

Intermediate Phacoemulsification Course

The intermediate phaco course is intended for surgeons who have acquired some proficiency in basic phaco cataract surgery and concentrates on teaching the skills required for more difficult cases.

This includes management of cases with small pupil, dense nuclei, weak zonules, management of posterior capsule rupture and vitreous loss.

The one-day course comprises lectures and Skills Centre training, including practical experience in insertion of iris hooks, capsular tension rings and anterior vitrectomy. It is expected that trainees attending the course will have completed between 50 and 100 phaco procedures independently.

8.30-8.50am	<i>Registration</i>
8.50-9.00am	Welcome
9.00-9:30am	Techniques for hard, soft & white cataracts
9:30-10:10am	Small pupil management video session
10:10-10:30	<i>Coffee</i>
10.30-12.30pm	Wetlab Session Phaco power modulation Iris Hooks Malyugin Rings (<i>Simulator</i>)
12.30-1.20pm	<i>Lunch</i>
1.20-1.40pm	Zonular weakness video session
1.40-2.05pm	Management of PCR/vitreous loss.
2:05-2:20pm	Complications video session
2.20-2.40pm	<i>Questions/Tea</i>
2.40-4.20pm	Wet lab Session Phaco power modulation Anterior vitrectomy Capsular tension rings (<i>simulator</i>)
4.20-4.30	End of Wet lab Session Q&A and Feedback Close