

Paediatric Advanced Cadaveric Trauma Surgery (PACTS) Course for Anaesthetists

Fresh Frozen Cadavers

Newcastle Surgical Training Centre

November 23rd & 24th 2023

12 CPD points

Do you work in a Major trauma centre? Would you be confident to take a child straight to theatre to control massive haemorrhage from trauma? Could you cope with a mass casualty incident like the 2017 Manchester concert bombing? Have you attended a trauma course that takes you beyond the basics of ATLS/APLS?

We started by taking the adult cadaveric trauma course and tailored it for children's surgeons - but we all know that for major trauma to be successfully managed in the operating room that surgeons, anaesthetists and theatre nurses need to work - and train - together! We have used the same principles that the British Defence Medical services used to train theatre teams prior to deployment. For each table there will be an anaesthetist, surgeons and one scrub practitioner - together they will learn how to deal with crash thoracotomies, laparotomies and major bleeding using scenarios to guide the operative principles.

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course is a two day hands on cadaveric operative workshop for surgeons and anaesthetists likely to be involved in the operative management of major trauma in children.

Joint case management is practiced in the dissection room for anaesthetists and surgeons. The lectures, discussions and case studies explore the principles of damage control surgery in children, working in multi-specialty surgical teams and the human factors of managing under extreme pressure. Experience is shared from military and humanitarian surgeons and anaesthetists as well as recent major incidents in the UK.

It is aimed at consultants and ST8 and above in paediatric anaesthesia or for adult trauma anaesthetists with an interest in children. We encourage entire theatre trauma teams to attend together

Intensive two-day course
High faculty to participant ratio
Faculty includes paediatric surgeons
Limited places
Interactive instruction
Course dinner and all refreshments included

COURSE WILL COVER

- Damage control resuscitation & surgery
- Massive haemorrhage management
- Use of the ROTEM
- Managing exsanguinating haemorrhage
- Traumatic cardiac arrest
- Emergency cricothyroidotomy
- Thoracostomy and chest drain insertion
- Penetrating trauma
- The role of FAST scanning
- Clamshell thoracotomy
- Pericardial tamponade and penetrating cardiac injuries
- Paediatric major trauma case scenarios
- Human Factors lectures & decision making under pressure
- Lessons from Manchester Children's Hospital of the Ariana Grande concert bombing



Feedback: 'I loved the safe sharing of mental models of trauma care, with an emphasis on maintaining team performance - really the best course I have been on world wide for this.'

100% of participants would recommend this to a colleague

'Surgical cricothyroidotomy, paediatric trauma scenarios, anaesthetic discussions, paediatric damage control resuscitation, human factors, major incident/mass casualty event'



'I wouldn't have gone on this course if it hadn't been specifically aimed at paediatrics but now I am so glad I did!'

Course fees for this should be met by your Trust if you work in an MTC. Please speak to Suren Arul(suren.arul@nhs.net) or Claire Campbell(georgina.campbell@nhs.net) for more information. To book places please call (0191 2231 264) or e mail the Newcastle Surgical training centre (nuth.nstc.enquiries@nhs.net)

Website <http://www.nstcsurg.org/courses/paediatrics/paediatric-trauma-course.aspx>