

15th FRCS (General Surgery) Exit Exam Preparation Course

10th - 12th January 2020 (Friday - Sunday)
Christie Hospital, Manchester

REPORTING INFORMATION

KINDLY READ THIS IN FULL SINCE IT CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

Dear Colleague,

Thank you for registering to attend the FRCS (General Surgery) Exit Exam Preparation Course. We look forward to welcoming you.

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

I. GENERAL AND REPORTING INFORMATION

Dates: 10th - 12th January 2020 (Friday - Sunday)

Timings:

Day 1 (Friday 10th January 2020)

Registration: 0830 hours
Start of Day 1: 0845 hours
End of Day 1: 1800 hours

Day 2 (Saturday 11th January 2020)

Start of Day 2: 0800 hours
End of Day 2: 1730 hours

Day 3 (Sunday 12th January 2020)

Start of Day 3: 0800 hours
End of Day 3: 1730 hours

Venue:

Education Centre
Department 17
2nd Floor
Christie Hospital
The Christie NHS Foundation Trust
Wilmslow Road
Manchester
M20 4BX

Telephone:

0161 446 3000

II. DIRECTIONS AND PARKING

Directions:

For detailed directions, please follow this link:

<https://www.christie.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/visiting-the-christie/directions-and-transport>

Please follow this link if you are travelling by car:

<https://www.christie.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/visiting-the-christie/directions-and-transport/arriving-by-car>

Please follow this link if you are taking public transport:

<https://www.christie.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/visiting-the-christie/directions-and-transport/arriving-by-public-transport>

It will cost approximately £10-£12 for a taxi from Manchester Piccadilly train station to the Christie Hospital. It will take approximately 20 minutes. If you are arriving by taxi, please ask the taxi to drop you off at the Main Entrance (Oak Road Entrance) of the hospital.

Parking:

'Pay and display' car parks are available on the hospital premises, but spaces are limited during weekdays. If possible, we would suggest that you do not drive to the hospital on the Friday since it might be challenging to get a parking space. If you are arriving by taxi, there are drop-off points at the Oak Road and Wilmslow Road entrances.

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:

- As you enter the car park, take a ticket at the barrier and park.
- Before you return to your vehicle when you are leaving, insert the ticket and money in to the Pay Station.
- There is a Pay Station for use only in Car Park C (multi-storey) located on the ground floor by 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 only 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; then it is £1.50 per day.
- There is a cash machine 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 that parking on local roads is restricted.

Please click on this link for further detailed information:

<https://www.christie.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/visiting-the-christie/directions-and-transport/car-parking>

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), 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, 10th - 12th January 2020, 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 11th January at 1830 hours (6.30pm). You are cordially invited to attend.

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.

VI. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

At the end of Day 1 (Friday 10th January 2020), the delegates of the FRCS course are welcome and cordially invited to attend the RCSEd North West Surgical Trainees Forum that will take place at the same venue between 1800-2000 hours. This is, clearly, optional, and you may please consider what is best for you – either return to your hotel at 1800 hours or stay for the Trainee Forum. Kindly follow this link for further details and to register, if you are interested in registering for the event:

<https://www.rcsed.ac.uk/events-courses/event-entry?diaryId=2616>

Please do not hesitate to contact us at info@doctorsacademy.org.uk if you have any queries in regard to the course. Alternatively, you can call 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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