Dear Colleague,

Thank you for choosing to attend this event.

This mail is to inform you of the programme and format for the days.

**Dates:**
20th June 2015 (Saturday)
21st June 2015 (Sunday)

**Venue:**
Education Centre, Christie Hospital, Manchester

**Address:**
The Christie NHS Foundation Trust, Wilmslow Road, Manchester, M20 4BX. United Kingdom

**Telephone:** 0161 446 3000

**Directions:**
Please click on this link-

Please click on this link if you are travelling by car:
Please click on this link if you are taking public transport:

Parking:
‘Pay and display’ car parks are available in the hospital premises. Please click on this link for further detailed information.
http://www.christie.nhs.uk/media/42317/car%20parking.pdf
However, free parking may be found in the streets/off-roads/by-lanes adjacent to the hospital.

**Day 1**
- **Start of registrations** : 0830 hrs
- **Start of course** : 0850 assembly into room for a 0900 hrs prompt start
- **End of course** : 1700 hrs

**Day 2**
- **Start of course** : 0830 hrs
- **End of course** : 1645 hrs

**Course format/content:**
This course is a structured programme of learning basic surgical skills and techniques. Delivered using a series of tutor demonstrations and hands-on sessions on animal tissue, the course will introduce to you the safe basic surgical techniques that are common to all surgical practices.

On completion of this course, you will be able to: (i) Demonstrate an appropriate procedure for ‘gowning’ and ‘gloving’ in accordance with recommended standards of practice; (ii) Tie a variety of reliable knots, including, surgical reef knots and the Aberdeen knot and tying at depth. (iii) Describe correct handling and use of surgical instruments. (iv) Suture a variety of tissues, including skin, bowel, vascular tissue and tendons effectively. (v) Perform abscess drainage and contaminated wound debridement in accordance with the basic principles of wound management. (vi) Demonstrate safe fine tissue handling utilising small bowel, vascular and tendon models for basic anastomoses technique. (vii) Demonstrate an understanding of basic diathermic technique. (viii) Demonstrate effective management of ergonomic issues commonly encountered in endoscopic surgery.

**Pre-Course Materials:**
You would have already had access to the pre-course online materials and videos. This is provided to give you a background to the course together with additional theoretical knowledge. The materials and videos should be viewed prior to the course but is primarily meant for you to practice exercises after the course. It is important that you do not practice exhaustively from the online material alone as specific exercises will be demonstrated to you at the time of the course. These may differ slightly in method from that shown online.
You can access the course materials at:
http://www.rcsed.ac.uk/my-profile/course-material.aspx by logging in with your College username and password.

- If you did not previously have a College web account, one has been created for you. Your username and password were sent to you via email.
If you have forgotten your username or password, you can retrieve them here:
http://www.rcsed.ac.uk/forgotten-password.aspx

Participants on previous courses have occasionally failed to grasp the essentials of knot tying and the primary importance of safety in the minimal access section. Please give this due consideration. My advice is that if you are predominantly right-handed, you should tie with your left hand and vice-versa. If you are naturally ambidextrous, then by all means use both hands.

Programme:
Can be found in this link:

Breaks:
There is a 15-minute refreshment break in the morning and a 45-minute lunch break. Coffee, tea and biscuits as well as sandwich lunch along with fruit juice will be provided as appropriate.

Dress code:
You can wear whatever you wish (formal, casual etc). As such, there is no dress code.

What you need to bring with you:
1. A copy of the email you have received from us regarding your confirmation of place (with your name). Please note that you will not be allowed to attend the course without this information.
2. Your Hospital identification badge.

We look forward to seeing you at the course.

Please do not hesitate to contact us on info@doctorsacademy.org.uk if you have a query in the interim.

Best wishes,

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