Laparoscopic Colorectal Surgery Course & Master Class

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Venue: Prince Charles Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil, Wales

Course Manual
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Welcome

Dear Delegate,

Welcome to the fourth Laparoscopic Colorectal Course & Masterclass at Prince Charles Hospital in Merthyr Tydfil. This course is aimed at surgical trainees as well as consultants wishing to gain expertise in this field and has been very popular and very well received in previous years.

This two day event is designed to provide plenty of exposure to live operations for a range of indications, including colorectal cancer as well as benign conditions. In addition to the live links, there will be structured lectures/presentations covering various aspects of the speciality, delivered by a faculty of experienced laparoscopic colorectal surgeons. The faculty/delegate ratio is deliberately kept high to achieve a comfortable and friendly environment with plenty of opportunity for delegates to interact with the faculty and the organizers, both in the auditorium as well as during the course dinner.

Looking forward to meeting up with you during the course, which, I hope you will find both instructive and enjoyable.

Best wishes,

Prof. P. N. Haray
Course Convenor
Candidate List
## CORE COMMITTEE AND FACULTY

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## LOCAL ORGANISERS AND HOSPITALITY

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Programme

Day 1

8.30 – 8.45  Coffee & Registration
8.45 – 8.50  Welcome & Introduction to the Course
8.50 – 9.10  Overview of Laparoscopic Colorectal Surgery
9.10 – 9.20  Case Presentation of 1st live link case
9.20 – 12.30 Laparoscopic Anterior Resection
Live link to Operation Theatre

Presentations by Moderators:
   o Relevant anatomy
   o Port Positioning
   o The Stepwise Approach to Anterior Resection
     (Videos/ discussion around specific steps)

12.30 – 13.15  Lunch

13.15 – 13.25  Case Presentation of 2nd live link case
13.25 – 15.15 Laparoscopic Right Hemicolectomy
Live link to Operation Theatre

Presentations by Moderators:
   o Theatre Set Up
   o Relevant anatomy
   o Port Positioning
   o The Stepwise Approach to Right Hemicolectomy
     (Videos/ discussion around specific steps)

15.15 – 15.30  Coffee

15.30 – 15.45  Anaesthetic and Peri-Operative considerations
15.45 – 16.00  Enhanced Recovery Concepts
16.00 – 17.00  Presentations/ video lectures by various faculty
19.00        Course Dinner at the Ty Newydd Country House Hotel
## Programme

### Day 2

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### 15.30 – 16.00 Coffee Certification and Close

*Live Operating will be carried out by Prof. P. N. Haray with interactive moderating by experienced laparoscopic colorectal surgeons.*

*During Live Link – the moderators will give PowerPoint presentations/video presentations on different aspects of laparoscopic colorectal surgery.*
Selected Reading Material and Relevant Publications
Steps for Laparoscopic Anterior Resection of Rectum

1. Port positions and patient positioning
2. Omentum to supracolic compartment & small bowel stacking.
3. Identify right ureter.
4. Start medial dissection at the promontory.
5. Identify left ureter, then left gonadal, pelvic nerves.
6. Protect left ureter with surgicel® and Pedicle dissection.
7. Identify ureter through both windows of mesentery either side of pedicle.
8. Transect pedicle, confirm haemostasis.
9. Left lateral dissection, identify left ureter and proceed up to peritoneal reflection; IMV high tie and splenic flexure mobilisation, if required.
10. Mesorectal Dissection - Prepare Rectum for Division
11. Intra-corporeal cross stapling of rectum at appropriate level protecting lateral and anterior structures & Grasp stapled end of specimen.
12. Left iliac fossa transverse incision for specimen delivery; protect wound and deliver specimen by the stapled end.
13. Complete mesenteric ligation, proximal bowel division and prepare proximal bowel for anastomosis.
14. Close wound, re-establish pneumoperitoneum
15. Intra-corporeal bowel anastomosis with no tension, no twist and vital structures protected.
10.a. Right mesorectal dissection up to peritoneal reflection.
10.b. Posterior dissection (presacral plane down to levator), keep left ureter in view.
10.c. Divide peritoneal reflection anteriorly and dissect till seminal vesicles/ vaginal fornix.
10.d. Complete both lateral dissection, identify the ureters all the way.
10.e. Anterior dissection keeping to the plane just posterior to the vesicles/ vagina
10.f. Cross stapling deep pelvis
10.g. Laparoscopic APER
Steps for Laparoscopic Right Hemicolecotomy

1. Port positions and patient positioning.
2. Omentum to the supracolic compartment and small bowel stacking.
3. Identify ileocolic pedicle.
4. Start dissection at the lower leaf of ileocolic pedicle.
5. Identify duodenum through mesenteric window.
6. Protect duodenum with surgicel®.
7. Dissect upper leaf of ileocolic pedicle.
8. Identify duodenum through both mesenteric windows.
10. Mobilise right colon & hepatic flexure from medial to lateral aspect. Protect Duodenum with surgicel®.
11. Start lateral mobilisation at distal ileum, then caecum and then ascending colon.
12. Mobilise hepatic flexure & confirm full mobilisation of the segment to be resected.
13. Free up proximal transverse colon towards hepatic flexure protecting gallbladder & duodenum.
14. Free up omentum from transverse colon at planned site of resection.
15. Midline transumbilical incision for specimen delivery.
16. Protect wound, deliver specimen, complete mesenteric ligation.
17. Side to side ileo-transverse anastomosis and specimen resection.
18. Close incisions.
The Merthyr Coaching Tool for Laparoscopic Colorectal Surgery

Mr. P. R. Shah, Professor P. N. Haray

Abstract:
Laparoscopic surgery is being increasingly offered to patients across the world for benign and malignant colorectal disease. National Training programmes are being developed in some countries to improve standards and train surgeons. Meanwhile, many surgeons have been and continue to be trained through a variety of mechanisms. Currently there appear to be no publications in the international literature suggesting a standard format for the provision of such training. We present here a coaching tool that we have developed and used effectively to provide targeted training for laparoscopic colorectal surgery.

Introduction:
Laparoscopic surgery for colorectal disease is becoming increasingly used across the world following the publication of the results from the CLASICC trial as well as NICE guidance (1, 2). In the UK, more and more surgeons are beginning to be trained through a variety of channels to undertake these procedures. National training programmes are being set up in some countries and it is envisaged that training will be imparted through regional centres (3). In addition, there are a considerable number of experienced surgeons providing training informally as well as formally through structured preceptorship programmes (3, 4). There is, therefore, an urgent need for a standard format for the provision of this training.

Aim:
To develop a coaching and assessment tool to aid the provision of training in laparoscopic colorectal surgery.

Methods:
We have been undertaking laparoscopic colorectal surgery at our Hospital since 1998 (5). Our initial experience was with benign disease and participation in the CLASICC trial. Since 2006, our range of laparoscopic procedures has expanded to include the majority of elective colorectal surgery for both benign and malignant pathology. The unit has been training Middle grade and consultant surgeons (preceptorship) and to support this training, we have developed a simple tool which we have used very effectively to provide targeted training for laparoscopic colorectal surgery. Various factors used to assess a trainee are case selection, safe access, exposure, port positioning, patient positioning, small bowel stacking, use of retraction, awareness, identification & protection of vital structures, safe vascular pedicle dissection & division, various aspect of bowel handling & mobilisation, Bowel division & anastomosis, use of energy devices, extra- corporeal component, team Working & communication. To support this training, we have developed a simple tool (appendix I), which we have used very effectively over the past 3 years.

Results:
This tool has been used initially in self assessment by the two authors over 225 cases. Subsequently, it has been used on 8 trainees of varying levels of experience and 11 consultant colorectal surgeons over a total of 66 cases to assess the performance as well as provide targeted feedback.
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**Discussion:**
Unlike laparoscopic cholecystectomy, the laparoscopic colorectal operation has a higher level of complexity because of several factors including multiple quadrant working, several intra-corporeal instruments (some of which will be out of the field of vision), care during bowel handling, the use of high energy devices for dissection and a rapidly expanding range of instrumentation etc (6). Furthermore, the majority of such procedures involve resections for malignancy and it is imperative that good technique and adherence to oncological principles are adopted.

Laparoscopic surgery lends itself very well for a structured approach to training because of the fact that the trainee and the trainer have the same view of the procedure and the trainer can be actively involved without even being scrubbed in as an assistant. Like all surgical procedures, the laparoscopic colorectal operation can be conveniently broken down into individual components and training imparted either for the entire procedure or for specific sections, depending on the expertise of the trainee.

The tool that we have developed (Appendix 1) has been invaluable as a coaching aid in identifying specific areas for targeted training and for providing constructive feedback. It has also been an effective tool for self assessment. There are several publications outlining different ways of assessing and evaluating laparoscopic cholecystectomies. Some of these have detailed weighted scoring systems which have been carefully developed (7, 8) and have been found to be useful mainly in trainees (9). However, because of the complexity of laparoscopic colorectal procedures and the fact that the majority of surgeons being trained in this technique are likely to be either consultants or senior trainees, we feel that such an approach with a graduated scoring system would not be suitable. We have therefore, deliberately adopted a simpler approach and each step that is assessed is marked simply as either ‘needing improvement’ or ‘competent’. We have used this effectively as a coaching tool in over 225 cases for self assessment, for surgeons in training as well as for consultants who are being preceptored.

**Conclusion:**
This paper has demonstrated an easily reproducible tool for standardising the assessment and providing feedback for laparoscopic colorectal surgery. Preliminary results have been encouraging though formal validation has yet to be completed. In due course, this tool can be developed into a weighted scoring system for accreditation and revalidation.
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References


### Appendix I: Coaching Tool for Laparoscopic Colorectal Surgery

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Preceptorship Programme for Laparoscopic Colorectal Surgery

Prof Haray has established a structured programme to train other consultant surgeons in Wales since May 2008. This includes demonstration ‘Master Classes’ to consultant surgeons and their teams at Prince Charles Hospital and then visiting them at their base hospitals to provide on site (outreach preceptorship) training. Though often challenging, this has proved an excellent programme, imparting advanced surgical skills to senior colleagues.

To date, this service has facilitated either the commencement of a laparoscopic service for colorectal cancers or extended existing levels of service at a total of seven hospitals across South and West Wales. Eleven Consultants have been trained across these hospitals and several more have attended Masterclasses. 2/3 consultants are currently still in the programme and 2 more have expressed an interest in joining soon.

Structured Preceptorship Programme for Consultant Surgeons:

1. Mr. A. Masoud Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, Prince Charles Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil - January to June 2008.
5. Mr. C. Arun - Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, Nevill Hall Hospital, Abergavenny – Jan - October 2009.
6. Mr. W. Sheridan, Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, West Wales General Hospital, Carmarthen – November 2009 – on going.
10. Mr. A. Saklani, Locum Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend – November 2010 – on going
11. Mr. G. Pritchard, Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend – December 2010 – on going.
12. Mr. S. Harries, Consultant Surgeon, West Wales General Hospital Carmarthen – February 2010 – Masterclass only.
13. Mr. M, Henwood, Consultant Surgeon, West Wales General Hospital Carmarthen – February 2010 – Masterclass only.
14. Preceptorship for Mr O. Nur, Locum Consultant Surgeon, Withybush Hospital, Haverfordwest – Masterclass completed, Preceptorship to be booked.
15. Ms D. Clements, Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, Royal Glamorgan Hospital, Llantrisant – to be booked.
16. Mr A. Selvam, Consultant Surgeon, West Wales General Hospital Carmarthen – to be booked.

The entire programme has been funded through educational grants from Johnson & Johnson (Ethicon Endosurgery®) Ltd.
**Laparoscopic Colorectal Surgery Training/ Research**

**Contributions of Prince Charles Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil**

**Faculty Member/ Course Convenor:**

- European Surgical Institute – Hamburg, Laparoscopic Colorectal Training Course: Prof Haray has been on the faculty since 2008
- Prof Haray is a registered preceptor for Laparoscopic Colorectal Surgery, ALS and Ethicon Endosurgery® Ltd
- Laparoscopic Colorectal Surgery Course and Masterclass, PCH–Convenor-annual since 2010
- Laparoscopic Left Side Resection Course–Wales Deanery
- Association of Laparoscopic surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland, Annual Meeting in Cardiff – November 2011 – faculty for laparoscopic colorectal surgery workshop
- Several Masterclasses at Prince Charles Hospital for consultant surgeons; many live-linked demonstrations to Surgical Registrars, Junior Doctors, Medical & Nursing students etc.
- Minimal Invasive Course for surgical care practitioners– Convenor – 2010, due again in 2012
- Colorectal Cancer Course–Nurses & Jr Doctors, PCH- Convenor-2010, due again Oct 2011
- Faculty at various international conferences - India and Ghana 2003 – 2011
- Teaching Day for Surgical and Gastroenterology SpRs – Convenor (several 2005-2011)

**Laparoscopic Colorectal Surgery teaching DVD**

A highly specialized teaching aid has been developed by Prof Haray and his team at PCH in the form of an interactive training DVD. This has been designed to assist senior trainees or established consultants wishing to undertake laparoscopic colorectal surgery. Colorectal resections have been broken down into modules offering the option of either watching the procedure in its entirety or of selecting individual 'steps' to view. Many of the steps have additional video clips highlighting challenges/ potential hazards/ technical tips/ alternative approaches etc. A PDF button provides access to a printable summary of the steps.

**Other Training/ Teaching Audio-visual Aids**

- Anaesthetic techniques in Laparoscopic Colorectal Surgery – Spinal opioid & TAP blocks Film for anaesthetic education.
- Laparoscopic Abdomino-Perineal Excision of the Rectum Film for nurse education.
- Training the Trainer in Laparoscopic Colorectal Surgery Film aimed at helping consultants become good trainers. In progress.
Publications

PEER REVIEW REFERENCED PUBLICATIONS (Laparoscopic Colorectal Surgery only)

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P R Shah, P N Haray - submitted

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D Chan, A Saklani, P R Shah, P N Haray
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Trans-anal division of the ano rectal junction followed by Laparoscopic low anterior resection and colo-anal pouch anastomosis, a technique facilitated by a balloon port
A Saklani, P R Shah, N Naguib, N Tanner, P Mekhail, A Masoud

Port Site Closure in Laparoscopic Colorectal Surgery

Use of uterine manipulator in laparoscopic colorectal surgery

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Developing Parameters for Assessing Proficiency in Laparoscopic Colorectal Surgery
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**Travelling to Prince Charles Hospital**

**By Rail:** The nearest main line station is Merthyr Tydfil, which is only a 5 minute walk to the bus station or a 10 minute taxi journey to the Hospital, and has regular service connections to Cardiff. For details of local and national rail enquiries please call the Traveline on: 0870 608 2 608.

**By Bus:** From outlying areas you are advised to travel to the Merythr Tydfil bus station and then take the number 27 bus which travels to the Hospital. The service runs on the hour and then every 15 minutes with a journey time of 10 minutes.

**By Road:** Merthyr Tydfil is situated north of Cardiff on the A470 and A465 making it easily accessible via the UK road network.

**From Cardiff:** Take the A470 heading north for Pontypidd and Merthyr Tydfil. Go straight ahead at the Abercynon roundabout. Go Straight ahead at the next two roundabouts and at the third roundabout you will leave the A470 by taking the third exit from the left, (effectively turning right) which is also signposted to Cyfarthfa Castle. Go straight ahead until you reach a set of traffic lights. Turn left at the traffic lights and travel up a twisty road until you reach a T-junction. You will see Cyfarthfa Castle immediately ahead of you. Turn left at the T-junction, also signposted to Cefn Coed y Cymmer. Take the next right turn which is signposted to Prince Charles Hospital. Follow the signs for the hospital.

**From Abergavenny:** Take the A465 for Merthyr Tydfil. Approaching Merthyr Tydfil you come to a roundabout which exits to Cardiff, Merthyr Tydfil, Neath and Asda/ MFI/Allied Carpets. Take the Neath turnoff and continue along the A465 for about 1 kilometre where there is a slip road to the left marked H(A&E) in red and Merthyr Industrial Estate. Follow the slip road to a T-junction and turn right up a hill to a roundabout. Take the third exit off the roundabout. Follow this road past a School and housing estate. The road dips down a small gradient and at the bottom turn left for Prince Charles hospital. This is the fourth left turn after coming off the roundabout (approximately 1 kilometre). The entrance to the hospital is up a small hill and on the left.

**From Neath:** Take the A465 for Merthyr Tydfil. Approaching Merthyr Tydfil you pass the Baverstock Hotel on your left, and proceeding down a hill you come to a roundabout. Take the second left (effectively straight ahead for Abergavenny. Almost immediately (about 150 yards) turn left, signposted to Prince Charles Hospital, onto a steep and twisty road. You will come to a T-junction at which you will turn right into Cefn Coed y Cymmer. On leaving the village you will drive straight on at the mini roundabout. Take care here as the junction is slightly off-set and the road narrows into a left hand bend. As the bend straightens out, take the next turning left which is signposted to Prince Charles Hospital. The road almost doubles back on itself up a steep hill. As you turn into this road you will see a lake on your right which is set in the grounds of Cyfarthfa Castle. Continue up the hill, and follow signs for the hospital.

**From Brecon:** Travel south along the A470. Approaching Merthyr Tydfil you come to a roundabout which is the junction of the A470 and A465. Take the first left for Abergavenny and then proceed as if coming from Neath above.

**On Arrival:** Car parking is readily available around the hospital site. Visitors are then requested to report to the reception of the ward or department they are attending.
ABOUT THE HOSPITAL

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Cwm Taf Health Board was established on 1 October 2009 and consists of two District General Hospitals; Prince Charles Hospital and the Royal Glamorgan Hospital. They are responsible for the provision of health care services to over 325,000 people principally covering the Merthyr Tydfil and Rhondda Cynon Taff Local Authority areas.

Prince Charles Hospital is based in the Gurnos Estate, Merthyr Tydfil CF47 9DT. To the north of the hospital lies the beautiful Brecon Beacons National Park whilst to the south-west is the Gower Peninsula with its outstanding coastline. The capital city of Wales, Cardiff, is only 25 miles away along the dual carriageway (A470) South to North Wales trunk road.

The Royal Glamorgan Hospital is based in Llantrisant, Rhondda Cynon Taff CF72 8XR. It is located in a semi-rural area, just 3 miles from the M4 and only 13 miles from the city of Cardiff. The hospital is within easy access to Bristol, Bridgend, Swansea and the whole of South Wales. The hospital is cushioned by areas of outstanding beauty: the Glamorgan Heritage Coast, the Gower, Rhondda Heritage Park and the Brecon Beacons National Park are all within short driving distance.

Cwm Taf Health Board is committed to the development of Medical Education programmes that are dynamic, interactive and adequately prepare our undergraduates, junior medical staff for their present/future roles and personal career development. We not only ensure we offer the complete curriculum for undergraduate students, foundation, core and specialty trainees; we also ensure we offer a wide range of clinical skills and related topics combined with support and funding for other relevant courses for appropriate staff.

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