

The Association of Endoscopic Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland

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Courses at Colchester General Hospital

Advanced laparoscopic courses take place in February and October each year. They provide delegates with individual tuition including lectures, practical sessions and live operative demonstrations. The courses cover advanced techniques for gallstone disease and the operative sessions include laparoscopic hernia repair, both trans- and extra-peritoneal, fundoplication for hiatus hernia and colon resection or rectopexy.

Course Content:

Advanced techniques in laparoscopic cholecystectomy
Detection of common bile duct stones/operative cholangiography
Laparoscopic exploration of the common bile duct
Simulator sessions including knot tying, suturing, cholangiography
Case demonstrations as described above
The course fee of £495 includes two nights hotel accommodation including breakfast, course dinner, lunch and refreshments, course manual and videotape, all course materials and VAT.

For further information contact the course director:

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Essentials of Laparoscopic Surgery Surgical Skills Unit University of Dundee Scotland, UK

Under the direction of Sir A. Cuschieri the Surgical Skills Unit is offering a three-day practical course designed for surgeons who wish to undertake the procedures such as laparoscopic cholecystectomy. This intensely practical program develops the necessary operating skills, emphasizes safe practice, and highlights the common pitfalls and difficulties encountered when starting out. Each workshop has a maximum of 18 participants who will learn both camera and instrument-manipulation skills in a purpose-built skills laboratory. During the course there is a live demonstration of a laparoscopic cholecystectomy. The unit has a large library of operative videos



and Other Interventional Techniques

edited by Sir Cuschieri, and the latest books on endoscopic surgery are on display in our Resource area. Course fee including lunch and course materials is \$860.

For further details and a brochure please contact:

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Minimal Access Therapy Training Courses Surgical Skills Unit

University of Dundee, Scotland, UK
Unit Director: Sir Alfred Cuschieri

The Surgical Skills unit offers practical courses in minimal access therapies. Each program is organized to have maximum "hands on" practice sessions in the purpose-built laboratory. Subject experts are available for tuition and personal feedback. Live operative demonstrations on specific procedures form part of each course; these are backed up by video illustrations. Each course has a workbook with essential information, clear explanations, and guidelines. Informal discussion sessions with subject experts form part of each program. The courses are run regularly throughout the year.

Essentials of Laparoscopic Surgery, a 3-day course covering the essential skills and safety procedures for basic laparoscopic operations.

Foundations of Laparoscopy Surgery, a 5-day course presenting an extensive and detailed introduction to laparoscopic surgery.

Practical Training in Pediatric Endoscopic Surgery, a 5-day course for surgeons who wish to perform or refine endoscopic surgical techniques in children.

The Advanced Endoscopic Surgical Courses of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh are held in the Surgical Skills Unit.

These are: **Advanced Endoscopic Skills Course**, a 5-day endoscopic skills training in advanced surgical tasks common to all specialities, e.g., intracorporeal and extracorporeal knot tying, internal continuous and interrupted suturing, anastomosis of organs, stapling, use of sophisticated equipment such as ultrasound and harmonic dissections and **Specialist Procedure-related courses**, which are 2–3 days long and concentrate on specific clinical situations particularly relevant to a speciality and focused on specific endoscopic operation(s).

Ductal Calculi: The Laparoscopic Approach
Practical Aspects of Laparoscopic Fundoplication
Laparoscopic Colorectal Course
Thoracoscopic Sympathectomy

Other specialist courses held in the unit include courses in anaesthetic techniques, arthroscopy, colonoscopy, endoscopy, gynecology, and otolaryngology.

For further information you can visit our web site or contact:

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Courses at the Royal Adelaide Centre for Endoscopic Surgery

Basic and Advanced Laparoscopic Skills Courses are conducted by the Royal Adelaide Centre for Endoscopic Surgery on a regular basis. The courses are limited to six places to maximize skill development and tuition. Basic courses are conducted over two days for trainees and surgeons seeking an introduction to laparoscopic cholecystectomy. Animal viscera in simulators is used to develop practical skills. Advanced courses are conducted over four days for surgeons already experienced in laparoscopic cholecystectomy who wish to undertake more advanced procedures. A wide range of procedures are included, although practical sessions can be tailored to one or two procedures at the participants request. Practical skills are developed using training simulators and anaesthetised pigs.

Course fees: \$A300 (\$US225) for the basic course and \$A1,600 (\$US1,200) for the advanced course.

For further details and a brochure please contact:

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Advanced Laparoscopic Suturing and Surgical Skills Courses

MOET Institute
San Francisco, CA, USA

Courses are offered year-round by individual arrangement. The MOET Institute is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians and designates these CME activities for 20-40 credit hours in Category I of the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association. These programs are also endorsed by the Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES).

For further information please contact:

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Fellowships in Minimally Invasive Thoracic and General Surgery

University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
Pittsburgh, PA, USA

One-year fellowships in advanced Minimally Invasive Surgery in General and Thoracic Surgery are being offered at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Requirements include completion of residence training programs in General or Thoracic Surgery. The fellowships will involve extensive clinical exposure as well as clinical and basic science research. These positions include a very competitive salary and travel allowance. Interested candidates are invited to send a letter of inquiry with a curriculum vitae to:

Philip R. Schauer, M.D.
Assistant Professor of Surgery and Co-Director for General Surgery
James Luketich, M.D.
Assistant Professor of Surgery and Co-Director for Thoracic Surgery
The University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
C-800 Presbyterian University Hospital
200 Lothrop Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15213-3221, USA

Geisinger Medical Center Fellowship in Minimally Invasive Surgery

A one-year fellowship in advanced minimally invasive general and thoracic surgery is available at Geisinger Medical Center. The fellowship will involve extensive clinical exposure to UGI, bariatric and thoracic minimally invasive surgery with emphasis on esophageal surgery for benign and malignant disease. Fellows will also participate in clinical outcomes research. Requirements include completion of residency training in general surgery or thoracic surgery. Competitive salary and benefits package including travel allowances are available. Interested candidates are invited to send a letter of inquiry and curriculum vitae to:

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Clinical Fellowship in Laparoscopic Surgery

Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY, USA
Program Director: Daniel Herron, M.D.

The Mount Sinai Clinical Fellowship in Laparoscopy is a 1-year position offered to two individuals each academic year. Fellows rotate through several clinical rotations, each one emphasizing a different aspect of minimally invasive surgery. During the bariatric rotation, the fellow will gain a broad exposure to laparoscopic gastric bypass, laparoscopic biliopancreatic diversion with duodenal switch and the laparoscopic adjustable gastric band. Additionally, the fellow will learn 2-stage approaches to supermorbid obesity and laparoscopic revisional surgery. In the GI rotation, the fellow joins one of the busiest laparoscopic foregut surgery groups in the East Coast, scrubbing on a large number of funduplications, paraesophageal hernias, Heller myotomies, and gasroesophageal resections. This rotation also provides a strong experience in laparoscopic partial and subtotal colectomy as well as laparoscopic surgery for Crohn's disease. Solid organ surgery comprises another highlight of the fellowship, with two or more laparoscopic donor nephrectomies performed each week. Fellows will participate in several clinical research projects during the year and will be expected to present their results at a national meeting. Both the Fellowship Director and the Laparoscopic Division Chief have served on the Board of Governors of SAGES and strongly encourage Fellow participation in SAGES courses and committees. Fellows are provided with access to professional-quality video recording and editing equipment, and are formally trained in the use of this equipment to prepare academic video presentations. Numerous opportunities to write review articles and book chapters are available. Fellows will present in both General Surgery and Laparoscopic Surgery Grand Rounds. Fellows play an active role in the education of residents and medical students.

To apply, please visit www.misfellowshipcouncil.org.

Advanced Clinical Minimally Invasive Fellowship

Harvard Medical School
Both Israel Deaconess Medical Center
Boston, Massachusetts, USA
Advanced Clinical Minimally Invasive Fellowship with emphasis on Bariatric Surgery, (One-year position begins July 2003). Interested candidates are invited to send curriculum vitae to:
Daniel B. Jones, M.D., F.A.C.S.
Chief, Section of Minimally Invasive Surgery
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EPGS Course 2004

October 28-29, 2004, 3rd Update in Coloproctology. Academic Medical Center, Lecture Hall 5. Program and faculty to be announced.

Contact: J Goedkoop, tel. 566 3926, fax. 697 5594,
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For detailed information and for registration please visit our website:
www.EPGS.nl or mail to j.g goedkoop@amc.uva.nl

Carolinas Laparoscopic and Advanced Surgery Program (CLASP)

A Division of Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, NC, USA

Program Directors: B. Todd Heniford, Frederick L. Greene

Courses offered in the year 2004

1. Minifellowship for Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery

To include Laparoscopic Antireflux, laparoscopic colectomy, hand-assisted laparoscopy, laparoscopic ventral herniorrhaphy, laparoscopic solid organ, and/or gastric bypass.

The purpose of a Minifellowship in Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery is to build upon basic laparoscopic skills and expose surgeons to a variety of advance cases. This course will include didactic lectures and direct observation/teaching in the operating room. This course meets the guidelines as established in the "Framework for Post-Residency Surgical Education and Training."

Location: Carolinas Medical Center. A 2½-day teaching course in the "OR" with dinner/lecture the evening prior to the course.

Course Fee: \$1,000.00

Faculty: Kent Kercher, M.D. (Course Director), B. Todd Heniford, M.D., Brent Matthews, M.D., and Ronald F. Sing, D.O.

Course Dates Remaining in 2004: November 7, 8 & 9th, 2004.

*Participants are required to be credentialed by Carolinas Medical Center prior to attending this course.

2. Minifellowship for Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease

This course is designed to acquaint surgeons with the indications for antireflux surgery, the appropriate work-up and treatment, and the laparoscopic approaches to the specific operations. Treatment of achalasia will also be discussed. This course will be different from our usual reflux course as the faculty will be teaching the procedure during live surgery in the "OR" with the participants observing.

Location: Carolinas Medical Center; 1½-day course beginning with dinner lectures and course overview on Sunday evening. Monday will consist of ½-day teaching/observing in the "OR" and ½-day hands-on lab.

Course Fee: \$800.00

Faculty: B. Todd Heniford, M.D. (course director), Kent Kercher, M.D., Ronald F Sing, D.O.; Guest Faculty, Robert Yavorski, M.D.

Course Dates remaining: October 24 & 25th, 2004.

*Participants are required to be credentialed by Carolinas Medical Center before attending this course.

3. Minifellowship in Flexible Gastrointestinal Endoscopy

This minifellowship on gastrointestinal flexible endoscopy will include a morning didactic session on the indications, preparation, techniques, contraindications and complications, and complications of upper gastrointestinal and colonic flexible endoscopy for the practicing surgeon. Videotape demonstrations showing technique and interpretive findings will be used. The afternoon session will be devoted to observation of techniques of EDG and colonoscopy in selected patients. Application of conscious sedation techniques will be stressed. This course meets the guidelines as established in the "Framework for Post-Residency Surgical Education and Training."

Location: Carolinas Medical Center: 1½-day session with dinner and lectures on evening before.

Course Fee: \$800.00

Faculty: Frederick L. Greene, M.D., with Guest Faculty, Jeffrey Marks, M.D., from Cleveland, OH, USA

Dates remaining in 2004: November 17, 2004.

*Participants are required to be credentialed by Carolinas Medical Center

4. Laparoscopic Ventral and Incisional Herniorrhaphy Workshop

The purpose of this course is to teach laparoscopic techniques for ventral hernia repair, discuss the different prosthetic materials, their application, and associated healing process, and describing the techniques for minimally invasive access in the multiply operated abdomen.

Location: Carolinas Medical Center; One day course consisting of ½-day didactic and ½-day hands-on lab.

Course Fee: \$250.00

Faculty: B. Todd Heniford, M.D., (Course Director); Kent Kercher, M.D., Brent Matthews, M.D., and/or Bruce Ramshaw, M.D., Guy Voeller, M.D., or Adrian Park, M.D. as guest faculty.

Course dates remaining for the year 2004: September 17, December 10, 2004.

5. Lymphatic Mapping and Sentinel Node Biopsy Workshop

This course is designed for surgeons or medical teams surgeon/nuclear medicine M.D./pathologist. Course topics include: Preoperative and intraoperative lymphoscintigraphy and mapping, sentinel node identification, touch preparation cytology of lumpectomy margins, and Radioguided surgery.

Location: Carolinas Medical Center; One-day course consisting of ½-day didactic and ½-day hands-on lab.

Course Fee: \$595.00

Faculty: Richard L. White, Jr, M.D., (Course Director), Fred Lassiter, M.D., Kevin Smith, M.D., and Kelly McMasters, M.D., Ph.D. (Guest Faculty).

Course Date Remaining: October 15, 2004.

6. Laparoscopic and Hand-Assisted Colorectal Surgery

The purpose of this course is to teach techniques and indications for the laparoscopic and hand-assisted colon resection. Lectures will include a discussion concerning laparoscopy and cancer. A live case is usually presented via teleconference. Surgeons will perform bowel-resection during the laboratory session. This course meets the guidelines as established in the "Framework for Post-Residency Surgical Education and Training."

Location: Carolinas Medical Center, One-day course consisting of ½-day didactic and ½-day hands-on lab.

Course Fee: \$575.00

Faculty: Kent Kercher, M.D. (Director), B. Todd Heniford, M.D., Brent Matthews, M.D. Guest faculty will be Bruce Ramshaw, M.D., and Kristi Harold, M.D.

Course Dates Remaining in 2004: September 24 and October 29, 2004.

7. Inferior Vena Cava Filter Workshop

Hands-on workshop with both didactic and laboratory sessions, "will allow participants excellent hands-on experience."

Location: Carolinas Medical Center; One-day course consisting of ½-day didactic and ½-day hands-on lab.

Course Fee: \$325.00

Faculty: Ronald F. Sing, D.O., B. Todd Heniford, M.D., Michael Thomason, M.D., David G. Jacobs, M.D., and Kent Kercher, M.D.

Course Dates Remaining: November 19, 2004.

8. Laparoscopic Renal Surgery

This course focuses upon minimally invasive approaches for treatment of benign and malignant renal diseases. This content is designed to address the clinical needs of urologists as well as general surgeons/transplant surgeons. Course participants will learn techniques for laparoscopic and hand-assisted radical nephrectomy and partial nephrectomy. Both transperitoneal and retroperitoneal laparoscopic approaches to the kidney will be described. Techniques for laparoscopic donor nephrectomy will be included for interested surgeons. Participants will have the opportunity to perform laparoscopic and hand-assisted laparoscopic nephrectomy during the laboratory portion of the course. This course meets the guidelines as established in the "Framework for Post-Residency Surgical Education and Training."

Location: Carolinas Medical Center; One-day course consisting of ½-day didactic and ½-day hands-on lab.

Course Fee: \$450.00

Faculty: Lent Kercher, M.D., and Chris Teigland, M.D. (Codirectors), Pierce Irby, M.D. Guest faculty is Thomas Jarrett, M.D.

Course Dates Remaining: September 10, 2004.

CLASP Program Directors:

B. Todd Heniford, M.D.

Chief of Minimal Access Surgery

Codirector—Carolinas Laparoscopic and Advanced Surgery Program
Carolinas Medical Center

Frederick L. Greene, M.D.

Chairman, Department of General Surgery

Codirector—Carolinas Laparoscopic and Advanced Surgery Program
Carolinas Medical Center

Updates in Minimally Invasive Surgery

Portland, OR, USA

September 27–October 1, 2004

Course Co-Directors: Lee L. Swanstrom, M.D., Paul D. Hansen, M.D., David Bliss, M.D., Mark H. Whiteford, M.D.

Guest Faculty: Tom R. DeMeester, M.D., James W. Fleshman, M.D.

This course is specifically designed for surgeons who already have experience in laparoscopic surgery and wish to be updated on the latest advancements in the field. Experts in the field using didactic methods will give participants an in-depth exposure to current trends and developments in field of advanced laparoscopic surgery. Live surgeries will be televised and narrated by the surgical faculty to provide practical operative tips. An extensive (optional) hands-on component will allow participants to practice the techniques they have learned under the guidance of recognized faculty. The course format allows an informal exchange of questions and answers between all participants and faculty members and provides an opportunity to the participants to present and discuss their difficult cases with the panel of experts.

Individual topics include: Advanced Laparoscopic Skills (includes mandatory lab); Advanced Issues In Evaluation and Management of Reflux Disease and Motility Disorders, and Barrett's Disease (w/ optional lab); Minimally Invasive Management of Colorectal Diseases (w/ optional lab); Minimally Invasive Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Surgery (w/ optional lab).

All courses are offered individually or you can register for multiple courses and receive a discount.

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Anatomy and Video Surgery

Journee Italienne de la Societe Francaise de Chirurgie Endoscopique
Catania, Italy

November 11–12, 2004

The meeting will be regarding the dissection in laparoscopic procedures with a particular attention on critical anatomic points. The laparoscopic anatomy of many regions and organs of abdominal cavity will be explored with video-presentations by experts. The congress is accredited for Medical Continuous Education. The meeting is organized by: Sergio Castorina, M.D., and Gilles Fourtanier, M.D.

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Frankfurter Meeting "Obesity Surgery"

Frankfurter Rome, Frankfurt, Germany

November 11–12, 2004

Congress Organization: Chair: Rudolf A. Weiner, Frankfurt, Germany

Congress Secretary: Rafael Blanco-Engert, Sylvia Weiner

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Scientific Program includes plenary sessions, conferences, free communications, and live-transmissions from USA and Frankfurt. Advances in all relevant disciplines, such as open and laparoscopic surgery, gastric banding, restriction and bypass, biliopancreatic diversion, endoscopy, new and experimental approaches, pre- and postoperative care, long-term results, and clinical, metabolic, and general assistance of morbidly obese surgical candidates, will be reviewed.

Program and general information at the web-site: www.obesity-academy.com

7th Asia Pacific Congress of Endoscopic Surgery (ELSA 2004)

Hong Kong

August 17–19, 2005

The Congress is jointly organized by the Endoscopic & Laparoscopic Surgeons of Asia, Hong Kong Society of Minimal Access Surgery, and Department of Surgery of The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Please visit www.elsa2005.org or contact the Congress Secretariat via email at info@elsa2005.org for information regarding the Congress.