

Doctors Academy FRCS (General Surgery) Section II Course: Theory, Vivas and Clinical Examination

Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th January 2026
Royal Liverpool University Hospital, Liverpool

Reporting Information

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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 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 17th and Sunday 18th January at the Royal Liverpool University Hospital, Liverpool. Please find below the pertinent details.

Timings:

Day 1 (Saturday 17th January 2026)

Registration: 0830 hours

Start of Day 1: 0845 hours

End of Day 1: 1715 hours

Day 2 (Sunday 18th January 2026)

Start of Day 2: 0830 hours

End of Day 2: 1700 hours

Venue:

Education Centre
Royal Liverpool University Hospital
Mount Vernon Street
Liverpool
Merseyside
L7 8YE

DIRECTIONS AND PARKING

Directions:

For detailed directions to the Royal Liverpool University Hospital, please follow this link:

<https://www.uhliverpool.nhs.uk/our-hospitals/royal-liverpool-university-hospital/getting-here>

Parking:

If you are driving, we would recommend that you park in the Paddington Village Multi-Storey Car Park. The postcode is L7 3FA. The car park is approx. 8 minutes' walk from the hospital. Please follow this link to view the car park on Google Maps:

https://www.google.com/maps/dir/Royal+Liverpool+University+Hospital,+Mount+Vernon+Street,+Liverpool/Paddington+Village+Multi-Storey+Car+Park,+Elm+Grove,+Smithdown+Ln,+Grove+St,+Liverpool+L7+3FA/@53.4078825,-2.9647166,16.41z/data=!4m14!4m13!1m5!1m1!1s0x487b2110c7e62fb9:0x31ba8eb6e0c9bb7b!2m2!1d-2.9631117!2d53.4085088!1m5!1m1!1s0x487b211ab5632aa7:0x6be07685d9efe64e!2m2!1d-2.9603843!2d53.4054889!3e2?entry=ttu&g_cep=EgoYMDI1MDYzMC4wIKXMDSoASAFQAw%3D%3D

Please note that you will need to account for the time to walk from the car park to the Education Centre.

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; and Academic Viva.

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. Lunch will also be provided. Vegetarian and non-vegetarian options will be available.

A complimentary course dinner has been arranged for all delegates and faculty in one of the local restaurants on the evening of Saturday 17th 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 18th January, so please ensure that you dress appropriately.

What you need to bring with you on Saturday 17th 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,

FRCS Course Faculty

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