

The Christie - Doctors Academy FRCS (Gen Surg) Section 2 Course: Theory, Vivas and Clinical Examination

Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th January 2025
The Christie Hospital, Manchester

REPORTING INFORMATION

KINDLY READ THIS IN FULL SINCE IT CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION. PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE THE REPORTING INFORMATION FOR THE THEORETICAL (ONLINE) COMPONENT OF THE COURSE IN A SEPARATE EMAIL.

Dear Colleague,

Thank you for registering to attend The Christie – Doctors Academy FRCS (General Surgery) Section II Course. We look forward to welcoming you to the face-to-face component of the course.

This document provides you with pertinent information for the face-to-face component of the course, such as directions to the venue and timings for the days.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The face-to-face component of the course will be held on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th January at the Christie Hospital, Manchester. Please find below the pertinent details.

Timings:

Day 1 (Saturday 18th January 2025)

Registration: 0830 hours
Start of Day 1: 0845 hours
End of Day 1: 1730 hours

Day 2 (Sunday 19th January 2025)

Start of Day 2: 0830 hours
End of Day 2: 1730 hours

Venue:

Department 22 (Outpatient Department)
The Christie Hospital
The Christie NHS Foundation Trust
Wilmslow Road
Manchester
M20 4BX

DIRECTIONS AND PARKING

Directions:

For detailed directions, please follow this link:

<https://www.christie.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/visiting-the-christie/directions-and-transport>

Please follow this link if you are travelling by car:

<https://www.christie.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/visiting-the-christie/directions-and-transport/arriving-by-car>

Please follow this link if you are taking public transport:

<https://www.christie.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/visiting-the-christie/directions-and-transport/arriving-by-public-transport>

Parking:

Please follow this link to view details of car parking at the hospital:

<https://www.christie.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/visiting-the-christie/directions-and-transport/car-parking>

COURSE FORMAT AND CONTENT

- The course will consist of small group and individual vivas.
- You will have the opportunity to participate in one-on-one vivas, as in the exam.
- Slides of images and pathology specimens will be shown, and you will be asked common examination questions.
- Real patients with pathologies will be available for the clinical component of the course.
- Emphasis will be laid on all participants to answer questions. Each participant will be given time to hone their discussion skills with an examiner and to present the findings confidently.
- All the viva stations will be covered in detail: Emergency Surgery (including trauma) and Critical Care; General Surgery; Declared Specialty (Upper and Lower GI; Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Surgery; Endocrine; Breast; Transplant); General Surgery of Childhood; and Academic Viva.

COURSE MATERIAL

All relevant pre-course reading materials are placed online. On the home page of Doctors Academy (www.doctorsacademy.org), there is a link on the top of the page named: '**Read and Download Course Reading Material**'. On clicking this link, you will be directed to another page titled 'Material from the following courses can be accessed by entering your course registration number'. You will see 'The Christie – Doctors Academy FRCS (General Surgery) Section II Course' listed under this title. Please enter your course registration number (**the number provided in the email confirming your place**) and click on 'Validate'. This web page will contain all the academic papers, presentations and relevant chapters.

BREAKS FOR REFRESHMENTS AND LUNCH

There will be a 20-minute refreshment break in the morning and afternoon sessions, and a 40-minute lunch break. During the refreshment breaks, you will be provided with tea, coffee and biscuits. A sandwich lunch will also be provided. Vegetarian and non-vegetarian options will be available. Gluten-free, dairy-free and vegan options can also be sourced; please inform us by return of email if you have any special dietary requirements so that our team can make appropriate arrangements for you.

A complimentary course dinner has been arranged for all delegates and faculty in one of the local restaurants on the evening of Saturday 18th January at 1830 hours. You are cordially invited to attend. You will be provided with the details of the venue at the course.

DRESS CODE

The dress code for this course is professional/semi-formal. Kindly refrain from wearing shorts of any kind, hoodies and flip-flops. You will examine patients on Sunday 19th January, so please ensure that you dress appropriately.

What you need to bring with you on Saturday 18th January:

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/employer identification badge.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at info@doctorsacademy.org.uk if you have any queries. Alternatively, you can call us on 02920 616 765.

If you have any issues on either day of the course, do not hesitate to contact us on +44 (0) 75 3426 0131.

We look forward to meeting you at the course.

With very best wishes,

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