

Sheffield Students' Surgical Society



NEWSLETTER

Sept 2008

Dear Members

After a quiet summer it is now time for us to get back to business. We have a variety of events and activities planned for you in this autumn/winter period. **Suturing classes** will be getting underway shortly, as will **anatomy tutorials** for phase 1a and b. We also have **Mr Raftery's Surgical Case Prize Evening** coming up on 1st October and **Orthopaedics: career and revision** with Mr Blundell on 10th November. In addition to Mr Blundell's teaching, we have organized some further **phase 2 exam revision** for later on in the year and for phases 3a and 3b, we have organized an **Advanced Trauma Life Support workshop**. This should complement phase 3B acute and critical care well.

Due to our close links with the Royal College of Surgeons of England, we were able to secure a low entry cost for the Minimising Surgical Bleeding Conference to be held shortly in London and we will hopefully get you more discounts and information about further conferences in the near future.

Some of you may remember **Radiology Day** which was held this February for phase 4 students. You will be pleased to hear that we will be repeating this next year. More information will be coming soon...

→Upcoming Events...

Mr Raftery's Surgical Case Prize 2008

Followed by farewell food and drinks

Wednesday 1st October, MLT 2

Case prize at 6pm in MLT2,

Farewell evening from 7.30pm in the faculty room (B floor med school)



Thanks to all of you who sent entries in for our case prize evening. We will soon be asking you all to come along and present your cases at the case prize evening, which is to be held on 1st October.

The evening will start off with presentations from our entrants and following this there will be food and drinks in the faculty room in celebration of Mr Raftery's long and celebrated career as a General Surgeon.

As you may be aware, Mr Raftery recently retired and as he is Surgical Society mentor, we thought that it was our duty to hold a farewell evening in his honour to say thank you for all his hard work. We are hoping that Mr Raftery will continue to be our emeritus mentor and return once in a while to give us one of his entertaining talks.

If you wish to come along to the evening, please could you email us (surgsoc@sheffield.ac.uk) with your interest so that we know how many people to cater for.

→Upcoming Events...

Orthopaedics: career and revision

Mr Chris Blundell, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon

10th November 6pm, MLT 2

Mr Blundell has kindly agreed to do a talk on his career as an orthopaedic surgeon, followed by a revision session on musculoskeletal examination aimed at phase 2 and 4 OSCEs. He will be using surgical society committee members as examination models to demonstrate the method of examining parts of the body that can commonly crop up in exams.



→Skills & Education...

Suturing Classes

We will be running some basic suturing classes over the next month and then following this, advanced classes for more senior students. If you would like to book a place, please email us at: surgsoc@sheffield.ac.uk

Please specify what phase you are in and whether you have any suturing experience.

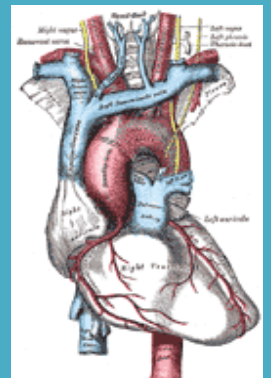


Anatomy

Anatomy classes will be recommencing soon for phase 1b, followed by 1a later in the year.

These will be on a weekly basis from now on and timetables will be sent out shortly.

Also anatomy resources will be coming soon to our website...



ATLS

(Advanced Trauma Life Support)

We are running this workshop with phase 3B in mind, however phase 2 and 3A are also welcome. This will involve assessment and management of trauma patients, which will be an essential skill once in A&E.

Phase 2 OSCE Revision

We are in the process of organising some teaching on systems examinations for phase 2 students to be held in November. This will hopefully compliment the Medsoc mock OSCE. If you think that you need a refresher session on your examination skills, let us know at surgsoc@sheffield.ac.uk and we will inform you of when the tutorials will be run.



Plastic Surgery Day *for Medical Students*

Sunday 19th October 2008

Royal College of Surgeons of England, London

This one-day national event is for all medical students interested in finding out more about a career in plastic surgery.

- » *Hear* presentations by plastic surgeons on a career in plastic surgery
- » *Practice* plastic surgical skills on manikins under supervision of surgeons
- » *Watch* Surgical cinema showing footage from the operating theatre
- » *Consider* medical electives advice on where to go
- » *Listen* to informal careers advice on how to get into plastic surgery
- » *Receive* Certificate of Attendance, awarded from BAPRAS, for your portfolio

This event is FREE and for ALL medical students, from first year to finalists
RESERVE YOUR PLACE TODAY (limited spaces)

Email: Angela.Rausch@bapras.org.uk

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We will keep you updated with any further news or amendments by email.

**See you all at the next event
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