This intensive one-day course aimed to provide a focused revision for the DOHNS Clinical/OSCE exam for both Surgical and General Practice trainees with a specialist interest in ENT.

The content included clinical topics that regularly feature in the exam, that encompassed gross and microscopic anatomy of key areas, identification of common ENT pathology (including video and radiological analysis), interpretation of specialist investigations and familiarisation with surgical and emergency equipment. There was a strong emphasis on the clinical application of this knowledge and the practical skills required for the exam. Candidates will also have the opportunity to perfect their examination skills and improve their communication skills, with focused history taking and consenting.

The course concluded with a mock OSCE examination, which provided the opportunity for individuals to put into practice the skills they had acquired in front of real examiners under real exam conditions.

Diploma in Otolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery (DOHNS): Intensive Revision Course & OSCE

Course Information

Course date: 7th February 2015
Venue: Department of Anatomy, School of Biosciences, Park Place, Cardiff University, Wales, UK
Attendance: 15 Delegates
Aimed at: Delegates looking to take the DOHNS Clinical/OSCE exam.
Course fee: £210.00
Course Programme

0800 - 0820  Welcome & introduction to format of the course; venue: E1.03
             Mr T Moorhouse & Mr S Enoch

0820 - 1100  Session A: Group lectures, venue: E1.03 (2x40mins, combined sessions);
             • Ear – Mr B Stew
             • Nose, Paranasal sinuses & Oral Cavity – Mr T Moorhouse

               Session B: Group demonstrations, venue: E1.02 & E1.03 (2x40 mins, parallel
               sessions)
               • Ear examination – B Stew
               • Neck examination & FNE – Mr T Moorhouse

1100 - 1115  Coffee & refreshments

1115 - 1315  Session C: Communication skills, venue: E1.02 & E1.03 (4x30 mins, parallel
             sessions)
             • History taking
             • Breaking bad news
             • Information giving
             • Consent

             Ms K Konieczny / Mr T Moorhouse / Mr B Stew

Session consists formal teaching followed by an open workshop involving scenarios accompanied by facilitators and formal feedback
Course Programme

1315 - 1400 (During lunch break):

- Equipment familiarisation
- Lecture: ‘How to pass the OSCE first time’

1400 - 1520 Session D: Group demonstrations, venue: Dissection room (2x40mins, parallel sessions)

1a. Skull base anatomy (dry bones) – Ms K Konieczny
1b. Cranial nerves and vestibular assessment – Ms K Konieczny
2a. Neck anatomy (prosection) – Mr B Stew
2b. Larynx, Neck and Thyroid gland (lecture) – Mr T Moorhouse

*Topographical and surface anatomy will also be demonstrated. Appropriate radiographs and other imaging as well as pathological slides will be used as aids.*

1520 - 1605 Session E: Group lecture, venue: E1.03 (45 mins)

- Hearing and balance analysis – Mr B Stew

1605 - 1620 Coffee & refreshments

1620 – 1830 VIVA AND OSCE
Venue: E1.02-5

Co-ordinator: Mr S Enoch

There will be Viva and OSCE stations, with additional rest stations, run under exam conditions. Some stations are manned and some are unmanned, these will run in conjunction as in the exam. Every candidate will go through all stations. Each viva and OSCE station will be for six minutes.

Examiners: Ms K Konieczny, Mr T Moorhouse, Mr B Stew

1830 Summary and general feedback

1830 End of Course!
Faculty

Mr Toby Moorhouse, MB BCh, BSc, MRCS, DOHNS
Specialist Registrar Otolaryngology
All Wales Training Programme

Mr Stuart Enoch, MBBS, MRCSEd, PGCert (Med Sci), MRCS (Eng), PhD
Speciality Registrar in Plastic Surgery
University Hospitals of South and Central Manchester
Visiting Scientist – University of Manchester

Mr Benjamin Stew, MBBcH, MRCS, DOHNS
Speciality trainee in Otolaryngology
University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff

Ms Katarzyna Konieczny, MD, MRCS, DOHNS
Speciality Trainee in ENT
East Surrey Hospital
Overall Teaching Feedback

How was the teaching of base of skull?

- Excellent: 20%
- Very good: 30%
- Good: 10%
- Fair: 20%
- Poor: 20%

How was the teaching of cranial nerves and vestibulo-cochlear examination?

- Excellent: 20%
- Very good: 20%
- Good: 70%

How was the teaching using prosecution in the dissection room (Neck)?

- Excellent: 10%
- Very good: 20%
- Good: 20%
- Fair: 20%
- Poor: 30%

How was the clarity of the PowerPoint demonstrations?

- Excellent: 40%
- Very good: 40%
- Good: 10%
- Fair: 10%

How would you rate the general academic standard of the lectures?

- Excellent: 40%
- Very good: 40%
- Neutral: 20%

How would you rate the sessions on communication skills?

- Excellent: 40%
- Very good: 40%
- Neutral: 20%
Overall Teaching Feedback

How do you rate the relevance of the course to your exam?

- Excellent: 40%
- Very good: 10%
- Neutral: 40%
- Fair: 10%

How useful were the mock OSCE unmanned stations?

- Very useful: 70%
- Useful: 20%
- Neutral: 10%

How useful was the viva on communication skills?

- Very useful: 90%
- Useful: 10%

Do you feel that the course met your objectives for attending?

- Most certainly: 30%
- Certainly: 50%
- Neutral: 20%

Do you feel that the course has given you more confidence to approach the exam?

- Most certainly: 40%
- Certainly: 60%

Cranial Nerves and Base of Skull

- Excellent: 60%
- Good: 20%
- Neutral: 20%

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Overall Teaching Feedback

Ear
- Excellent: 60%
- Good: 30%
- Neutral: 10%

Neck and Larynx
- Excellent: 40%
- Good: 30%
- Neutral: 30%

Nose and Paranasal Sinuses
- Excellent: 70%
- Good: 30%

History Taking
- Excellent: 70%
- Good: 30%

Breaking Bad News
- Excellent: 30%
- Good: 70%

Giving Information/Consent
- Excellent: 40%
- Good: 60%
Overall Teaching Feedback

Consent

- Excellent: 50%
- Good: 40%
- Neutral: 10%

Flexible Nasendoscopy

- Excellent: 50%
- Good: 50%

Ear, Nose & Neck Examination

- Excellent: 60%
- Good: 30%
- Neutral: 10%

Hearing & Balance

- Excellent: 50%
- Good: 40%
- Neutral: 10%

Would you recommend this course to a friend?

- Most certainly: 40%
- Certainly: 20%
- Probably: 30%
- May consider: 10%

Do you think that this course provided good value for money?

- Yes: 70%
- No: 30%
Individual Comments

Very relevant.

KC
St John’s Hospital at Howden, Livingston, UK

Excellent course. Really thanks a lot.

FA
Al Noor Hospital, UAE

All aspects of the course were helpful and well organised, well paced and the mock exam helped build confidence in communication skills.

KM
University College Hospital, London, UK

The teachers were very encouraging and helpful and the mock exam was extremely useful as well. I especially liked the punctuality and the time management as well.

MK
Aga Khan University Hospital, Pakistan

The practical sessions were extremely useful and very informal. The skull base session was very useful.

NR
Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley, UK

Excellent course and faculty. Good quality presentations. The Organisation was good.

RW
Queen’s Medical Centre, Nottingham, UK

It was an excellent day. Very well organised and all the faculty members were easily approachable and helpful.

LL
University Hospital Aintree, Liverpool, UK

A very well organised course. Very friendly and helpful instructors.

EV
Dorset County Hospital, Dorchester, UK
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