

Supporting students, current and future surgeons



Royal College
of Surgeons

ADVANCING SURGICAL CARE

The RCS is committed to supporting medical students, current and future surgeons and members of the surgical care team. We have put together this summary of our practical support, advice and resources to help you. We appreciate greatly the time and enthusiasm given by our fellows and members to supporting others.

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- [Learning in operating theatres](#) should be sent to students and theatre staff
- [National undergraduate surgical curriculum](#)
- Guides on avoiding unconscious bias, less than full-time (LTFT) training and parenthood

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- [Guides](#) on consent, mentoring, meetings and team-working
- We provide sponsorship and support for medical student surgical societies
- Individual careers advice for all career stages
- Regional support and dedicated careers contacts
- [Courses](#) for all specialties and career stages
- [Events](#), including webinars and workshops for all career stages

Actions

Support all potential, including medical students and foundation doctors

Actively involve all medical students – all doctors need an understanding of surgery

Encourage all medical students to scrub – the key points for them are:

[‘To practise in advance, say if you will move and hold any instrument with the tension you are given’](#)

Talk about how amazing it is to be a surgeon and that competition for surgical training has reduced

Emphasise that all specialties have a maximum 48 hour week and LTFT training is possible

Remind students that some parts of an operation can be tense – avoid distractions at critical times

All staff should remember they are role models for good behaviour to students and colleagues

Contact us to get involved with RCS faculty, examining and other roles

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- Fellows and members can enjoy full benefits of RCS England
- Roles within the surgical care team can now join the RCS as associate members
- Students and pre-MRCS trainees can join as affiliate members for just £15 per year
- Women in Surgery is free to join and includes networking, events and guidance
- SAS doctors are encouraged to join the RCS as fellows and members