



Royal College
of Surgeons
of England

ADVANCING SURGICAL CARE

Step up your surgical responsibility: Clinical skills and confident decision-making (SURE)

Sample course programme

Course modules

Please note that modules may be run in a different order than the one shown below.

Communication, confidence and clinical decision-making

Time	Session
0800 – 0830	Registration and refreshments
0830 – 0845	Session 1: Welcome, icebreaker and orientation
0845 – 0915	Session 2: Understanding roles and responsibilities
0915 – 0935	Session 3: The communication framework
0935 – 1045	Session 4: Out-of-hour call scenarios (part 1)
1045 – 1100	Refreshments
1100 – 1205	Session 4: Out-of-hour call scenarios (part 2)
1205 – 1225	Session 5: Scenario debrief
1225 – 1240	Session 6: Action plan and conclusion
1240 – 1330	Lunch

General surgery in emergencies

Time	Session
1330 – 1345	Session 1: Welcome, icebreaker and orientation
1345 – 1425	Session 2: Risk assessment and emergency surgical consenting
1425 – 1540	Session 3: Technical skills (part 1) • Laparotomy: Opening • Stoma formation
1540 – 1555	Refreshments
1555 – 1650	Session 3: Technical skills (part 2) • Stoma formation • Laparotomy: Closure
1650 – 1700	Session 4: Conclusion

Laparoscopic surgery in emergencies

Time	Session
0800 – 0830	Registration and refreshments
0830 – 0840	Welcome to the course, introductions and housekeeping
0840 – 0850	Session 1: Welcome, icebreaker and orientation
0850 – 0915	Session 2: Laparoscopic key principles
0915 – 1100	Session 3: Laparoscopic case studies
1100 – 1115	Refreshments
	Session 4: Technical skills
1115 – 1300	• Laparoscopic appendicectomy • Laparoscopic small bowel obstruction • Closure of perforated ulcer
1300 – 1315	Session 5: Action plan and conclusion
1315 – 1400	Lunch

Communication and teamwork in robotic surgery

Time	Session
1400 – 1415	Session 1: Welcome, icebreaker and orientation
1415 – 1430	Session 2: Contextualising bedside assist
1430 – 1455	Session 3: Communication principles in robotic surgery
1455 – 1510	Session 4: Robotic emergencies: Standard operating procedures
1510 – 1525	Refreshments
1525 – 1625	Session 5: Robotic emergencies: Scenarios
1625 – 1635	Session 6: Action plan and conclusion