



SURGICAL LECTURE SERIES

As soon as SSSA was formed, the education subcommittee has been busy with organising a series of lectures on surgical topics.

Our first event "Crash Course in Surgical Instruments" covered the basic essentials, which every junior doctor is expected to know, but are rarely taught formally. The crash course was given by Ann Parkman, a very enthusiastic Post Graduate Perioperative Course Co-ordinator who made the session very 'hands-on', practical and entertaining!

Also, this year we have started our weekly lecture series on surgical topics. With the help of surgeons Mr Fink, Mr Sweeney, Mr Wiley, Mr Muralidharan, we had the opportunity to revise the clinical aspects of the topics covered as well as find out more on interesting and practical aspects of the pre- and post-operative care and surgical techniques used in gall bladder surgery, gastrectomy and hernia repair. Mr Wiley gave some useful tips on approaching a surgical long case.

We have received feedback from students that the sessions have been worthwhile, interesting and appropriate for our level of knowledge! On behalf of all the students we would like to thank all the surgeons who have been so enthusiastic in volunteering to sacrifice their time to teach medical students about their specialties. They have been generous too with allowing us to distribute copies of the lecture notes to students via the SSSA website. The copies should be available by the end of this year or early next year on SSSA website http://www.austinsurgery.unimelb.edu.au/S09_SSSA/index.html.

We are grateful for all the surgeons who have expressed interest to teach and assist with our society, and to promote a passion for a surgical career among medical students. We especially thank Professor Christophi for providing such a strong support to SSSA! Thank you too to all those keen students who attended the lectures and we hope to see more of such next year when the lecture series continue. Keep watching out for the dates and topics of the next year's lectures!

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