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BASIC BSPP PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE CERTIFICATE (BSPP)

OVERVIEW:

The Basic Surgical Principles and Practice Certificate (BSPP) for NCHDs has been specifically designed for surgical doctors who are not currently on a formal surgical training programme. The purpose of the programme is to provide educational support in a structured way based on the blueprint of the Intercollegiate Core Surgical Curriculum. The programme covers the broad areas of:

1. Core Knowledge and Clinical Judgement
 2. Clinical Skills
 3. Technical skills
 4. Non-Technical Skills
 5. Professionalism and Patient Safety
- Completion of this programme equates to 50 CPD points.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME:

This programme offers a comprehensive educational support system for NCHDs across Ireland. This support system will be delivered online primarily and will be housed on Moodle. This certificate course will be a high-quality structured programme which will deliver both live (synchronous) and asynchronous education episodes on a regular basis throughout the academic year.

TEACHING AND LEARNING STRATEGIES

This programme will utilize a blended approach to teaching. Teaching resources will be housed on the Moodle platform. Technical skills training will be delivered face to face on campus for two full days. The online sessions will be live (synchronous) with Faculty present in the class. Pre-course reading and post course exercises will be required to be undertaken on top of attending online classes.

DURATION

The Basic Surgical Principles and Practice Certificate is a one-year 80% online programme delivered between September 2024 and June 2025. Those who complete this successfully will become eligible for the next stages of the programme "Intermediate" and "Advance" due to be launched in 2025.

SCHOLARS WILL GAIN:

- High-quality, consultant delivered education sessions
- Flexible learning, incorporating a blend of both synchronous and asynchronous
- Learning to fit in with busy clinical schedules
- Syllabus-based education. (Core Surgical Curriculum and MRCS syllabus)
- A blend of clinical, technical and non-technical skills
- A focus on clinical judgement and decision-making
- Education and learning which is geared towards the skills needed to provide safer and better-quality care for patients
- Access to a "community of learners" to enhance cohesion and collegiality among the NCHD group across Ireland
- Achieve alignment with RCSI as a training buddy
- Pastoral care through access to personal wellbeing /career coaching and mentorships from a team of surgical and coaching experts
- Live online session titled "Caring for Yourself in Surgery," featuring lecture-led tips and studies to help surgeons maintain their musculoskeletal health
- Programme also offers participants the opportunity to book an online coaching session with a qualified coach



MODULE 1

CORE KNOWLEDGE AND CLINICAL JUDGEMENT

Case Based Discussions: A Consultant Surgeon will discuss a surgical topic which is highly relevant to clinical practice and will cover not only Clinical Surgery but also the basic sciences, including relevant Anatomy, Physiology and Pathology. 9 x 1-hour monthly sessions, giving 9 CPD points.

MODULE 2

CLINICAL SKILLS

Module 2 is delivered in the format of a virtual ward round. Participants work with peers in small groups to review clinical cases including vital signs, medications, and investigations. The group discuss differential diagnoses and then present the case to the Consultant as if presenting on a ward round. Feedback is provided by the Consultant. Simulated Virtual Ward Rounds are an important means of clinical skills training and form important learning outcomes in the new Intercollegiate Surgical Curriculum Program (Capabilities in Practice). These teaching sessions will include a blend of pre-course work and online classes. 9 x 1.5-hour sessions per year, giving 14 CPD points.

MODULE 3

TECHNICAL SKILLS

This is a two-day Basic Surgical Skills training module held face-to-face in No 26 York Street, RCSI, with surgical faculty leading both training days. This module also includes skill development in Theatre Etiquette. 2 days per year giving 14 CPD points.

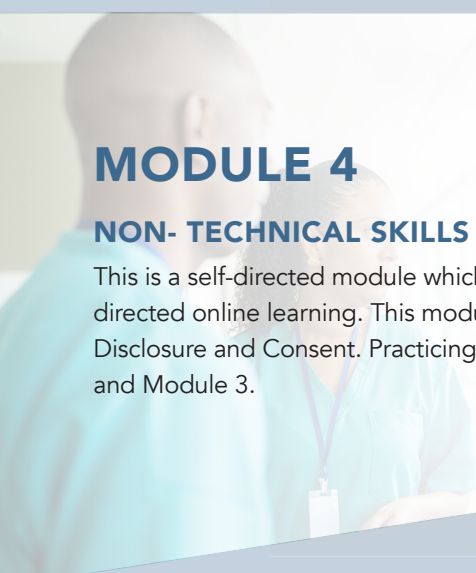
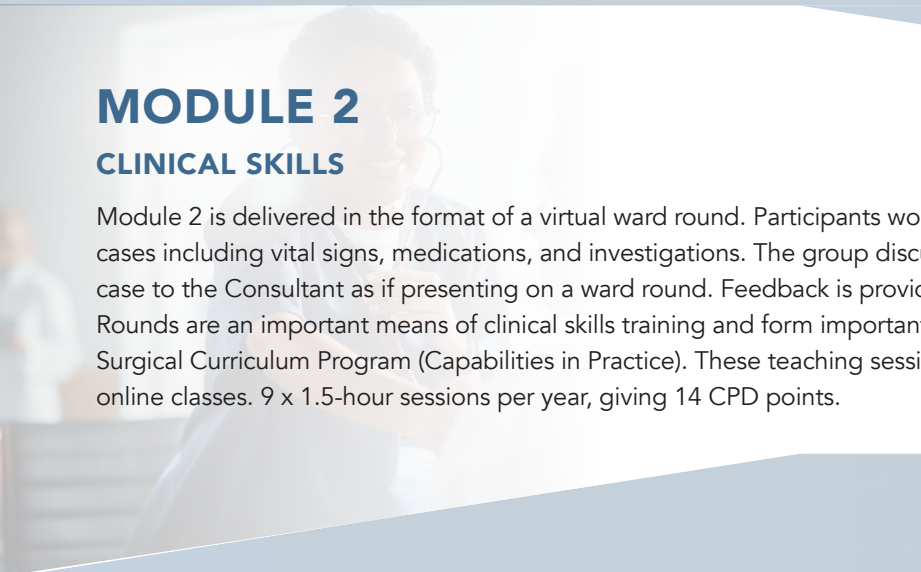
MODULE 4

NON- TECHNICAL SKILLS

This is a self-directed module which will be based on Human Factors curriculum and will include a blend of pre-course work and directed online learning. This module includes course material on Communication Clinical Handover, Teleconsultation, Open Disclosure and Consent. Practicing the communication skills learned from this course content will be integrated within Module 2 and Module 3.

WELLBEING SUPPORTS

This course will include online live sessions on "Caring for yourself in surgery" and "Lifestyle medicine." Access to Surgical Mentorship/Career Coaching/Personal Wellbeing Coaching/ Educational Progression Coaching will be provided by an expert Team consisting of a Surgeon/Life Coach, Surgical Educationalist/Life Coach and a Psychotherapist/Coach.



TESTIMONIALS



As a Non-Consultant Hospital Doctor (NCHD) outside the formal training scheme, I found this program to be exceptionally beneficial. The virtual ward rounds and case discussions integrated into the curriculum are standout features. These components were not only engaging but also instrumental in enhancing our knowledge-sharing and critical thinking skills.

The interactive format encouraged active participation and provided valuable practical experience in a simulated environment. The inclusion of topics from various surgical subspecialties is particularly commendable. This comprehensive approach has broadened our understanding and equipped us with a diverse set of skills, which are crucial in the multifaceted world of surgery.

I highly recommend the Basic Surgical Principles program to any NCHD who seeks a solid foundation in surgery. The knowledge and skills gained from this well-structured program are indispensable for those looking to advance in this challenging field.

DR KRISTALI YLLI,
Basic Surgical Principles and Practice Certificate 2023-24



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To be considered eligible for the programme, you must be:

1. Registered on Continuous Professional Development Support Scheme (CPD_SS)
2. Work within the Public Health Service
3. Surgical SHO

FEES

€990 is covered via the NCHD CPD funding which will be claimed back directly from the HSE on behalf of the NCHD's.

Candidates will need to pay the remaining balance of €1,250 which can be paid in three instalments. NCHDs can claim the €1,250 fee back directly from their hospitals as this certificate is approved by HSE NDTP under the Training Support Scheme (TSS).



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