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Neurosurgical
Workshop

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General surgeons with practical experience of head injuries are now extremely rare, mainly because of civilian specialization and partly through lack of operational experience. Over the last 10 years in an attempt to cover this deficit a neurosurgical workshop has been developed in the United Kingdom.

The delegates in mind are surgeons of all levels who may be posted to a field hospital without neurosurgical support and who need training in management of head injuries. In addition any other staff (operating room staff etc) with an interest in the subject are very welcome

The aim of the workshop is to provide the clinical background as well as practical training. The course lasts for one day. The procedures are performed on isolated fresh pig's heads.

Appraisals for the workshop have been 80 to 100% for relevance. One surgeon without neurosurgical experience prior to the course subsequently performed a burr hole in his civilian employment on a patient with an extradural haematoma and undoubtedly saved the patient's life.



Programme

Introduction

Lecture - Blunt head injury –
Extradural Haematoma
Indications for Surgery

Skill Station I - Burr Hole/Skin Closure

Coffee/Tea break

Skill Station II - Craniotomy
Skill Station III - Repair of Air Sinuses

Case Discussion

Lunch

Lecture - Penetrating Head Injuries
Skill Station IV - Depressed Skull Fracture

Coffee/Tea break

Skill Station V - Gunshot Wound Head

Course Discussion

Closing drinks



Attendance fee : 80,00 EUR
(handout, DVD, breaks, lunch included)

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