



**AO Foundation**  
Education

# AO Principles in Operative Fracture Management Course for Surgeons

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## **Registration Brochure**

8 - 11 March, 2010

The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh

# 2010

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Organised and run by AOUK and Ireland in association with AO Foundation

# Course description

## Course aim

The aim of the course is to help the participant acquire the knowledge and skills required to manage common fractures, according to AO principles.

## Course concept

The course is based upon a philosophy that good fracture management requires more than the practical skills required to 'fix' a fracture. The competent fracture surgeon should understand bone physiology, response to injury and the processes of repair.

Good decision-making is the key to fracture management and interaction between participants and faculty during lectures, group discussion and practical sessions will help you develop these skills. Practical sessions involve the fixation of common diaphyseal and articular fractures on real size artificial bone models, using AO instruments and implants.

## Course objectives

On completion of the course participants will be able to:

- Outline the AO principles of fracture management
- Relate bone healing, soft tissue damage, fracture pattern and surgery in the injured patient
- Describe appropriate methods of operative reduction and fixation of fractures, the degree of fracture stability they achieve and their effects on fracture healing and the patient
- Plan fracture fixation and start to acquire the practical skills for open reduction and internal fixation of common fractures

## Participant criteria

This course is aimed at junior trainees. ATLS training is recommended before attending the course.

# Invited course faculty

The invited faculty for this course is composed of national and local surgeons distinguished in the field of operative fracture care.

## Course chairmen

David Boddie	Aberdeen Royal Infirmary
Andrew Kent	Raigmore Hospital, Inverness

## Local faculty

Gam Ayana	Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley
Subroto Chatterji	West Wales General Hospital, Carmarthen
Jacqui McMillan	Crosshouse Hospital, Kilmarnock
Drummond Mansbridge	Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow
Ian Pallister	Morrison Hospital, Swansea
Ian Ritchie	Stirling Royal Infirmary

## Guest faculty

Gary Keenan	The Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh at Little France
Piers Renshaw	Raigmore Hospital, Inverness

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# Course information

## **Course fee - £995.00**

The course fee includes all course materials, lunches and light refreshments throughout the course.

## **Course venue**

Quincentenary Hall  
The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh  
Nicholson Street  
Edinburgh  
EH8 9DW

## **Course schedule**

The course will commence at approximately 9.00am on Monday 8 March 2010 and we will aim for a 4.30pm finish on Thursday 11 March 2010.

## **Accreditation**

CPD accreditation will be applied for from the British Orthopaedic Association.

## **Attendance**

Please note, the course Chairmen reserve the right to withhold the certificate of attendance if a participant does not attend all sessions of the course.

## **Accommodation**

When you have been accepted on to the course, accommodation information will be sent to you in your confirmation pack.

Please note that booking and paying for accommodation is the responsibility of the participant.

## **Transportation**

Participants are required to make their own way to the course venue. The Royal College of Surgeons is situated in the city centre, approximately 10 minutes walk from Edinburgh Waverley train station. Maps and directions will be forwarded in your confirmation pack.

# Course information

## Dietary requirements

Please indicate on the registration form if you have any special dietary requirements.

## Course dinner

You are invited to join the faculty and staff for the course dinner, which is being arranged for the evening of Tuesday 9 March 2010 at a Edinburgh city centre venue. There is an additional charge of £30.00 per person and this should be enclosed with your registration form.

## Dress code

Dress for the course is 'casual' and it is advisable to wear comfortable shoes. Please note, you will be using power driven tools and there may be dust from drilling the plastic bones.

Dress for the course dinner will be smart casual.

## Insurance

As per our cancellation policy detailed below, the course organisers are not responsible and not insured against cancellation of course places.

## Public liability

The course organisers have public liability insurance, which covers them against claims for some types of accident and certain other risks. However, participants are responsible for taking out their own insurance for medical cover, accidents, loss of belongings and other risks during the course.

## Cancellation policy

Cancellation will be charged as follows:

One month prior to course	10% of course fee
One month – two weeks prior to course	50% of course fee
Two weeks prior to course	100% of course fee

# Mission statement of AO Education

Our aim is continuously to set standards in postgraduate medical education and to foster the sharing of medically-guided expertise in a worldwide network of healthcare professionals, in order to improve patient care in trauma, or disorders of the musculoskeletal system.

AO course objectives, in general, are:

- to broaden knowledge and comprehension of operative fracture treatment, according to the level of education, or speciality
- to assist in decision-making as to the optimal treatment method, following the AO Principles
- to learn about the latest developments in relevant research and clinical investigation
- to become acquainted with new techniques and technologies, as well as alternative approaches to fracture treatment
- to improve manual skills by practising on different bone models
- to understand the evolution of AO Philosophy and Education – what is new and what is still valid, as well as the rationale behind any changes

## Contact details

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