



Launch of New Skills Programme Website

Home page of the new website

The Skills Team are proud to announce the launch of the new Skills Programme website <http://www.imperial.ac.uk/medicine/london-general-surgical-skills-programme/>

Future developments will include a more interactive interface, including a blog and a twitter account. We also hope to provide access to videos of gold-standard surgical procedures. *(continued on page 2)*

Special points of interest:

- Surgical Skills Programme launches new website (see cover and p.2)
- Annual skills assessment now in September - check dates (see p.2)
- ST5 and ST6 Transplant trainees have dedicated new curriculum (see cover and p.3)
- New colorectal procedures added to the Programme curriculum (see p.3)
- Consultant skills assessors required for September (see p.4)

Transplant Teaching for Senior Surgical Registrars



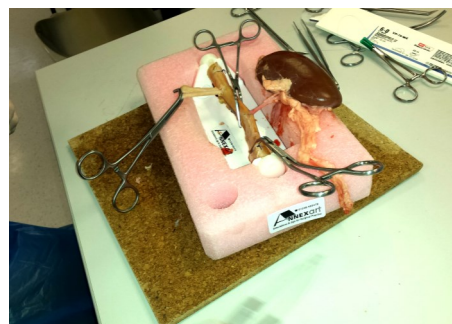
Transplant consultant trainers and trainees

Topics for ST5/ST6 transplant trainees:

- Back Table Kidney Preparation (Benching)
- Kidney Transplant Ureteric Techniques e.g. single/duplex to bladder
- Vascular Anastomotic Techniques for e.g. living/deceased donor
- Dialysis Access Surgery

Transplant training

The Skills Programme, in conjunction with transplant consultants, is developing a curriculum specifically for ST5/ST6 transplant sub-specialty trainees. Previously, the Skills Programme transplant sessions only covered basic kidney benching techniques for ST3 transplant trainees.



Arterial anastomoses

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Junior training news

• April changes

Change to Clinical Supervisor

The Skills Team are aware that job moves in April may affect the weekday on which ST3 and ST4 trainees are most easily available for teaching. Trainees are reminded that it is usually possible to swap to a group on a more convenient day.

Trainees also need to update the Skills Team on the name and email

address of their new supervisor so that feedback from each skills session is sent to the correct consultant.

Junior doctor strike days

The General Surgical Skills Programme is organised and managed by Imperial College London, and not by an NHS Trust. Teaching has therefore continued throughout the strike period.



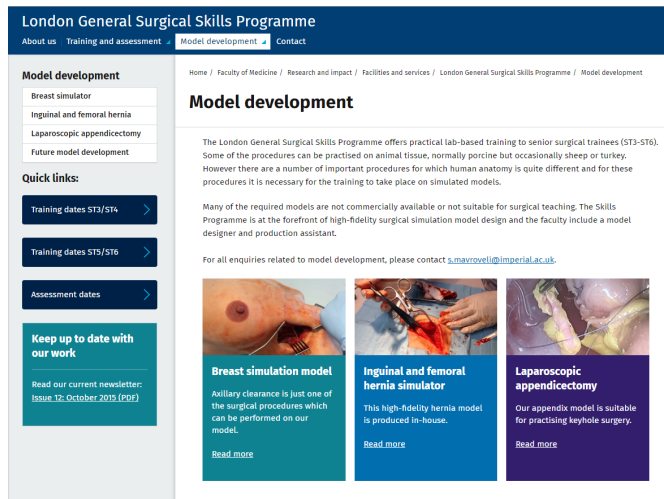
Travel news

Trainees and consultant trainers participating in the Surgical Skills Programme should be advised that the Bakerloo line is currently not stopping at Paddington.

The District and Circle lines are still stopping at Paddington; alternatively St Mary's Hospital is only a short walk from Edgware Road.

This closure will last until mid-August 2016.

New Surgical Skills Programme Website



The new model development web page

(continued from page.1) The new website has been launched with a revamped interface to the curriculum, teaching and assessment dates. All the existing pages have been ported over to the new Terminal 4 software hosted by Imperial College London.

Teaching and assessment dates will be much more visible now and the new software will allow much faster updating of the site content.

We hope you agree this is a much more attractive and user-friendly website. If you have any comments or helpful suggestions, we should be delighted to hear them.

Annual Skills Assessment Dates

- ST3/ST4 Dates**
General: Sep 14, 15, 16, 19, 23, 26, 27 and 28
- ST5/ST6 Dates**
Breast: Sep 7
Colorectal : Sep 9 & 20
Transplant: Sep 22
UGI/HPB: Sep 6 & 12
Vascular: Sep 13 & 21

This year, for the first time in the eight years of the General Surgical Skills Programme, the annual skills assessment will take place in September.

Moving the assessment sessions to the end of the academic year will allow the topics for assessment to be selected from all nine procedures taught in each sub-specialty.

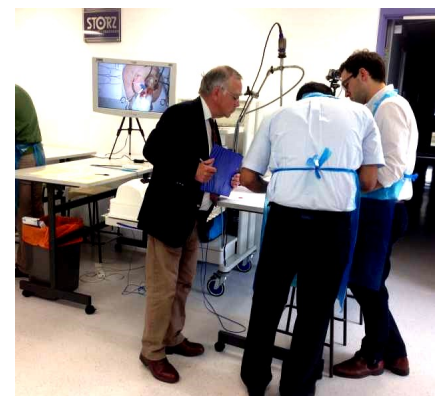
Four hours are allowed for each pair of trainees to complete their assessments. Assessment sessions can be either 08.30-12.30 or 13.00-17.00.

Trainees will be contacted in June to book their slot.

ST5 and ST6 trainees who have changed subspecialty during the course of the year will be assessed on topics for which they have been offered training on the Programme. Any trainee who is unsure should contact the Skills Team.

Results will be sent to trainees, clinical supervisors and ARCPs once they have been processed.

Any consultants who would like to be assessors for the Skills Programme this year should contact Dr Mavroveli (s.mavroveli@imperial.ac.uk).



Trainee assessment in progress 2015

Vascular training news

- Lower Limb Endovascular Interventions

Lower Limb Endovascular Interventions Course

At the end of March, the two vascular trainee groups were combined for this new workshop.

Morning lectures included the principles of interventional radiation, followed by the evidence and outcomes for endovascular intervention for each of:-

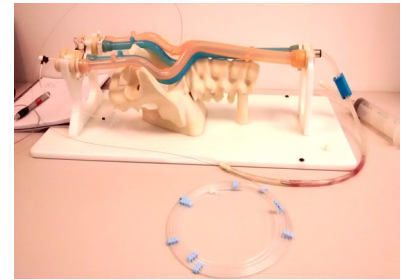
- Iliac disease
- SFA/Popliteal Disease
- Below the Knee Disease Lesions

During the afternoon sessions, trainees were divided into small groups. As well as case-based discussions, trainees practiced selective catheterization, stenting, balloon angioplasty, coil insertion and use of closure devices, amongst other procedures.

We are grateful to the large number of suppliers and consultant trainers who contributed to this highly successful workshop. We are sure to make it a regular feature of the Skills Programme.



Demonstration of closure device



Coil insertion practice model

Transplant training news

- Anastomotic techniques

Anastomotic techniques

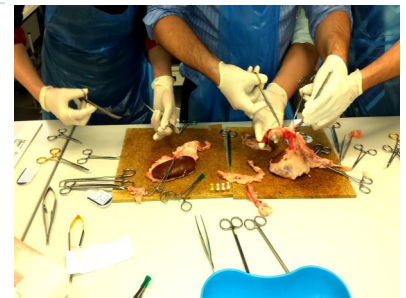
The most recent transplant teaching has involved advanced anastomotic techniques on arteries and veins, including vein elongation techniques.

Trainees must be prepared for vessels from both living and deceased donors and any differ-

ences this brings to the procedure. Similarly, anastomoses may be necessary on single or multiple vessels.

Assessment

This year, the Skills Programme will assess ST5 and ST6 transplant trainees on transplant procedures for the first time.



Benching kidneys for transplantation

Colorectal training news

- Laparoscopic TAPP inguinal hernia repair
- Fistula surgery

The Skills Team is constantly re-evaluating every aspect of the Programme to ensure it remains relevant. The colorectal curriculum is currently undergoing a major review. In the next two months we are introducing:-

Lap TAPP hernia repair

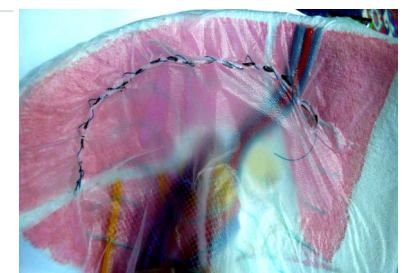
We are delighted to announce that April's colorectal teaching will use Professor Ulrich Dietz's synthetic models. Professor Dietz, based in the University of Würzburg, Germany, has been extremely generous with his time and loan of his models in order to extend the

training of this important surgical procedure.

This is a new venture for the Skills Programme and, if successful, may be extended to Upper GI trainees in future years.

Fistula surgery

The discussion will include laying open the anatomy, plugs vs glue, fistula probe and how to use it. For the practical session, Eisenhammer retractors, Lockhart-Mummery probes and fistula probes with grooves and different curvatures could be used to repair holes in simulated perineum.



University of Würzburg TAPP Teacher



Laparoscopic TAPP Hernia Repair

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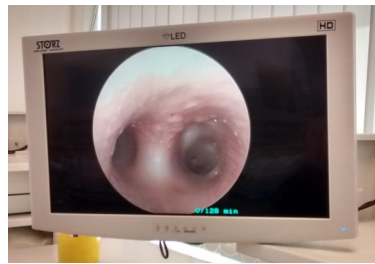
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Ear, Nose & Throat News



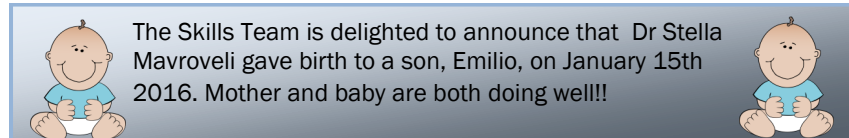
View of foreign body removal through endoscopic camera

The Ears, Nose and Throat Skills Programme continues successfully in its two-day bi-monthly format.

For the bronchoscopy teaching, the trainees used endoscopes to extract a foreign body (seen right) from the lungs of a pig .



Trainee practising bronchoscopy



Annual skills assessments in September this year!

New Consultant Assessors

Any consultant who is interested in becoming a skills assessor for the Surgical Skills Programme should contact Dr. Stella Mavroveli (email s.mavroveli@imperial.ac.uk). Training will be given.

New Consultant Trainers

We are pleased to say that this year's teaching has so far been enhanced by the addition of ten consultant trainers new to the Skills Programme.

However we are always keen to welcome keen educationalists. If you enjoy teaching and would like to become one of our Surgical Skills Tutors, please contact Stephen Marchington (email s.marchington@imperial.ac.uk or telephone 020 3312 6443).

General Surgery Consultant Trainers from Oct 2015 - April 2016

Mr Tushar Agarwal	Mr Thomas Dehn (x4)	Mr Johnathan Knowles (x4)	Mr George Reese
Mr Ahmed Ahmed	Dr Athanasios Diamantopoulos (x2)	Mr Rajesh Kumar	Ms Celia Riga
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Mr Neal Banga (x3)	Miss Jasdeep Gahir	Mr Pawan Mathur	Ms Kaji Sritharan (x2)
Mr Peter Barry	Mr G Girish	Mr Andrew May (x3)	Dr Jeremy Taylor (x2)
Mr Kasim Behranwala	Mr Manjit Gohel	Dr Leo Monzon (x2)	Ms Bubby Thava (x2)
Mr Colin Bicknell	Mr Sherif Hakky (x2)	Mr Krishna Moorthy	Mr Edward Westcott
Mr Giles Bond-Smith	Professor George Hanna	Mr Hasan Mukhtar (x3)	Mr Peter Willson (x3)
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Mr Jeremy Crane (x2)	Dr Elika Kashef (x2)	Mr Sanjay Patel	Ismail Mohamed
Mr Jorg de Bruin (x2)	Dr Konstantinos Katsanos (x2)	Mr Oliver Priest	Samuel Turner (x2)
Mr Jean Deguara (x2)	Mr James Kinross	Mr Kamran Qurashi (x2)	
Mr Patrick Chong (x 2)			

Ear, Nose & Throat Consultant Trainers from Oct 2015 - April 2016

Mr Neil Tolley,	Mr Alasdair Mace	For the ENT theatre MDT training day:	Miss Marie Lyons
Mr Matt Rollin	Mr Yogesh Bajaj	Mr Neil Tolley,	Dr Nicholas Gilfillan
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