Laparoscopic Bile Duct Exploration
Hands-on Cholangiography and Choledochoscopy Course
Date: 2nd - 3rd Mar, 2019     CME : 15 Points

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Course Objectives:
Advanced procedure–based course highlighting the technical and logistical aspects of one session laparoscopic exploration of the bile duct and complex gall bladder surgery. A course designed for consultants and senior trainees with the skills of routine and emergency laparoscopic cholecystectomy who may already have experience with intra-operative cholangiography. The candidates are made familiar with the technical aspects through short interactive talks. The course has a major practical hands-on component with opportunity to practice cholangiography, trans-cystic duct cannulation and exploration, choledochotomy exploration and methods of biliary drainage. There will be emphasis on the handling and optimal use of 3mm & 5mm choledochoscopes. Well designed animal tissue models allow for task repetition and skills development and consolidation. Adequate time is dedicated to detailed discussions of technical aspects utilising extensive video material selected from 1250 Laparoscopic bile duct explorations. ISCP curriculum considers bile duct exploration a mandatory procedure and the technical skills required for ST6 (level 3) to ST8 (level 4)

Program: Day 1 CHOLANGIOGRAPHY AND BILE DUCT EXPLORATION

- Single session management of bile duct stones: Philosophy, evidence, training
- Service design, instruments and logistics
- IOC: methods, interpretation and trouble shooting.
- Practical 1: Cholangiography, cannulation, catheters, clamps vs free cannula
- Practical 2: Handling and care of the 3mm and 5mm choledochoscopes  Hands on
- Transcystic exploration: indications and case selection.
- Transcystic exploration: trawling, types of baskets, image-guided
- Practical 3: Basket in catheter, choledochoscopy, Intrahepatic exploration ,Wiper –Blade Manoeuver
- Choledochotomy exploration: indications and techniques.
- Practical 4: Choledochotomy exploration: site, size, optimal use of instruments, and different techniques of stone extraction. Hands on
- Biliary drainage: primary closure vs transcystic or T-Tube drainage. Inserting and securing drains
- Postoperative care: cholangiography, follow-up.
- Practical 5: Choledochotomy, stone extraction, biliary drainage and suturing. Hands on

Day 2 ADVANCED CHOLECYSTECTOMY AND DUCTAL EXPLORATION

- Towards a truly minimally invasive cholecystectomy. Can we minimise complications?
- Optimal management of biliary emergencies, setup, referral protocols and scheduling
- When do we need MRCP and ERCP, The role of conservative management.
- Optimising access, adhesiolyisis and closure to optimise operative complications and incisional hernia
- Practical 1: Case presentations and Interactive discussion
- The Difficult Cholecystectomy: How difficult is difficult? The rationale for operative Difficulty Grading
- The Critical View of Safety, how safe?
- Complex cases: Mirizzi Syndrome, cholecysto-enteric fistula, previous biliary surgery.
- Salvage strategies: intra-vesical approach, Fundus-First dissection, subtotal cholecystectomy, conversion
- Practical 2: complex cholecystectomies, interactive discussion
- Biliary drainage or primary closure and Postoperative care protocols & Conservative management: when do we need MRCP and ERCP?