

# 13<sup>th</sup> FRCS (General Surgery) Exit Exam Preparation Course

11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
Education Centre, The Christie, Manchester

## REPORTING INFORMATION

Dear Colleague,

Thank you for registering to attend this course. We look forward to welcoming you to Doctors Academy and to the Christie Hospital, Manchester.

This mail is to inform you of the timings and format of the days.

### **I. GENERAL AND REPORTING INFORMATION**

**Dates:**

11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (Friday - Sunday)

**Timings:**

Registration: 0830 hours on 11<sup>th</sup> January (Friday) 2019 in the Education Centre

Course Commences: 0845 hours

Course Finishes: 1745 hours on 13<sup>th</sup> January (Sunday) 2019

**Venue:**

Education Centre  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Department 17  
Christie Hospital  
Manchester

**Address:**

The Christie NHS Foundation Trust  
Wilmslow Road  
Manchester  
M20 4BX

**Telephone:**

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## II. DIRECTIONS AND PARKING

Please follow this link to view the hospital on a Google map:

<https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/Manchester/@53.4299386,-2.2297864,17z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x487bb24164e10297:0x2e94eddf6b3ff7aa>

Please follow this link if you are travelling by car:

<http://www.christie.nhs.uk/about-the-christie/visiting-the-christie/directions-by-car.aspx>

Please follow this link if you are using public transport:

<http://www.christie.nhs.uk/about-the-christie/visiting-the-christie/public-transport.aspx>

The cost of a taxi from Manchester Piccadilly train station to Christie Hospital is £10 - £12 (duration of approx. 20 minutes).

### **Parking:**

'Pay and Display' car parks are available within the hospital premises. There are drop-off points at the Oak Road and Wilmslow Road entrances. For further details, kindly follow this link:

<http://www.christie.nhs.uk/about-the-christie/visiting-the-christie/car-parking.aspx>

### **Suggested Car Parks:**

**Car Park C** (multi-storey) on Palatine Road and **Car Park D** on Wilmslow Road are for visitors. Accessible parking (Blue Badge) is available.

### **Car Parking Procedure and Charges:**

- On entering the car park, take a ticket at the barrier and park.
- Before returning to your vehicle when leaving, insert the ticket and money to the Pay Station.
- There is a Pay Station for use only in carpark C (multi-storey) located on the ground floor near the pedestrian exit. Coins are accepted but not notes or cards.
- There is a Pay Station inside car park D. There is another Pay Station for car park D inside Oak Road main reception. Coins and notes are accepted but not cards.
- The Pay Stations give change and receipts.
- Charges are displayed at the Pay Stations.
- Charges: first 30 minutes are free; after this the cost is £1.50 per day.
- A cash machine is located in the Oak Road main reception.
- On returning to your vehicle, please insert your validated ticket at the barrier to exit the car park.
- Please note: parking on local roads is restricted.

## III. COURSE FORMAT AND CONTENT

- Small group and individual teaching/vivas.
- You will have the opportunity to participate in one-on-one vivas, as in the exam.
- Slides of images and pathology specimens will be projected, and you will be asked common examination questions.
- Emphasis will be laid on all participants to answer questions. Each participant will be given time to hone their discussion skills with an examiner and to present the findings confidently.
- All the viva stations will be covered in detail: Emergency Surgery (including trauma) and Critical Care, General Surgery, declared specialty – Upper and Lower GI Tract, Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Surgery, Endocrine, Breast, Vascular, Transplantation, General Surgery of Childhood, and Academic Viva.

### **Course Material:**

All relevant pre-course reading materials are placed online. On the home page of Doctors Academy ([www.doctorsacademy.org](http://www.doctorsacademy.org)), there is a link on the bottom of the page named: '**Read and Download Course Reading Material**'. On clicking this link, you will be directed to another page titled 'Material from the following courses can be accessed by entering your course registration number'. You will see the 'FRCS (General Surgery) Exit Exam Preparation Course, 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019, The Christie, Manchester' listed under this title. Please enter your course registration number (**the number provided in the email confirming your place**) and click on 'Validate'. This web page will contain all the academic papers, presentations and relevant chapters.

## IV. BREAKS FOR REFRESHMENTS AND LUNCH

On each day, there will be a 20-minute refreshment break in the morning and afternoon, and a 50-minute lunch break. Coffee, tea and biscuits, as well as lunch, will be provided, as appropriate.

**A complementary course dinner has been arranged for all delegates and faculty in one of the local restaurants on the evening of Saturday 12th January at 1830 hours (6.30pm). You are cordially invited to attend this course dinner.**

## V. DRESS CODE

The dress code for this course is professional/semi-formal. Kindly refrain from wearing shorts of any kind, hoodies and flip-flops.

### **What you need to bring with you:**

1. A copy of the email you have received from us regarding your confirmation of place (with your name). Please note that you will not be allowed to attend the course without this information.
2. Your hospital/employer identification badge.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at [info@doctorsacademy.org.uk](mailto:info@doctorsacademy.org.uk) if you have any further queries. Alternatively, you can contact us at 02920 616 765.

If you have any issues on the day of the course, do not hesitate to contact us on **+44 (0) 75 3426 0131**.

We look forward to meeting you at the course.

With very best wishes,

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