









16th Laparoscopic Bile Duct Exploration Course

Upper GI Trainees StR6-8 / Post CCT / Consultants

Wednesday 2nd – Thursday 3rd July 2025 Torbay Hospital





This two day Royal College of Surgeons approved course concentrates on laparoscopic bile duct exploration. The first day covers evidence for practice, patient selection, surgical techniques, the 'pit falls' of starting a service, getting the right equipment. Also discussed is the management of acute presentation and integration of surgical service and ERCP. As well as lectures, live link surgery will be used for interactive discussion. The second day is workshop based concentrating on laparoscopic suturing, choledocoscopes and bile duct instruments and a highly recommended hands-on LCBDE wet lab model.

Program

Day I

Horizon centre, Torbay Hospital, Newton Road, Torquay, Devon TQ2 7AA

Date: 2nd July

08.40 Registration and coffee

08.50 Welcome and Introduction

09.00 Biliary disease – current

practice guidelines

09.30 Biliary Anatomy

10.00 Bile Duct Imaging

10.45 Coffee

II.00 LCBDE Equipment

13.00 Lunch

14.00 Setting up an effective service

business case and patient selection 'pitfalls'

15.00 Tea and biscuits

16.00 Discussion and close

19.00 Course Dinner – TBC

Day II

BOWA UK head office, Bremridge, Ashburton, Devon TQ13 7JX, UK

Date: 3rd July

08.45 Registration and coffee

09.00 Introduction to Day 2

09.10 Group 1 - Wet lab workshopGroup 2 - Lectures

11.00 Coffee and biscuits

II.15 Group I – LecturesGroup 2 – Wet lab workshop

13.30 Closing discussion and Lunch

DAY I Variable Timing

LIVE LINK SURGERY

CASES

Trans-cystic Exploration AM
Choledocotomy Exploration PM

Faculty

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Laparoscopic Common Bile Duct Exploration Course

Please note: Course meal is included in the course fee. Accommodation and travel are not included in the course fee

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