



AO courses for Operating Room Personnel (ORP) are organised and delivered by experienced and practicing ORP.

The content is designed to meet the educational needs of ORP working with patients who have traumatic injuries or disorders of the musculoskeletal system.

All courses are principles based, which allows participants to attain a greater understanding of the treatment which they are helping to deliver. Having an increased awareness of the theory behind the practice enables ORP's to function more effectively as part of the multi-disciplinary team – making the patients' transit through the operating theatre safer and more efficient.

Whilst in-house training is a valuable and essential part of the role of the ORP, the opportunities offered by participation in a course develop such learning further.

The faculty for all courses comprises experienced ORP and surgeons, who are all in current clinical practice in trauma surgery. Courses are a combination of lectures, discussion groups and skills workshops.

- Lectures provide the principles based theoretical background
- Discussion groups offer the opportunity to learn from faculty and each other – they also provide an opportunity to network with peers from other centres and allow for the sharing of best practice and solving problems
- Skills workshops allow participants to put the theory into practice, and give an insight into the role of the surgeon – the problems which they encounter during surgery, and the role they have as ORP during surgery

The AO foundation was founded 50 years ago by a group of surgeons, it is a non-profit organisation dedicated to education, research and technical development.