

The Core Surgery Skills & Anatomy and London School of Surgery Training Programmes

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Cadaveric workshops 2025

Last year we ran our cadaveric workshops across 18 dates in May and June. These were catered to both ST5-8 trainees (general, Vascular & ENT) and our CT2 cohort, and took place in the Human Anatomy Unit at Charing Cross Hospital.

ST5-8

One of the ENT sessions (**rhinology**) included the use of imaging of the donor heads to make the session more realistic as a clinical scenario. Thanks go to the HAU team and Siemens Healthineers for the additional preparation that went into putting on this session, which included devising a plan for scanning the cadavers within the confines of the Human Tissue Act and allowing trainees full access to the wide range of images generated.

“Excellent session. Relevant anatomy revised at the beginning which was concise & useful. Excellent day.”

Directors

Professor George B Hanna

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CT2

We extended the cadaveric sessions in the Core Surgery & Anatomy Programme to include both orthopaedic and ENT procedures (orthopaedic approaches to the lower limbs and tracheostomy, respectively).

“Gave options for those who aren't ortho trainees to get most out of session.”

Introduction to Endoscopy

In July, two groups of ST3 general surgical registrars participated in an endoscopy pilot – this consisted of two lectures (one about **colonoscopy** and the other about **oesophago-gastro-duodenoscopy**), and two practical skills sessions.

The workshops were generously supported by Olympus, and led by expert faculty: Mrs Sara Badvie, Dr Sung Pil Hong, Dr Thomas Rasbeam and Dr Jaber Ahmed.

The pilot was very well received by our trainees – we intend to repeat the sessions later this year for the current cohort.



If you have any feedback on our curriculum, please contact Dr Stella Mavroveli (s.mavroveli@imperial.ac.uk) or Mr Steve Marchington (s.marchington@imperial.ac.uk).

“Model was very good. Also liked the opportunity to practise with suture and tackers for closure.

Very informative presentation from tutor at start, useful to revise anatomy and practical aspects.”

Trainee Feedback



Robotic-Assisted Surgery Workshops

In recent years there have been many requests for the London School of Surgery Training Programme to run courses involving robotic surgery – and this summer we were finally able to put this into action.

In June we ran two all-day sessions in conjunction with CMR Surgical, using their Versius Robot. These were targeted towards ST7 and ST8 trainees; one session focused on Colorectal procedures, whereas the other focused on Upper GI. The day consisted mostly of practical skills sessions, giving trainees the chance to learn about the robotic arms, ports, and how to use the robots for suturing and dissection. They also heard from Versius expert users Heman Joshi and Osama Moussa.

In July we ran another two all-day sessions, this time supported by Intuitive – these workshops used Da Vinci Multiport Surgical Systems. These were also targeted towards ST7 and ST8 GI trainees. This course focused on robot setup and practical skills.

Thank you to CMR Surgical and Intuitive for your time, expertise and resources.



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The Surgical Frailty Journey

In May last year, the Core Surgery & Anatomy Skills Programme introduced the Surgical Frailty Journey to its busy timetable.

This all-day lecture series was devised and delivered by Dr Deborah Bertfield, Dr Clifford Lisk and Dr Shama Mani (Consultant Geriatricians), and Dr Joanne Brady (Consultant in Palliative Medicine).

Across the four lectures, trainees followed a fictitious patient through their surgical journey, focusing on the identification, management and complexities of frailty and frailty syndromes within the context of surgery.

Those who attended had a stimulating day, and were grateful for the opportunity to engage in important conversations with our expert panel.

New models

Alongside experienced consultant breast surgeons, SiMPEDIA have been developing a new multi-functional breast model (Lucy), which will be the first ever chest wall perforator flap simulator. It will allow users to perform procedures such as LICAP, AICAP and MICAP, as well as more general anatomical work. Our senior Breast Trainees will have the opportunity to practice on the simulator this April!



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* Indicates new to the Programme

Many thanks to all our preeminent consultants for leading CT1 & CT2 sessions over the 2024-2025 training year!

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