

# Travelling Surgical Society of Great Britain and Ireland

Friday 15th September 2017

Trinity Hall, Cambridge



*Programme and  
Society Information*

# Programme

08:30–09:00      Coffee and registration      *Terrace Room*

Session 1      *Lecture Theatre*

**Chair: Professor Michael Nicholson**

**09:00 The Travelling Surgical Society**

*Mr Terry Irwin, President of the Travelling Surgical Society*

**09:10 Development of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus**

*Mr Malcolm Lowe-Lauri, Executive Director, Cambridge Health Partners*

**09:20 Abdominal wall reconstruction**

*Mr James Wheeler, Consultant Colorectal Surgeon*

**09:40 Naso-endo vacuum therapy for upper GI perforations and anastomotic leaks**

*Mr Andrew Hindmarsh, Consultant Upper GI and Emergency Surgeon*

**10:00 Improving outcomes for acute necrotising pancreatitis**

*Mr Asif Jah, Consultant Hepatobiliary and Transplant Surgeon*

**10:20 Axillary staging and intraoperative radiotherapy for breast cancer**

*Professor John Benson, Consultant Breast Surgeon*

10:40–11:10      Coffee      *Terrace Room*

Session 2      *Lecture Theatre*

**Chair: Mr Paul Gibbs**

**11:10 Free-flap breast reconstruction**

*Professor Charles Malata, Consultant Plastic Surgeon*

**11:30 Robotic laparoscopic renal surgery**

*Mr Grant Stewart, Consultant Urologist*

**11:50 Multivisceral transplantation**

*Mr Neil Russell, Consultant Transplant Surgeon*

**12:10 Aortic aneurysms**

*Mr Kevin Varty, Consultant Vascular Surgeon*

12:30–13:30

Lunch

*Optional visit to the Old Library, Trinity Hall*

*Terrace Room*

Session 3

*Lecture Theatre*

**Chair: TBC**

**13:30 Controversies in general surgery: interactive session presenting difficult surgical challenges**

*Mr Raaj Praseedom, Consultant Hepatobiliary and Transplant Surgeon*

**14:00 Micro-managing the gut: unravelling the regulatory pathways that mediate the intestinal adaptive response**

*(Hunterian Professorship, Royal College of Surgeons of England)*

*Miss Anita Balakrishnan, Locum Consultant Surgeon*

**14:20 Ex vivo perfusion in organ transplantation**

*Dr Sarah Hosgood, Senior Research Associate*

14:40–15.30 Surgical Trainee Prize Session

**14:40 Regenerative strategies in surgery**

*Mr Foad Rouhani, Clinical Lecturer in Surgery*

**14:50 Surgical training in 2017**

*Miss Irum Amin, Surgical Specialist Registrar*

**15:00 Transplantation of organs from donors with hepatitis C: the potential to substantially increase transplant activity**

*Dr Patrick Trotter, Surgical Research Fellow*

**15:10 Undergraduate perceptions of urology: Current Attitudes To Hospital Experience, Teaching, Education and Research (CATHETER)**

*Miss Stephanie Smith, Academic Clinical Fellow*

**15:20 Laparoscopic simulator training for novice surgeons**

*Mr Alex Walker, Academic Clinical Fellow*

15:30–16:00

Tea and Close

*Terrace Room*

## *Evolution of the Society*

During the First World War, British surgeons working in the Casualty Clearing Stations of the Royal Army Medical Corps in Beauval in Northern France had resolved to keep in touch with each other after the war. Once established in consultant posts back home, these surgeons approached Sir Berkeley Moynihan because of his reputation and influence, and their overtures resulted in the surgical meeting in his home town of Leeds in 1924, at which Mr H H Sampson of Birmingham took the chair. The group agreed to call themselves the Travelling Surgical Club and drew up a set of rules. These stated that The Club, as it became known, should consist of twenty members, each of whom must have served in the Great War and currently be in consultant practice on the staff of a provincial hospital. The subscription was fixed at fifteen shillings. Sir Berkeley consented to become the Club's first President, but although he sent many letters of encouragement he never found the time to attend in person.

In 1988 the name was changed to the Travelling Surgical Society to underline its serious scientific intent. The link with the Armed forces within the Society remains strong, with ten Service members (active or retired), and is reflected in the three oblique stripes (red, dark blue and light blue for the Army, Royal Navy and Royal Air Force) adorning the Society's tie.

The Travelling Surgical Society meets twice a year, travelling abroad in the spring for about a week and congregating for two days in the autumn at a home meeting hosted by a member. The meetings abroad consist of visits to two or three hospitals, usually for one day each, during which the group used to attend an operating theatre suite, tour a ward and other facilities (such as an intensive care unit) and have a scientific session. In these rather different times, the meetings mainly comprise scientific sessions, but newer technology may allow live streaming of operations, or at least high quality recordings which can be watched in comfort without breaching patient confidentiality or interfering with the surgeon at work!

*'Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry and narrow-mindedness'*

Mark Twain