



Royal College
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ADVANCING SURGICAL CARE

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

Draft course programme

Course modules

Communication, confidence and clinical decision-making

Time	Session
0800 – 0830	Registration and refreshments
0830 – 0915	Roles and responsibilities
0915 – 0935	Communication framework
0935 – 1045	Communication scenarios
1045 – 1100	Refreshments
1100 – 1210	Communication scenarios
1210 – 1230	Debrief
1230 – 1245	Action plan and conclusion
1245 – 1345	Lunch

General surgery in emergencies

Time	Session
1345 – 1400	Welcome and introduction to the module
1400 – 1440	Decision-making: Risk assessment and consenting – case-based discussions
1440 – 1530	Practical skills (1): Ergonomics and abdominal incision
1530 – 1545	Refreshments
1545 – 1710	Practical skills (2): Stoma siting and formation Practical skills (3): Abdominal wall closure Practical skills (4): Stoma maturation
1710 – 1715	Action plan and conclusion

Laparoscopic surgery in emergencies

Time	Session
0800 – 0830	Registration and refreshments
0830 – 0900	Discussion: Laparoscopy for emergency general surgery
0900 – 1045	Laparoscopic case studies
1045 – 1100	Refreshments
1100 – 1145	Practical skills (1): Laparoscopic appendicectomy (TBC)
1145 – 1215	Practical skills (2): Laparoscopic small bowel obstruction (TBC)
1215 – 1245	Practical skills (3): Closure of perforated ulcer (TBC)
1245 – 1300	Action plan and conclusion
1300 – 1345	Lunch

Communication and teamwork in robotic surgery

Time	Session
1345 – 1350	Welcome and introduction to the module
1350 – 1405	Effective communication
1405 – 1420	Contextualising bedside assist
1420 – 1445	Communication principles
1445 – 1500	Robotic emergencies: Standard operating procedures
1500 – 1515	Refreshments
1515 – 1615	Robotic emergencies: Scenarios
1615 – 1630	Action plan and conclusion