



British Orthopaedic
Association



Consultant preparation course

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Convenors:

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Educational aims and objectives

This course is designed to prepare senior trainees and doctors who are getting ready to apply for a trauma and orthopaedics consultant job in the next year or two.

It will include a series of lectures covering topics relevant to understanding the requirements of the job, the job application and interview process, and how to prepare yourself to improve your chances of selection.

Candidates will be assigned into small groups for the mock interview stations. Feedback will be provided, and candidates will have opportunities throughout the day to ask questions to the faculty. The faculty will consist of senior consultants who are involved in the consultant appointment process and recent consultant appointments.

Programme

09:00	Registration and refreshments
09:30	Welcome and introduction Mr Hiro Tanaka, Consultant Trauma Orthopaedic Surgeon, Royal Gwent Hospital; Mr Rajesh Nanda, Consultant Trauma Orthopaedic Surgeon, University Hospital of North Tees and Hartlepool; and Mr Paul Banaszkiwicz, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Queen Elizabeth Hospital
09:40	What the hospital / department is looking for: Perspectives from a Medical / Clinical Director
10:00	What can I do to improve my chances of getting a consultant job? Do I need a research portfolio on my CV?
10:15	Pre-application: How do I approach it? How to write a winning application form
10:30	Shortlisted: What now?
10:45	Q&A
11:00	Refreshments
11:30	Hot 'current' topics that you might be asked about
11:50	RCSEng AAC and Consultant Interviewee panel members (their roles)
12:05	Interview and presentation skills
12:30	Q&A
12:45	Lunch
13:45	Introduction to interview workshops
	WORKSHOPS
13:55	Rotation 1: Improving your interview presentation
14:25	Rotation 2: Consultant colleague
14:55	Rotation 3: Clinical Director Station 1
15:25	Refreshments
15:45	Rotation 4: Clinical Director Station 2
16:15	Rotation 5: Medical Director's prespective
16:45	Rotation 6: Peoples skills
17:15	Summary and close of event