



SORTED Bariatric Course (Surgery for Obesity – Registrar Training and Educational Development)

The STEPS Laparoscopic SORTED Course, established by Ethicon Endo-Surgery in partnership with NUGITS in Northumbria, offers advanced training in laparoscopic Bariatric surgery over five days, split between Hexham, North Tyneside, ESI in Hamburg and the NSTC, Freeman Hospital.

Module One – 8th and 9th May 2012

The first two day module will be held at Hexham on day 1 where delegates will observe Gastric Banding procedures, gain an understanding of the psychological aspects of having a band from a band patient perspective, understand x-ray analysis of possible band complications followed by a band fill course in the afternoon covering numerous clinical models and dilemmas. Day 2 will be held at North Tyneside General Hospital. Delegates will be exposed to a number of Roux-en-Y Gastric bypass including patient set up and considerations. This will be followed by presentations around the commissioning of a bariatric service and overview of the national bariatric surgery database. You will also attend an MDT meeting.

Module Two – 27th and 28th June 2012

Module 2 will be held at the ESI in Hamburg. This will involve using Symbionix computer simulators where you will carry out basic skills, suturing skills and a laparoscopic bypass. You will then take part in a dry lab where you will perform various Bariatric procedures. You will have the opportunity to test new pulsed perfusion models which has red liquid pulsed into splenic artery so harvested tissue can bleed. Day two will be in wet labs. You will complete a Band, Sleeve Gastrectomy and RNY Gastric Bypass

Module Three – 12th October 2012

Module three will involve hands on surgery of all techniques learnt to date on fresh frozen human cadavers. This part of the module will take place at the NSTC, Freeman Hospital.

Finally, delegates will be required to deliver a presentation around current Bariatric topics of interest/contention. Presentation slides need to be submitted to faculty prior to presentation.

Based on an original concept by Simon Monkhouse, SpR Surgery, Southwest.



Application Process

- Yr 5/6 Trainee
- CV including covering letter
- Letter of support from your consultant approving the application, availability to attend and confirming lap suturing capability
- Any evidence of previous bariatric meeting attendance

To apply, please send the above to:

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CLOSING DATE: 24th February 2012

