



Monday 18 May 10.05 – 11.05 Young Vitreo Retinal Surgical Rounds – Learning from other’s mistakes

Surgical complications play a critical role in the development of vitreoretinal surgeons. However, early career mishaps can undermine confidence. Typically, complications presented at meetings are rare or extremely difficult cases, offering limited instructional value for novices. After last year’s success, this interactive course features young vitreoretinal surgeons debating six challenging clinical cases through surgical videos, promoting active participation during the cases by directly engaging attendees through questions about critical decision points and treatments when facing adverse intraoperative events. Junior surgeons gain invaluable peer support from slightly more experienced surgeons who understand the anxieties and evolving responsibilities facing trainees. These relationships enable open discussion of patient complications and general challenges common to junior roles. By making early-career surgeons feel less isolated in confronting new realities, guidance and reassurance from peers can build greater confidence, capability, and leadership.

Chairpersons: Georgios Vakros and Jennifer Hind

10.05 – 10.10 Case 1 (Mr Hosam Abdalla) Wolverhampton, UK

10.10 – 10.15 Discussion

10.15 – 10.20 Case 2 (Mr Samir Dowlut, Belfast, Northern

10.20 – 10.25 Discussion

10.25 – 10.30 Case 3 (Miss Rabia Bourkiza, London, UK

10.30 – 10.35 Discussion

10.35 – 10.40 Case 4 (Ms Jennifer Hind, Glasgow, Scotland

10.40 – 10.45 Discussion

10.45 – 10.50 Case 5 (Mr Rodrigo Anguita, Bern, Switzerland & London, UK

10.55 – 11.00 Discussion

11.00 – 11.05 Case 6 (Mr Georgios Vakros, Athens, Greece)



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