of a New Urgent General Surgery Clinic – Assessment of Clinical Outcomes, Healthcare System and Economic Impacts, and Patient Perspectives”
- 10:00 a.m. Refreshment Break
- 10:15 a.m. Keynote Talks (20 min each, 10 min for questions)  
**Dr Emil Schemitsch**, Chair/Head, Department of Surgery
- 10:45 a.m. **Dr Saverio Stranges**, Chair, Department of Epidemiology & Biostatistics
- 11:15 a.m. Department Talks: Epidemiology & Biostatistics  
**Dr Danya Carroll**, Post-Doctoral Fellow  
“Building Culturally Safe Spaces: Lessons from Indigenous Health”
- 11:35 a.m. **Dr Ellen Kuenzig**, Assistant Professor  
“Surgery in Inflammatory Bowel Disease: Treatment Failure or Alternative Approach?”
- 11:55 a.m. Wrap-up & Next Steps  
**Dr Joel Gagnier** and **Dr Kelly Vogt**