

Sheffield Students' Surgical Society



NEWSLETTER

October 2007

A Big Welcome to all the New Freshers!

It was great to meet you all at the Freshers Fair! And welcome back everyone else to a brand new academic year. There's going to be lots going on this year, with more of the popular suturing classes, radiology tutorials and the new weekly anatomy tutorials for Phase 1A and Phase 1B! We'll also be hosting some interesting talks from some very distinguished surgeons, as well as holding our annual WIST talk. If you have any suggestions for Society activities or such please do make them – we're your society after all! Also come along and get involved at committee meetings. See you all soon!

Judith Ritchie
President

Anatomy Tutorials Starting This Month!

Are you part of the Surgical Society?
Would you like some extra help with the anatomy you're doing in the DR?
Are you free on Thursday evenings?
Why not book a session with us – sessions will be running almost every Thursday from 18th October, 6-7pm down in the Information Commons. Email us to express your interest and find out how to book a session. Places limited to 10 a session so BOOK EARLY to avoid disappointment!



Events

The SurgSoc Surgical Case Prize Evening – 25th October 2007 6pm MLT3

This year was the first year we have organised a case prize. Presenting cases is a difficult but essential skill and this prize was designed to give students the opportunity to practise in an informal setting with feedback from senior surgeons, as well as the chance to improve your CV and win £100! We have had some excellent entries; the authors of the best three cases will be presenting them at the Prize Evening on 25th October at 6 pm. **Come along** to hear some interesting surgical cases and feedback from consultant surgeons. This evening should be useful revision of important surgical problems and helpful for those who are planning presentations in the future.

The Next Surgeon Talk will be... Hepatobiliarypancreatic Surgery, Mr Cameron - 14th November 6.30pm, MLT1

Mr Iain Cameron, Consultant Hepatobiliary Surgeon at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital, will be giving a talk detailing his training in the field of liver, gallbladder and pancreatic surgery... more details soon to follow. Free entry and refreshments will be provided.



Suturing Classes Starting Again Soon ...

Suturing classes give students the opportunity to learn or practice basic suturing techniques using surgical equipment and prosthetic skin. This is an important skill for surgeons and doctors working in Emergency departments. You may get the opportunity to try suturing on placement during Medical School; practising in advance will improve your confidence so you can get the most out of these opportunities. The classes are normally led by junior surgical trainees and are held in the Medical School. Students in all phases are welcome to sign up. Look out for more information on dates of classes or email in for more details.



For those of you wanting to do the advanced class, we haven't forgotten about you! A surgical trainee has agreed to help us with this in November and will hopefully continue next year. We will email you shortly with more details.

A Word From WIST Rep Emily Lees

WIST stands for Women In Surgical Training (soon to be known as WINS – Women IN Surgery). It's an organisation that is part of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, which aims to encourage women to go into surgical training and support them when they do so. There are a number of regional contacts for WIST members to go to for advice about a career in surgery. The representative for Sheffield is Miss Jenny Walker, who is a Paediatric Surgeon at Sheffield Children's Hospital.

This year's national WIST conference takes place on **Monday 5th November** at the Royal College of Surgeons of England down Lincoln Inn Fields. The theme is 'The Importance of Women Surgeons'. There will be workshops, chances to network with surgeons and like-minded medical students and there will also be a key notes address by Rebecca Stephens, who was the first British woman to climb Everest and the Seven Summits.

WIST is FREE to join and you can sign up as a medical student. Visit www.rcseng.ac.uk/career/wist for more information.

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