



AO Foundation
Education

AO Current Concepts Course for Surgeons

Registration Brochure

24 - 26 March 2010, Brandon Hall Hotel and Spa, Warwickshire

2010



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

Course description

Fracture management and the environment in which it is practiced are evolving rapidly. The aims of this three day course are to update, revise, provoke and inform. The specific themes for 2010 are distal radial fractures, paediatric fractures and education. The course is designed for Consultant Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgeons; generally about half of the anticipated 48 participants are members of AO course faculty.

The aims of Day 1 are firstly to re-establish the foundations of fracture management and then move through the evolution of treatment and the use of modern implants. The practical examples used will be plating systems and MIPO. However, instead of a didactic format we will interweave this with discussion on how we learn, teach and assess practical skills. In the coming era of recertification these issues will become more relevant to all of us.

On Day 2 the management of distal radial fractures will form the core; with talks, practicals and discussions. There has been a rapid proliferation and evolution in the interventional treatment for these common injuries; a technical update is therefore one objective. This will be balanced with discussion on management choices.

Day 3 will cover the general aspects of paediatric fracture care. Particular emphasis will be on those fractures managed by the General T&O Surgeon. The practical use of elastic nails will be addressed.

The format is set to be open, relaxed and inviting discussion.

Participant Criteria

This course is aimed at Consultant Trauma/Orthopaedic Surgeons and Associate Specialists in the field of skeletal care.

Invited course faculty

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

Course Chairman

Bob Handley
John Williams

John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford
Newcastle General Hospital

International Guest Faculty

Michael Wagner

Wilhelminenspital der Stadt Wien, Austria

UK Faculty

Jeremy Field
Phil Henman
Gavin de Kieweit
Kevin Newman
Ian Pallister
Nigel Rossiter

Cheltenham General Hospital
Freeman Hospital, Newcastle Upon Tyne
Sunderland Royal Infirmary
St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey
Morrison Hospital, Swansea
North Hampshire & Basingstoke Hospital, Basingstoke

Subject to change

Course information

Course Fee & Accommodation

Course fee includes all course materials, lunches, light refreshments.

Accommodation can be arranged for participants at the course venue. The course will commence at 9.30 am on Wednesday 24 March and we have anticipated that most delegates will require two nights accommodation.

£695 Course fee plus accommodation for the nights of the 24 & 25 March 2010

£550 Course fee only (no accommodation)

£30 Course dinner on Wednesday 24 March at Brandon Hall

Course Venue

Brandon Hall Hotel and Spa
Main Street
Brandon
Warwickshire
CV8 3FW

Course Schedule

The course will commence at 9.30am on Wednesday 24 March 2010 and we will aim for a 1.30pm finish on Friday 26 March 2010.

Accreditation

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

Course Dinner

You are invited to join the faculty and staff at the course dinner which is being arranged for the evening of Wednesday 24 March 2010 at Brandon Hall hotel. There is an additional cost of £30 for this three course dinner and drinks. Please indicate your attendance on the registration form and add the appropriate fee to your payment.

Course information

Dress Code

Dress for the course is 'casual'; remember to wear comfortable shoes. 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.

Transportation

Participants are required to make their own way to the course venue. Brandon Hall is well connected by the local motorway network and is located just 15 minutes drive from Junction 21 of the M1 and 5 minutes from Junction 2 of the M6. Coventry and Birmingham airports are also close by and Coventry train station is a 15-minute drive from the hotel.

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.

Insurance

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

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

Please note: Accommodation that is booked by us on your behalf will be subject to the contracted hotel cancellation policy.

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

If you would like to receive information on any future AO Courses, please contact:

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