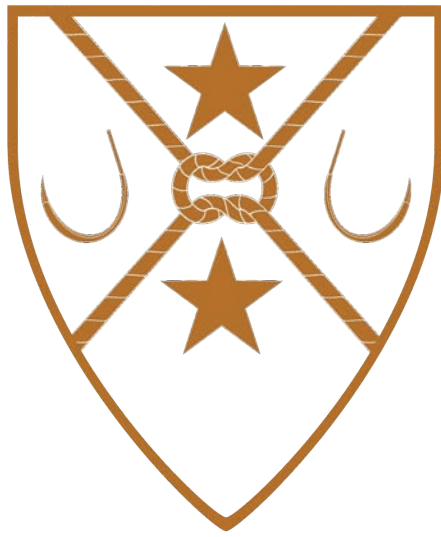




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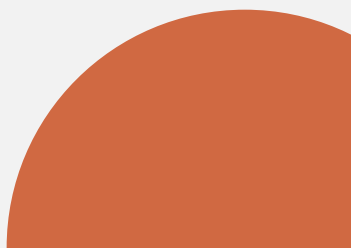
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ABOUT US

WHO ARE WE?

The Moynihan Academy includes:

>650 members of Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland (ASGBI) who are non-consultants (students, trainees, locally employed doctors and specialty doctors) with 17 Council Members

WHAT DO WE DO?

As an official branch of ASGBI, we provide support, training opportunities and educational resources to our membership and beyond.

WHY DO WE DO IT?

The MA is for all aspiring and established Surgeons, unified in the pursuit of excellence in General Surgery, Emergency General Surgery and Trauma Surgery.

We aim to continually improve surgical training as well as promote inclusivity, fairness, equal opportunity, and excellence to help future surgeons meet their personal and professional goals.



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FOREWORD ASGBI PRESIDENT

**Mr Christian
Macutkiewicz**

It is a genuine pleasure to reflect on what has been an exceptional year for the Moynihan Academy. Over the past twelve months, the Academy has continued to go from strength to strength, delivering a program of activity that is not only educationally outstanding, but also deeply aligned with the needs and aspirations of the next generation of surgeons.

The jewel in the crown was the Moynihan Academy Emergency General Surgery Masterclass in November, an event that was, quite rightly, oversubscribed. Bringing together leading voices in Emergency General Surgery, the Masterclass delivered high-quality FRCS-focused updates alongside viva preparation sessions that were both rigorous and relevant. It was a clear demonstration of the Academy's commitment to excellence in surgical education.

A particular highlight for me was the leadership session delivered alongside Jonny Epstein, President-Elect of ASGBI. This was an open and honest discussion about the realities of consultant surgical practice, where we explored leadership, decision-making, and how we navigate the inevitable challenges that arise in complex clinical environments. It was a privilege to share insights in such a candid forum, and I felt strongly that these conversations resonated with the audience, offering a valuable perspective on the transition to independent practice.

The Academy has also strengthened its collaborative footprint, notably through its webinar series in partnership with the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. These sessions have provided structured and accessible support for candidates preparing for the FRCS examination, further reinforcing the Academy's role as a trusted educational platform.

Beyond formal teaching, the Academy's digital engagement continues to flourish. Initiatives such as #FRCSFridays, #MRCSMondays, and #WellbeingWednesdays have achieved unprecedented reach and interaction, fostering a vibrant and supportive online community. It is particularly encouraging to see the membership continue to grow, reflecting both the relevance and the energy of the Academy's work.

None of this would be possible without the dedication and vision of the Academy's leadership. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Jared as President, and to the entire Council for their outstanding efforts over the past year. Their commitment, innovation, and professionalism have been instrumental in building momentum as we look ahead to the forthcoming Congress in Brighton this May.

The Moynihan Academy represents the very best of surgical education, community, and leadership. I have no doubt that its continued evolution will play a vital role in shaping the future of our profession.

All my best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Macutkiewicz', with a stylized flourish at the end.

CHRISTIAN MACUTKIEWICZ
PRESIDENT, ASGBI

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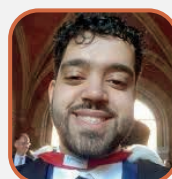
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FOREWORD MA PRESIDENT

**Mr Jared
Wohlgemut**

I am immensely proud of our team this year. The MA went from strength to strength by building on previous years' achievements and collaboratively delivering excellent surgical education for our colleagues throughout the year.

These offerings included events, such as our flagship "MA Trauma and Emergency Surgery Masterclass" on 13th November 2025, our ASiT pre-congress course "Basic Skills in Emergency General Surgery and Trauma" on 6th March 2026, and the design of a brand new ASGBI pre-congress course "Surgical Decision-Making in Trauma", scheduled for 11th May 2026. We delivered several fantastic ASGBI/MA webinars, and our monthly webinar series with the RCSEd. We continued our podcast series with Behind the Knife, focussing on surgical training in UK and USA, AI in surgery, and patient safety. We forged a new partnership with the European School of Surgery, with whom we have several planned educational lectures that will be recorded at the upcoming ASGBI Congress in Brighton. And of course, we have had an ongoing social media presence for the MRCS Mondays, Wellbeing Wednesdays (adding in alternate Medical Student Wednesdays), and FRCS Fridays.

It has also been a bumper year for research, reaping the benefits of the efforts sown the years prior. This includes the Global Outcomes After Laparotomy for Trauma (GOAL-Trauma) studies and a Delphi on Bellwether procedures in trauma (led by Mike Bath, former Research Lead), a survey on training in trauma surgery in the UK (led by Matt McKenna, former Trauma Lead), a survey on consent when using animal-derived surgical products (led by Marwa Jama, EDI Lead), and an article describing the MA's raison d'être: preparing surgical residents for crisis, leadership and change (led by Faiza Soomro, Education Lead). We spring-boarded other UK studies, such as the AMESI-UK study on mesenteric ischaemia, and a survey on general surgery subspecialty training intentions (led by Leo Brown, Roux). Other work is ongoing, and we anticipate publication in the coming year, led by me, Georgios Geropoulos (Research Lead), and Georgios Karagiannidis (EGS lead).

The MA has also engaged in surgical advocacy work, including a multi-speciality Letter to the Health Secretary regarding the retraction of Training Interface Group (TIG) fellowships (led by ASiT President Raiyyan Aftab), and a thematic analysis on leadership in UK surgical societies (led by former MA President Mike Okocha).

What's your proudest achievement in your role this year?

Hands down, my proudest achievement was our sold-out flagship "MA Trauma and Emergency Surgery Masterclass" on 13th November 2025. We had brilliant participant feedback from lectures and the FRCS viva mock sessions. Specifically, when the MA gentleman presented the MA ladies with well-earned flower bouquets, because each played a leading role in making the MA day successful.

How has being involved with the MA influenced you personally and/or professionally?

As the President of the MA, I lead a Committee of 17 people, an association with over 650 members, and sit on the ASGBI Executive Council. On the Executive Council, I have experienced camaraderie between resident doctors and consultants that I have never experienced before, and had the unique privilege of being involved in major decisions and events regarding how the ASGBI and MA lead and engage the surgical community. On the MA, I have learned much about encouraging and motivating others to reach their potential, organising multiple streams of work simultaneously, and designing educational and professional content using multiple modern and traditional platforms (social media, didactic, simulation, and interactive scenario-based teaching). Finally, ongoing geopolitical events make preparedness for receiving trauma patients increasingly important. I am proud that, through our teaching, advocacy, and education, we have encouraged colleagues across the UK and Ireland to engage in learning more about caring for trauma patients.

What excites you most about the future of the MA?

Our work will continue to become more important as the number of life-saving emergency general surgery and trauma patients entering the doors of the NHS increases. The population is ageing and growing, which adds complexity and increases service demands. As the juggernaut of super-specialisation intensifies, the spotlight on EGS will continue to brighten from both clinical and policy perspectives: we are a more vital workforce than ever before, and this trend will persist. On a personal note, I am extremely grateful for Gita Lingham, who covered for me while I was in South Africa for an ASGBI-funded trauma surgery fellowship from June to September 2025. I am confident the MA is in very good hands, with Gita as next year's MA President!

One word or phrase that best sums up your year with the MA:

Teamwork makes the dream work.



VICE-PRESIDENT

Ms Gita Lingam

As Vice President, I worked closely with the President and wider council to support the delivery of the Academy's key initiatives across education, events, and outreach. A major focus of my role was contributing to the organisation of our flagship EGS Day, where I helped secure sponsorship and coordinate the venue, ensuring the event was both high-quality and accessible to trainees.

I was also involved in strengthening the Academy's financial sustainability through collaboration with the ASGBI finance team, as well as supporting the development and distribution of Moynihan Academy merchandise to enhance member engagement.

Alongside this, I delivered a webinar on robotics in emergency general surgery, contributed to podcast production in collaboration with the Behind the Knife team, and took part in outreach initiatives aimed at inspiring school students to consider careers in surgery.

What's your proudest achievement in your role this year?

My proudest achievement has been working closely with the ASGBI finance team to establish a sustainable financial framework for the Moynihan Academy moving forward. This agreement ensures that we can continue to deliver high-quality educational opportunities for our members while keeping costs as low as possible. Being able to balance financial sustainability with accessibility has been particularly rewarding, as it directly benefits our members both now and in the future.

How has being involved with the MA influenced you personally and/or professionally?

Having been involved with the Moynihan Academy since its inception over five years ago, I have had the privilege of watching it grow and evolve into the organisation it is today. Being part of that journey has been incredibly rewarding.

On a personal level, it has helped me develop my organisational and teamwork skills, as well as my ability to contribute effectively within a dynamic and collaborative environment. Professionally, it has provided invaluable opportunities to connect with colleagues both nationally and internationally. These connections have been particularly beneficial in supporting my ongoing research, allowing me to engage with a wider network and gain new perspectives.

What excites you most about the future of the MA?

I am most excited about the continued growth of the Moynihan Academy as a platform for education, collaboration, and innovation. With its expanding reach through events, digital content, and international collaborations, I believe the MA will continue to play a key role in shaping the future of surgical training and inspiring the next generation of surgeons.

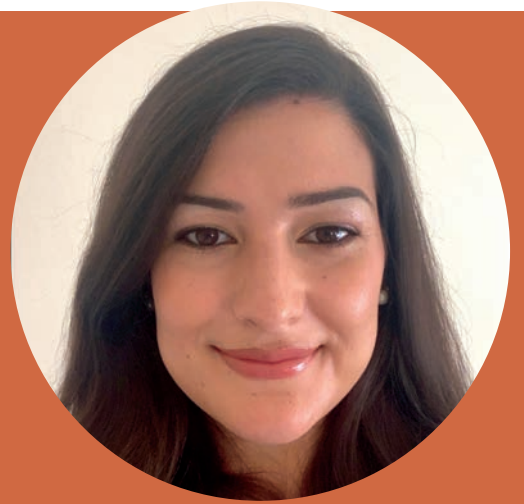
One word or phrase that best sums up your year with the MA:

Advancing



SECRETARY

Ms Rute Castelhana



This year, as Secretary of the Moynihan Academy, I was responsible for coordinating and preparing our monthly meetings, ensuring smooth communication across the council, and producing detailed minutes to support continuity and delivery of our projects. I also led on the design and production of the MA Newsletter and Yearbook, which have become key outputs in showcasing the MA's work, achievements, and growing impact.

Alongside this, I was heavily involved in the MA's national educational portfolio. I chaired multiple webinars, including the "RCSEd Managing Abdomino-Pelvic Trauma: Operative Strategies and Damage Control for the FRCS", and contributed as faculty across several flagship courses. These included the "MA x ASiT P4 ST3 General Surgery Mock Interview Course", the "ASiT x MA Basic Skills in Emergency General Surgery and Trauma Surgery course", and the "MA Trauma and Emergency Surgery Masterclass". These roles involved not just delivery, but active involvement in course development, trainee engagement, and ensuring high-quality, relevant teaching.

Beyond this, being part of the MA has opened up further national opportunities, including delivering a talk at ASGBI 2026 for ESOS. Overall, my role has been a combination of leadership, organisation, education, and representation, contributing to the continued growth and visibility of the Academy.

What's your proudest achievement in your role this year?

I think my proudest achievement has been the Newsletter and Yearbook—they really capture what the MA has done over the year and help build a sense of identity and continuity within the Academy. I've also really valued the opportunity to chair webinars and teach on courses, particularly those supporting trainees preparing for key milestones like ST3 interviews. Being able to contribute meaningfully to surgical training at that level has been very rewarding.

How has being involved with the MA influenced you personally and/or professionally?

Being part of the MA has been hugely influential for me. Professionally, it has provided a wide range of opportunities that have allowed me to grow beyond my clinical role—developing skills in leadership, organisation, education, and national-level engagement. It has also given me the confidence to take on more visible roles, such as chairing webinars and speaking at national meetings.

Equally important has been the opportunity to work closely with the rest of the council. The networking and collaboration within the MA have been one of the most valuable aspects of the experience. Being surrounded by motivated, like-minded individuals has been incredibly inspiring and has broadened my perspective on what is possible within surgical training and education.

Overall, the MA has significantly shaped my interests in surgical education, academic collaboration, and trainee support, and has opened doors to opportunities that will continue to influence my career going forward.

What excites you most about the future of the MA?

The potential. The MA is in a really strong position to keep growing and evolving, and I think there's huge scope to expand what it offers—both in terms of education and opportunities for trainees. It's exciting to be part of something that is genuinely shaping surgical training and creating opportunities for people at all stages.

One word or phrase that best sums up your year with the MA:

Full of opportunities.



TREASURER

MR GEORGE NEELANKAVIL DAVIS



It is a pleasure to present the Treasurer's Report for what has been a truly transformative year for the MA. My mission this year has been to go beyond traditional bookkeeping—focusing on sustainable income generation, enhancing financial literacy across our Council, and ensuring every pound is used judiciously to support the education, training, and wellbeing of our members.

The Moynihan Academy may still be in its early chapters, but we have made giant leaps over the past twelve months. I am thrilled to report a 52% increase in our net surplus, a result of attracting more diverse and sustainable income sources and establishing long-term strategic partnerships with industry leaders.

To ensure the Academy's future is built on a rock-solid foundation, we have:

- Developed a complete financial transactional statement covering the entire history of the Academy.
- Improved internal transparency and worked together with the ASGBI finance team to streamline our processes.
- Cultivated a forward-looking financial vision that secures our growth for years to come.

I view my role primarily as a facilitator, and I am immensely proud of the Council's collective hard work. It has been a privilege to empower this team to deliver such high-impact results.

Beyond the balance sheet, I have remained deeply committed to general surgery trainee advocacy on a national level. In addition to my roles within the RCSEd Trainees' Committee and ASiT, I have had the honour of contributing to several key educational milestones this year:

- Co-Led the first MA x ASiT P4ST3 General Surgery Interview course and served as faculty for the ASiT x MA Basic Skills in Emergency Surgery and Trauma in March 2026.
- Actively contributed to the MA Emergency & Trauma Masterclass in November 2025.
- Chaired RCSEd webinars on Bowel Ischaemia and Paediatric Surgery for General Surgeons.

The momentum continues! I am looking forward to chairing sessions at the upcoming ASGBI Congress in Brighton this May.

While you are there, please come and visit us at the MA stand! We've refreshed our look, and I'd love for you to pick up our new MA-branded pens and lanyards. It has been an incredible year of growth, and I look forward to everything we will achieve together in the next

What's your proudest achievement in your role this year?

If I had to pick just one, it would be establishing a strategic financial framework for the Academy. I developed a comprehensive fiscal repository, accessible to the entire Council, which includes full transactional statements dating back to the Academy's inception. This has brought a new level of transparency and professional stewardship to our operations. Building on this foundation, I worked closely with our Vice President to represent the Academy at major financial forums and industry meetings. These efforts allowed us to draft a sustainable, forward-looking budget and financial projection that isn't just about numbers—it's a strategic roadmap that keeps inclusive, diverse training and resident wellbeing across the country as our absolute core values. Overhauling our financial identity while staying true to our mission has been incredibly rewarding.

How has being involved with the MA influenced you personally and/or professionally?

Though this is my inaugural year on the Council, I have dedicated myself to making a lasting impact for both our leadership team and our wider membership. Professionally, the opportunity to forge lifelong connections with such distinguished experts and genuinely wonderful people in the field has been incredibly refreshing and deeply satisfying.

On a personal level, it has been a rewarding year defined by genuine camaraderie and the practice of compassionate leadership. These experiences have truly shaped my perspective, and I am genuinely excited to build on this momentum as I continue my work as Treasurer for the 2026–2027 term!

What excites you most about the future of the MA?

What excites me most is the incredible dynamism and youthfulness of our Council. Our collective ability to adapt and constantly challenge the status quo creates a unique environment where we are "positively vulnerable" to growth, allowing us to evolve into the definitive cornerstone for general surgical trainees across the country.

The Moynihan Academy is far from a finished article; it is a living, breathing mission. I love the fact that we aren't just following a script—we are writing a fresh, ambitious new page of our story every single day!

One word or phrase that best sums up your year with the MA:

Stronger together; onward and upward!!



EDUCATIONAL LEAD

**Ms Faiza Hashim
Soomro**

A great portion of my work this year has been focused on running the MA Trauma & Emergency Surgery Masterclass, which was fantastic to see come together and run successfully. Organising Mr. Ammar Darwish to be our keynote speaker and to hear him talk on humanitarian surgery was a proud moment for me and something I feel is very much in line with the MA ethos.

Additionally, I have been running the General Surgery component of the ASiT Preparing for ST3 course. I co-ran national webinars on HPB emergencies, acute pancreatitis, and trauma-induced coagulopathy in collaboration with the STEER team. I also gave a careers talk to medical students on the realities of surgical training – from clinics to operating lists and on-calls. I also attended the ST3 national portfolio shortlisting process on behalf of the ASGBI as a representative of the trainee perspective.

Academically, I was able to contribute by publishing “The Moynihan Academy: Preparing Surgical Residents for Crisis, Leadership and Change” in the RCS Bulletin. It was significant to see the work and vision of the council over the past years come together in print, focusing on the issues of crisis preparedness, leadership, and change in surgical training. I particularly enjoyed my contribution to increasing the Academy’s online presence through our #FRCSFriday tweetorials and trying to engage trainees and consultants to take a more active role in the Academy.

What’s your proudest achievement in your role this year?

Getting Mr. Ammar Darwish on board as a keynote speaker for the Masterclass and listening to him talk about humanitarian surgery was a proud moment and reflected the true essence and reach of MA.

How has being involved with the MA influenced you personally and/or professionally?

My association with MA has stretched me well beyond the confines of my clinical training. It has forced me to think beyond the operating list and consider bigger questions about how we train, lead in crisis situations, and build systems that truly support trainees. On a personal note, MA has provided me with a sense of belonging to the world of surgery. Training can be tough and lonely at times, but to have a sense of belonging to something bigger than oneself has been very grounding.

What excites you most about the future of the MA?

What I am most enthusiastic about for the MA is the possibility of contributing to the education of surgeons who are not only technically excellent, but also steady and thoughtful leaders at the moments when it counts the most. I am also energized by the way we're going: the way we're bringing crisis management, human factors, and leadership into the fabric of surgical training in a way that is actually true to the reality of the job. The expansion of our work together, our courses, and our research possibilities means more trainees can feel a sense of belonging and inclusion, no matter where they start from. But above all, it is the feeling of building a connected and aspirational community that makes me feel optimistic about the future.

One word or phrase that best sums up your year with the MA:

Purpose-driven growth



TRAINING LEAD

Ms Garima Govind



As Training lead, I have represented the Moynihan Academy on the ASiT council, working collaboratively with ASiT and organised the pre-conference ASiT x MA Basic Skills in Emergency Surgery and Trauma in March 2026. Aside from that I have been working with the national fellow and consultant lead for the National Online Training Programme for surgery to develop a resource for Medical Education for Surgeons.

I have continued to be an active member of the committee, supporting the MA Emergency & Trauma Masterclass in November 2025 and chairing the RCSEd Bowel Ischaemia webinar in January 2026. I am looking forward to chairing sessions at the annual ASGBI Congress in Brighton in May 2026.

What's your proudest achievement in your role this year?

Being able to bring together the ASiT x MA pre-conference course felt like a huge achievement and I am proud that we were able to deliver such a high quality learning experience

How has being involved with the MA influenced you personally and/or professionally?

I have enjoyed working with motivated and like minded surgical residents and it has allowed me to realise the importance of non technical skills such as leadership, vision and time management.

What excites you most about the future of the MA?

We are constantly developing as an organisation and I find the future of the MA exciting because of all the collaborations that I know will happen in the near future.

One word or phrase that best sums up your year with the MA:

Rewarding



RESEARCH LEAD

MR GEORGIOS GEROPOULOS



Serving as Research Lead for the Moynihan Academy over the past year has been a genuinely rewarding experience and has reinforced what can be achieved through motivated, trainee-led collaboration. A major focus of my year has been supporting projects that address practical questions in Emergency General Surgery (EGS) and translate into evidence that can inform day-to-day decision-making.

In particular, we completed two systematic reviews: one exploring the management of sigmoid volvulus in the elderly population, and a second assessing the use of rectal swabs in the emergency setting as an alternative to stool cultures. Both projects aim to strengthen the evidence base in EGS and generate new, pragmatic ideas for improving pathways—whether in complex, high-risk surgical presentations such as volvulus, or in streamlining diagnostics and infection management in acute admissions.

I also participated in the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh FRCS series and contributed to the EGS Symposium, which provided valuable perspectives on structured clinical reasoning, evidence-based practice, and how to build meaningful research questions from real service pressures. Just as importantly, the Academy has connected me with a wide range of open-minded colleagues who are keen to challenge conventional thinking and build better systems for emergency surgical care.

What's your proudest achievement in your role this year?

Helping bring two systematic reviews from idea to completion—both addressing clinically relevant gaps and providing evidence that can stimulate discussion and innovation in EGS care.

Describe something you have learned from any MA educational sessions / events:

The FRCS series and EGS Symposium reinforced how essential it is to pair sound clinical judgement with high-quality evidence, and how even small improvements in pathways and diagnostics can have a significant impact in emergency care.

What is your hope for the future of MA?

That the Moynihan Academy continues to expand its research output and educational reach, while remaining a supportive space where trainees can collaborate, publish, and develop projects that make a tangible difference to emergency surgical practice.



EGS LEAD

**Mr Georgios
Karagiannidis**

This year, I have had the privilege of stepping into the role of Emergency General Surgery (EGS) Lead within the Moynihan Academy. My focus has been on strengthening the Moynihan Academy emergency surgery portfolio and fostering meaningful collaboration across trainees and consultants.

One of the highlights of the year was delivering the national webinar on Optimal Timing of Cholecystectomy in Moderate and Severe Gallstone Pancreatitis. This session brought together key voices in emergency and hepatobiliary surgery to explore an area of ongoing clinical debate. It was encouraging to see strong engagement from trainees and consultants alike, reflecting the appetite for high-quality, evidence-based discussion in EGS.

I am also an active member of the ASGBI EGS Subcommittee, where we are working on several national projects aimed at improving standards, education, and collaboration within emergency general surgery. Being involved at both Academy and national society levels has allowed me to align our educational initiatives with broader strategic goals in EGS.

A particularly proud moment this year was the Moynihan Academy EGS Day, which was completely sold out. The event showcased the strength of the EGS community, bringing together trainees and senior surgeons for a dynamic programme of clinical updates, debate, and networking. The enthusiasm and turnout reinforced the Academy's growing impact within emergency surgery.

What's your proudest achievement in your role this year?

The success of the Moynihan Academy EGS Day stands out as a major achievement. Seeing the event sell out and witnessing the level of engagement on the day was incredibly rewarding. It demonstrated the demand for focused, high-quality emergency surgery education and the strength of the EGS network we are building.

How has being involved with the MA influenced you personally and/or professionally?

Being part of the Moynihan Academy has strengthened my leadership skills and broadened my perspective beyond day-to-day clinical practice. It has allowed me to contribute to national conversations in emergency surgery, collaborate with colleagues across institutions, and develop initiatives that directly benefit trainees. Professionally, it has reinforced my commitment to advancing EGS education and shaping its future direction.

What excites you most about the future of the MA?

I am excited about the Academy's expanding reach and its ability to bring together motivated trainees and leaders across specialties. Within EGS, there is enormous potential to further develop structured educational programmes, national collaborations, and impactful events that continue to raise standards and inspire the next generation of surgeons.

One word or phrase that best sums up your year with the MA:

Momentum.



TRAUMA LEAD

Ms Ellie Smith



In my role as Trauma Lead, my primary focus this year has been on delivering education to help trainee surgeons feel more confident in managing trauma cases. I have been involved in the planning and delivery of several trauma-focused webinars, including those hosted in collaboration with the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and the ASGBI “4 Seasons” webinar series, which focused on the management of trauma patients. These sessions aimed to provide practical, case-based teaching to enhance trainees’ confidence and competence in managing trauma scenarios. I have also supported my committee colleagues in their respective webinars, contributing through hosting and moderating roles.

In addition, I have contributed to broader educational initiatives, including a session delivered in collaboration with the Brighton Surgical Society for medical students interested in pursuing a career in surgery. During this event, we provided insights into the surgical training pathway and the day-to-day life of a surgeon, while also addressing questions about surgical careers. This aimed to inspire and support those considering a future in surgery. For more senior trainees, I also participated in mock Core Surgical Training (CST) interview preparation, helping to support the next generation of surgeons.

What’s your proudest achievement in your role this year?

My proudest achievement was working with the Brighton Surgical Society, it was great to be able to encourage future surgeons and inspire the next generation.

How has being involved with the MA influenced you personally and/or professionally?

Being involved with the MA has allowed me to meet fellow surgeons from around the country that I would not have had the opportunity to work with otherwise. The work by the other committee members has been inspiring.

What excites you most about the future of the MA?

I am excited for MA to continue to inspire and help with the training of future surgeons, encouraging people to take up a great career.

One word or phrase that best sums up your year with the MA:

Inspired!



SOCIAL MEDIA AND ENGAGEMENT LEAD

MR MOHAMED ISSA



This year, my role as Social Media and Engagement Lead focused on improving the Academy's visibility, engagement, and communication across different platforms. I supported the promotion of MA activities through social media and by advertising events widely across WhatsApp groups within the deanery and hospital networks, helping us reach a broader trainee audience.

A key part of my role was maintaining the Academy's core weekly educational pillars: MRCS Monday, Wednesday Wellbeing, and FRCS Friday. I ensured regular weekly posts were delivered consistently, with answers, explanations, and key learning pearls shared the following day. This helped provide structured, accessible educational content for trainees while also keeping our audience engaged throughout the week.

My work included promoting MA webinars, national audits, educational events, and courses, as well as supporting collaborative activities with partner organisations such as ASiT and the Roux Group. I also helped promote the British Hernia Society Hernia Masterclass, which strengthened the Academy's links with the wider surgical education community. I was proud to see MA become a well-recognised committee whose collaborative partner societies increasingly approached us to help advertise their work. To me, this reflected the growing reach and credibility of the Academy's social media presence.

I was actively involved in the delivery of several educational events. I moderated sessions during the MA Masterclass, delivered a lecture for Brighton medical students on training pathways in the UK, and introduced the Medical Student Wednesday initiative to increase engagement with students earlier in their surgical journey.

I also played an important role in the ASGBI-RCSEd FRCS webinar series, particularly in the Bariatric Emergencies and Acute Complex Ventral Hernia Management webinars. This included liaising with speakers, helping select topics, organising the sessions, and moderating on the day. I also supported speaker liaison for the Paediatric Emergencies for the General Surgeon webinar, which received very positive feedback. In addition, through my role on the ASGBI Training and Education Committee, I was able to contribute as a link between the parent society and the Moynihan Academy, alongside my colleagues in the education and training leads, helping align wider educational activity and strengthen collaboration between both groups.

What's your proudest achievement in your role this year?

My proudest achievement has been contributing to the growth of the Academy's visibility and reputation to the point that partner societies increasingly approached MA to help promote their educational work, courses, and audits. For me, this was an important sign that the Academy's platform had become trusted, effective, and far-reaching.

I was also particularly proud of the Bariatric Emergencies webinar, which attracted around 130 attendees and received very positive feedback. It was rewarding to be involved in the process from topic selection and speaker liaison through to moderating the session itself.

How has being involved with the MA influenced you personally and/or professionally?

Being involved with the Moynihan Academy has helped me grow in confidence as an organiser, communicator, and leader. It has allowed me to develop skills beyond clinical training, particularly in teamwork, event coordination, public engagement, and professional networking. Moderating sessions and working closely with speakers and council members has also strengthened my confidence in taking on leadership roles within national surgical education.

Professionally, it has also given me the opportunity to contribute more widely through my role on the ASGBI Training and Education Committee, helping me better understand how trainee-led initiatives can work closely with the parent society to deliver meaningful educational impact. On a personal level, it has been very rewarding to contribute to a group that is passionate about supporting trainees and medical students. It has given me a sense of belonging within a motivated national network and has encouraged me to think more broadly about my role in surgical education and mentorship.

What excites you most about the future of the MA?

What excites me most about the future of the Moynihan Academy is its potential to continue expanding as a national platform for education, mentorship, and collaboration. I am particularly excited by the growing digital reach of the Academy and the opportunity to engage not only trainees, but also medical students and future surgeons earlier in their careers. I also believe that MA's increasing collaboration with partner societies places it in a strong position to keep growing its influence and value within surgical training. I believe MA has a strong future in building an inclusive, supportive, and ambitious surgical community.

One word or phrase that best sums up your year with the MA:

Growing influence



WELLBEING LEAD

Ms Lily Mills

This has been a fantastic year for wellbeing at the Moynihan Academy, marked by two successful webinar series: Wellbeing Month (October 2025) and Women's Month (March 2026), the latter delivered in collaboration with Marwa, our EDI Lead.

Wellbeing Month in October featured an empowering talk from Ms Robyn Brown (senior orthopaedic registrar), who discussed expectations of senior support and how to respond when this is lacking. Mr Michael El Boghdady (ASiT's former EDI Officer and current Director of Education) delivered an insightful session on harassment and bullying in the workplace, sharing research conducted with ASiT and providing a clear framework for escalating concerns. Lizzie Paish (transformational coach) spoke on self-advocacy and offered practical strategies for maintaining wellbeing throughout a surgical career.

Building on the success of last year, Women's Month in March 2026 expanded both its reach and impact, bringing together inspiring women (internationally) to share their expertise and experiences. Topics included breast emergencies, the lived and professional experiences of women in surgery, and endometriosis, highlighting both clinical knowledge and the personal dimensions of care. These sessions provided valuable educational insight while fostering open dialogue, reflection, and empowerment, reinforcing the importance of representation, inclusivity and continued learning within the surgical community.

Wellbeing initiatives were also promoted across all platforms, with #WellbeingWednesdays proving particularly popular on X.

What's your proudest achievement in your role this year?

Organising Wellbeing Month October 2025.

How has being involved with the MA influenced you personally and/or professionally?

Being part of the MA, first as Social Media Lead and then as Wellbeing Lead, has been a privilege. It has had a meaningful impact on both my personal and professional development, helping me build confidence, resilience, and a more open-minded perspective.

What excites you most about the future of the MA?

The MA fosters a strong sense of community built on learning, openness, and inclusivity, which has been meaningful to be part of. The educational resources developed this year are truly valuable, and it is rewarding to contribute to something with the potential to benefit so many. I hope these resources continue to reach a wide audience and have a positive impact beyond our immediate community.

One word or phrase that best sums up your year with the MA:

Transformative



EQUALITY, INCLUSIVITY & DIVERSITY LEAD

Ms Marwa Jama



This was my second year as I&D lead. During this term we published our work on animal/human materials used in surgical materials as well as the work led by Matt McKenna (last year's Trauma lead) on (in)equal access to trauma training. We have also had the second Women's month with webinars on topics related to women's health.

What's your proudest achievement in your role this year?

My goal has always been to make EDI a thing of practicality and try to integrate it in other domains. Nearly all my projects over the 2 terms have been either co-led or co-designed with colleagues on the team. This year I lead again on the Women's month- together with our Wellbeing led and we hosted practical, evidence based webinars relevant to all surgeons.

How has being involved with the MA influenced you personally and/or professionally?

I have been very impressed with my colleagues and have gotten to know so many different personalities and people that are doing all kind of exciting things within their own fields and interests!

What excites you most about the future of the MA?

Trauma and EGS is a major chunk of every General surgeons work- whether you like/love it or not. The Ma is doing great at putting the spotlight on it and regaining enthusiasm amongst the next generation of surgeons.

One word or phrase that best sums up your year with the MA:

Inclusive practice is best practice.

SAS REPRESENTATIVE

MR RALPH OBURE



This past year on the Moynihan Academy (MA) Council has been a rewarding blend of collaborative efforts aimed at keeping our SAS membership strongly represented. A standout moment was interviewing Mr. Gaurav Kulkarni, an inspirational SAS doctor who successfully navigated the portfolio pathway to specialist registration. I strongly encourage all our members to revisit this interview in our newsletter, and I extend a special thank you to Mr. Kulkarni for allowing us to share his invaluable portfolio pathway checklist. (See attached below)

My involvement also extended to national platforms and educational outreach:

- National Representation: I had the honour of representing the MA Council at the 17th National Undergraduate Surgery & Trauma Conference in Edinburgh (March 2026). The theme, *"Breaking the mould in surgery,"* was a perfect opportunity to inspire the next generation of surgeons while reigniting my own professional passion.
- Clinical Education: In March, I co-hosted a fascinating Women's Wednesday webinar on "Endometriosis for the General Surgeon," highlighting a critical niche in collaborative surgery.
- Upcoming Work: I am also looking forward to co-hosting our April RCSEd webinar on Acute Presentations of Ventral Hernias, a vital topic for those involved in Emergency General Surgery (EGS)

How has being involved with the MA influenced you personally and/or professionally?

My year on the MA council has been immensely impactful; I have built personal friendships with like-minded enthusiasts for Trauma and EGS that I hope to carry on. Additionally, I have had the opportunity to network with inspirational thought leaders in the broader ASGBI fraternity that I am certain will have lasting impact in my career. Having had a behind the scenes view of the thought and hard work effort that goes into keeping a national professional association going I'd urge us all to actively engage, I know I won't!

What excites you most about the future of the MA?

The MA has exponential potential. There are opportunities abound for MA events at the regional chapters as well future international collaborations. I am at my seats edge to see what the future holds for MA

One word or phrase that best sums up your year with the MA:

Sometimes wrong, but never in doubt

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LOCALLY EMPLOYED DOCTOR REP

Mr Ke En Oh

My work with the Moynihan Academy (MA) has been centred around several things. Helping with the weekly education content and assisting with grading essay. In these roles, I have helped maintain core weekly educational pillars and encourage engagement among trainees. A big part of this involvement has been working with the Academy's weekly education topics, especially MRCS Monday. It is a key part of the teaching program that offers a consistent and organised way to learn. Working in this area, I have helped MA achieving its goal of providing excellent education and supporting trainee. I have also helped grade essay for the MA. My contribution to the MA has come from being consistently involved in education support. Through these participation, I aim to foster the engagement and development of surgical education.

What's your proudest achievement in your role this year?

My proudest achievement this year in this role has been supporting trainees by keeping them actively involved through Moynihan Academy's ongoing education programme. Helping with MRCS Monday has been really fulfilling because it offers regular and organised way to learn about general surgical topics.

How has being involved with the MA influenced you personally and/or professionally?

Being part of Moynihan Academy has made a difference in both my personally and professionally. It has strengthened my ability organised educational activities, communicating and working as part of the team. This role has also been rewarding because it allows me to contribute and play a part in the progress of trainees. It has made me more committed to education and it reminds me how important it is to support people and growing forward together.

What excites you most about the future of the MA?

What really excites me about the future of Moynihan Academy is how much more it can do to strengthen the education it already offers. MA is in a strong position to keep growing as a great platform for learning, guidance and supporting trainees. I am really excited about continuous growth of MA in involving more trainees and building a stronger surgical community.

One word or phrase that best sums up your year with the MA:

Rewarding.

CST REPRESENTATIVE

Mr William Broadhurst



This year, I've had the privilege as Core Surgery Lead to get involved in all aspects of the MA's varied and far-reaching portfolio. I've thoroughly enjoyed contributing to our SHO-targeted #MRCsmondays educational programme across social media, as well as getting involved in data collection with our collaborative research projects. I've relished the opportunity to organise, host and moderate nationally-delivered webinars across several topics, hearing from experts in their respective fields. Most importantly, I've appreciated the opportunity to learn from - and be inspired by - the fantastic people I've worked with in the role, be they those currently spearheading EGS and trauma in the UK, or the future leaders that I've had the pleasure of working alongside in the MA Council.

What's your proudest achievement in your role this year?

I'm proud of many of my achievements with the MA, both as a collaborative member of the team and with more individual projects. I'm probably most proud of the "*Navigating ST3 General Surgery Applications*" webinar I organised and hosted in December - the opportunity to hear from both those involved in national recruitment and from high-scoring recently successful applicants, and being able to share that knowledge and information with over 100 desperately hopeful current applicants, was a really rewarding experience. Additionally, the organisational element of delivering a large-scale live webinar (and troubleshooting Teams) was a massive learning opportunity that I'm grateful for.

How has being involved with the MA influenced you personally and/or professionally?

Being a member of the MA Council has influenced me professionally in a number of ways. It's led me to strengthen my leadership and organisational skills, it has encouraged me to "think big" in terms of why and how educational and training content can be delivered, and it's allowed me to collaborate with enthusiastic, hardworking and likeminded trainees across the country. Crucially, it's reinforced my commitment to advancing and shaping the fields of EGS and trauma in the UK.

What excites you most about the future of the MA?

I'm most excited to see how the future leaders of the specialty will continue to grow and develop the MA as an all-encompassing platform for surgical innovation, collaboration and education.

One word or phrase that best sums up your year with the MA:

Growth.

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FOUNDATION YEAR REPRESENTATIVE

DR TAHA ANSARI



This year with the Moynihan Academy, as the Foundation Lead, has been an excellent opportunity to work closely with many inspiring members on the committee towards collaborative projects improving surgical education and the future of surgery.

Contributing towards educational content in the form of social media posts, including supporting the set up of our new initiative for medical students, supporting and facilitating the delivery of webinars and collaborating towards multi-centre research has been highly rewarding.

A highlight of the year has been attending and supporting the MA EGS day which demonstrated the impact of the Academy in person on so many surgical trainees and gave the opportunity to also meet inspiring senior surgeons who are training the next generation.

What's your proudest achievement in your role this year?

My contributions in collaborative educational and research projects, especially the PECHA study which has built my understanding of national multi-centre projects in surgery. I'm also looking forward to seeing our upcoming webinars we have developed around careers in research.

How has being involved with the MA influenced you personally and/or professionally?

It has opened my eyes to a lot of the great work being done currently in the surgical education space and the work that goes on behind the scenes to deliver high-quality initiatives. I have been very motivated by working alongside so many inspirational colleagues who have shown me how much can be achieved through teamwork and dedication.

What excites you most about the future of the MA?

MA provides significant value for early career doctors who are pursuing a career in surgery. The community it reaches is growing rapidly and it is exciting to see how its initiatives will continue to expand in inspiring and developing future surgeons.

One word or phrase that best sums up your year with the MA:

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MEDICAL STUDENT REP

Parwaaz Upadhyay

Started regular medical student social media posts to invoke more engagement within the medical school community with general surgery and EGS.

What's your proudest achievement in your role this year?

Starting posts, attending conference.

How has being involved with the MA influenced you personally and/or professionally?

Being part of the committee has made me more informed on how to work in a team, achieve deadlines, and develop skills to appeal to students

What excites you most about the future of the MA?

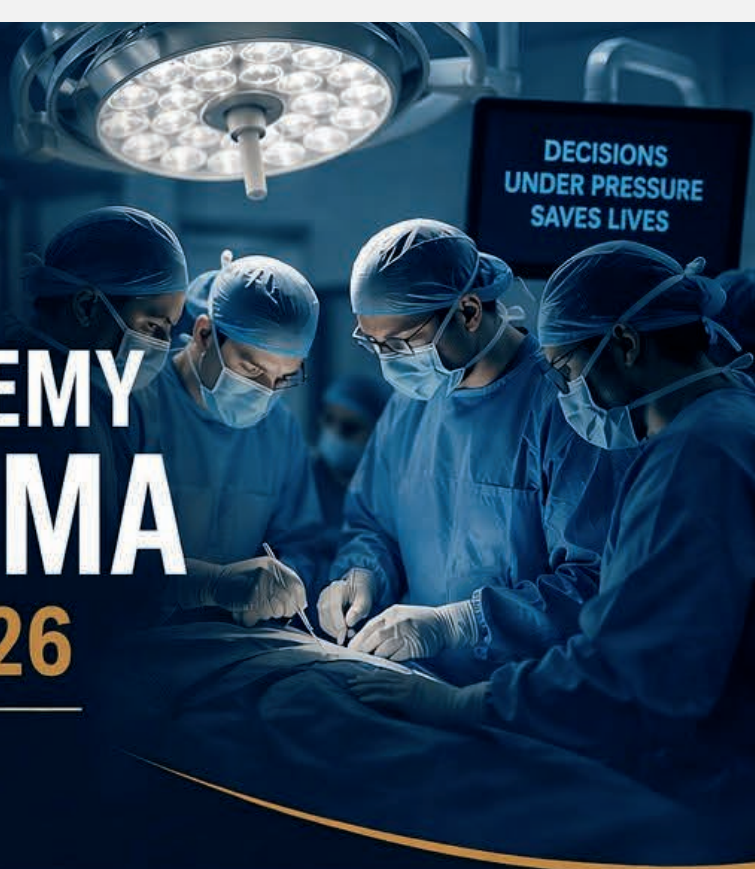
The possibility of MA being a well known academy in Medical schools in the future and regularly being involved in medical teaching.

One word or phrase that best sums up your year with the MA:

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ASiT x MA BASIC SKILLS IN EGS AND TRAUMA SURGERY



After much planning, our long awaited ASiT x MA Basic Skills in EGS and Trauma Surgery was held on 6th March and in Manchester. It was attended by 20 delegates spanning the width of the UK and abroad from medical student to registrar level. We had an expert faculty made up of senior MA committee members including Jared (president), Rute (secretary) and George (treasurer). It was a pleasure to also have Miss Stella Smith, Consultant Colorectal and Trauma Surgeon as faculty and it was clear just how much the delegates benefitted from her experience and teaching style.

From the beginning, our priority was to offer as much hands-on experience as we could. We were able to run high quality stations to allow delegates to practice trauma skills on animal tissue to simulate real scenarios. They were able to carry out a resuscitative thoracotomy, trauma laparotomy, bowel resection and wound debridement. We also simulated trauma calls, allowed delegates to use ATLS principles and develop their leadership and non-technical skills.

We are grateful to ASiT for giving us the opportunity to run this course and to ASiT council members for their help in the setting up and clearing out of the room at the end. It was a fast paced day with a lot of information covered and we hope to continue this course next year!

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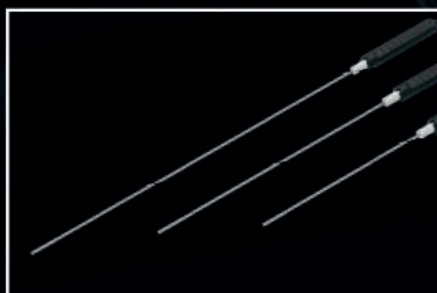
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MA X ASiT ST3 GENERAL SURGERY MOCK INTERVIEW COURSE

This year, Moynihan Academy was invited by the Association of Surgeons in Training (ASiT) to run the General Surgery component of the national P4 ST3 Mock Interview programme. As Educational Lead, I was delighted to coordinate the course on behalf of the Academy, and we were grateful for the organisation and oversight of the MA Treasurer, Mr George Neelankavil Davis, who played a key part in the success of the day.

We had a full house of delegates, comprising 20 candidates and 17 faculty members, and kicked off the day with a welcome by Ms Shruti Bhat, followed by a Recruitment and Interview Update for 2026, delivered by Amal Boulbadaoui and George Neelankavil Davis, which provided the candidates with a grounding in the current national context and requirements.

From 10:00 onwards, structured one-hour interviews were conducted to closely mimic the national selection process. Each candidate was assessed in a clinical station, management scenario, and portfolio discussion, with dedicated time for feedback. The interviews were structured to ensure realism. In some interviews, two faculty members interviewed one candidate (a 2:1 ratio), reflecting the realism of national interviews. In other interviews, single and paired interviewers were used to reflect real-world variation.

Feedback received from the delegates was outstanding. Candidates consistently reported that the interviews were authentic, challenging, and constructive. We are extremely grateful to our faculty for their time, professionalism, and dedication to providing quality and development-focused feedback.



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MA EGS & TRAUMA MASTERCLASS 2025

The Moynihan Academy successfully delivered a focused, trainee-oriented Emergency General Surgery (EGS) and Trauma Masterclass on 13th November 2025 at the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (RCSEd), Birmingham, following the ASGBI EGS Symposium on 12th November, allowing us to build on the momentum of the main meeting while delivering a programme that was clearly distinct in its focus and objectives.

From the outset, the Masterclass was designed to complement the symposium. The emphasis was on practical decision-making, viva-relevant discussions, and the non-technical skills required of future consultants. The aim was to move beyond didactic teaching and instead create a learning environment centred on how trainees approach real-world emergency surgical scenarios, bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and consultant-level thinking.

The programme began with core topics in Emergency General Surgery and trauma, focusing on high-acuity presentations such as acute upper gastrointestinal emergencies and abdominal vascular pathology, including mesenteric ischaemia. Trauma management was explored through a structured ABCDE approach, linking early resuscitation with operative strategy and multidisciplinary coordination. These sessions were delivered in a case-based format, encouraging active participation and discussion throughout. This was followed by a keynote lecture on Humanitarian Surgery, delivered by Mr Ammar Darwish, which provided a broader perspective on the role of surgeons in global and resource-limited settings. The lecture highlighted the challenges, ethical considerations, and impact of delivering surgical care in humanitarian contexts, offering an important reflection on the wider responsibilities of the modern surgeon.

As the day progressed, the focus shifted towards applied clinical decision-making. Through structured case-based discussions, trainees were encouraged to work through scenarios involving diagnostic uncertainty, risk stratification, and operative dilemmas. These sessions were particularly valuable in supporting trainees to develop a structured approach to complex situations and to understand the transition from guideline-based management to independent clinical judgement.

A key strength of the Masterclass was the inclusion of two dedicated workshops. The first, Leadership and Human Factors Workshop, focused on crisis resource management, team dynamics, situational awareness, and decision-making under pressure. This session built on previous Moynihan Academy initiatives and was particularly well received, reflecting the increasing importance of non-technical skills in surgical practice. The second, FRCS Mock VIVA Workshop, provided trainees with the opportunity to participate in structured viva-style stations, enabling them to articulate clinical reasoning, refine exam technique, and receive targeted, high-quality feedback from faculty.

An academic component was also integrated into the programme, with short video presentations from trainees. This provided a platform to showcase EGS-related work and encouraged engagement with academic surgery alongside clinical training.

The Masterclass was delivered to full capacity, with approximately 60 attendees, and feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Delegates consistently highlighted the relevance of the content to both clinical practice and examinations, as well as the interactive nature of the sessions and the quality of faculty engagement. The workshop components were particularly valued for their practical applicability and focused feedback.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all faculty members for their time, expertise, and commitment to delivering high-quality teaching, and to the delegates whose engagement and enthusiasm contributed significantly to the success of the day. We are also grateful to the ASGBI executive team and wider organisational staff for their continued support. Above all, we would like to acknowledge the Moynihan Academy team, whose collective effort and dedication made this Masterclass possible.

Looking ahead, there is clear scope to build on this model. Future iterations may expand into a two-day format incorporating simulation, technical skills workshops, and a more structured academic programme. There is also potential to develop international collaborations and webinar series, further strengthening the Academy's educational reach. The success of this Masterclass provides a strong foundation for continued innovation and growth within the Academy's educational portfolio.



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MA WEBINAR SERIES WOMEN'S MONTH



March has been Women's month this year for the second year in a row! Because why do 1 day when you can do a whole month!

This year we had 3 webinars on our "Women's Wednesdays" . For the first one we invited Ms Jenna Morgan, a consultant Breast Surgeon and Mr Chris Waters, a General surgery specialty trainee in Breast Surgery. They presented together on any emergencies a surgeon can encounter out of hours within breast surgery-essential knowledge for any General surgery trainee!

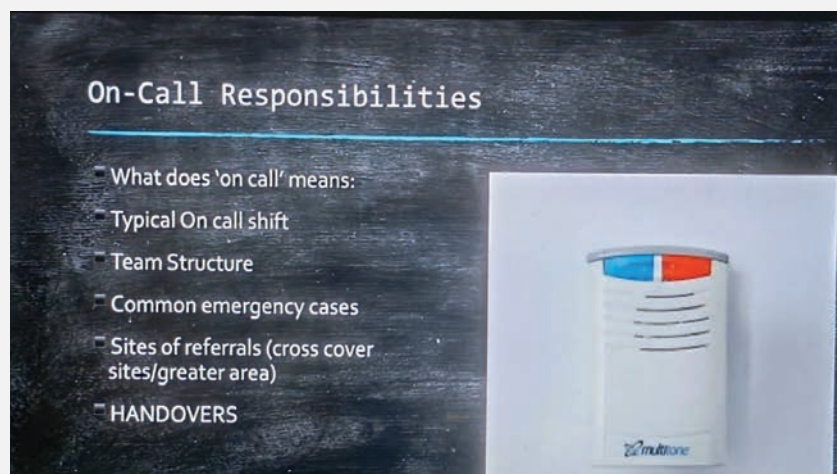
Our second webinar was on endometriosis with a specific focus on pelvic surgery as an MDT. Mr Charlie Craddock, a consultant Colorectal surgeon and his colleague Ms Helen Burgess, consultant Gynaecologist did a fantastic session demonstrating on how often and how much we collaborate with gynaecologists for this relatively unknown pathology!

Lastly, we were joined by 2 academic surgeons who took us through the influence and experience of different genders within surgery. Dr Jullie Hallet, an associate professor and HPB surgeon joined us all the way from Canada and presented together with Ms Charlie Barter, a senior colorectal registrar on this topic that led to much wanted/needed debate!

We want to say a big thanks to all our hosts, speakers and listeners for engaging with this important month and look forward to what next year's committee will do!

MA X BRIGHTON AND SUSSEX MEDICAL SCHOOL MASTERCLASS

Promoting a career in surgery and inspiring the next generation of surgeons is important to the committee. To address this, three members of the MA committee delivered a evening of lectures to the General Surgery Society at Brighton and Sussex Medical School, offering valuable insights into pursuing a career in surgery. The talks covered a range of practical and informative topics, including “A Day in the Life of a General Surgeon,” which provided a realistic overview of daily responsibilities; “Structure of a Typical Working Day,” outlining clinics, operating lists, and on-call duties; and “An Overview of the Training Pathway,” which guided students through the steps required to enter and progress within the specialty. The session was well attended with many students engaging with the committee members. We were able to answer many of their questions about a surgical career and we received overwhelmingly positive feedback. Attendees found the talks both inspiring and highly informative, and many said they were inspired for their future careers aspirations in surgery.



RCSED X ASGBI GENERAL SURGERY FRCS SERIES



This year, the association has delivered a diverse and highly relevant series of webinars tailored to support surgical trainees in managing complex and high-stakes scenarios. Topics have ranged from trauma-focused sessions such as *“Thoraco-Abdominal Trauma Cases”* (4th June 2025) and *“Managing Abdomino-Pelvic Trauma: Operative Strategies and Damage Control for the FRCS”* (19th Jan 2026), to subspecialty-focused discussions like *“HPB Surgery for the FRCS”* (3rd July 2025) and *“Paediatric Surgery Emergencies for the General Surgeon”* (18th March 2026). Cutting-edge practice has also been highlighted in *“Use of Robotics in Emergency General Surgery”* (5th August 2025), while decision-making in challenging clinical situations has been explored in sessions including *“Optimal Timing for Cholecystectomy in Moderate to Severe Gallstone Pancreatitis”* (9th September 2025), *“Ischaemic Bowel—When to Resect and When to Palliate”* (19th January 2026), and *“Acute Complex Ventral Hernia: Choosing the Right Operation for the Right Patient at the Right Time”* (21st April 2026). The series also addressed essential emergency care topics such as *“Bariatric Emergencies for the General Surgeon”* (2nd December 2025), collectively providing a comprehensive and practical educational programme aligned with FRCS preparation and real-world surgical demands.



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