Tuesday 19 May 14.30 – 15.30 Management of ophthalmic trauma in conflict

Chaired by Defence consultant advisor in Ophthalmology, Lt Col Mike Mckenna

The course will be delivered by consultant ophthalmologists from the Defence Medical Services, each bringing extensive frontline experience in managing complex eye trauma in conflict zones.

Participants will gain critical insights into the challenges, timelines, and evolving strategies of ophthalmic trauma care through the following key sessions:

Introduction & Historical Context
A look back at the history of ophthalmic injuries in military conflict — lessons learned and how they shape today's practices.

Mechanisms of Injury & Holistic Patient Management
Understanding the causes of ocular trauma and the broader physical and psychological needs of injured personnel.

Ophthalmic Trauma Management Paradigm
A structured approach to care, outlining the optimal timing and sequence of interventions in eye trauma cases.

Managing Devastating Globe Injuries
Advanced strategies and decision-making in the treatment of severe and complex globe trauma.

Vitreoretinal Surgery in Trauma
Surgical principles, techniques, and innovations in managing posterior segment injuries.

Building Resilience in Ophthalmology
Supporting the mental resilience and wellbeing of ophthalmologists working in high-stress, high-stakes environments.