

Faculty of Surgical Trainers

Advancing Training, Improving Care



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Vision 2021

“ A sustainable faculty of competent, motivated and valued surgical trainers is the key to the ongoing education and training of tomorrow’s surgeons. ”



John Collins, Visiting Professor, Nuffield Department of Surgery, University of Oxford

Foreword

In 2016 the Faculty of Surgical Trainers will hold its fifth annual conference. It is therefore timely that we publish our strategic plan for the coming five years, which lays out our Vision for the Faculty and all that we wish to achieve by 2021.

Our strategic plan has been developed to enable us to deliver the faculty’s core purpose - supporting surgical trainers to deliver excellent training – and to further our ambition to develop the Faculty into the leading authority on all matters relating to surgical trainers.

We have come a long way from our inception, but we still have ambition for development, expansion and improvement. Implementation of the concepts and activities included in this plan can only happen with your continued support, as it is this support that will empower the Faculty to deliver its goals in the future.

Craig McIlhenny - Surgical Director

By 2021 the Faculty of Surgical Trainers will:

- › **Champion the role of the surgical trainer**
- › **Enhance the quality of surgical training**
- › **Invest in the future of training through research and innovation**
- › **Aspire to be the leading voice for surgical education and training**

FST will champion the role of the surgical trainer

We will:

- › Promote the role of the surgical trainer
- › Recognise excellence in surgical training by introducing distinguished trainer awards
- › Provide educational resources and CPD for surgical trainers
- › Develop an educational mentoring network
- › Continue to engage with and act on feedback from our membership
- › Inspire the next generation of surgical trainers by engaging with current trainees

FST will enhance the quality of surgical training

We will:

- › Develop a manifesto of improvement in surgical training
- › Pro-actively engage with policymakers and issues in surgical education and training
- › Develop course accreditation to benchmark quality training courses
- › Produce a series of professional guidance documents for trainers
- › Provide guidance on training for Less Than Full Time Training and returning to training
- › Review our Standards for Surgical Trainers and continue to promote their adoption in the UK and internationally

FST will invest in the future of training through research and innovation

We will:

- › Stimulate original research and evaluation of surgical training in the UK
- › Expand our existing educational research grants and develop new grants
- › Expand our Educational Research special interest group
- › Establish an FST travelling Fellowship

FST will aspire to be the leading voice for surgical education and training

We will:

- › Establish ourselves as a strong voice on matters relating to surgical education and training
- › Continue to deliver high quality annual conferences
- › Host the International Conference on Surgical Education and Training in 2019
- › Develop formal links with internationally recognised organisations that share the FST's aims and ambitions
- › Develop an executive committee to ensure sustainability and accountability to our membership

“ Surgical training is patient safety for the next 30 years ”

Professor Sir John Temple

Why assessment?



Keynote speaker at the 2015 FST conference was Dr Teodor Grantcharov, Professor at the University of Toronto and Professor in Surgical Simulation at Copenhagen University

▣ The FST is a world authority in surgical education and has introduced several initiatives that are changing the way we train future clinical experts. The published standards for surgical trainers are the first in the world to recognise, regulate and maintain quality standards for one of the most critical components of a modern surgical training system.

This is a strategic investment in the future of surgery and will ensure the highest level of surgical education in the years to come. ▣



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