Orthopaedic Research UK

How to set up a private practice

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Course convenor:

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Registration fees

Participant £99

Educational aims and objectives

This course is specifically designed for senior trainees and newly appointed consultants who are considering establishing their own private practice.

Participants will gain practical insights into the key elements of setting up and managing a successful and sustainable practice. Topics covered include:

- The critical role of professional secretarial support
- Effective bookkeeping and financial management
- Securing admitting rights at private hospitals
- Promoting your practice through both NHS pathways and social media
- Running an efficient and ethical private practice
- Useful software tools and systems to streamline operations
- Best practices for communication with hospitals and patients
- Common pitfalls and how to avoid them

Whether you're in the early stages of planning or ready to launch, this course will equip you with the knowledge and tools to build a solid foundation for private practice success.

Programme

17:55	**Log in**
18:00	**Welcome and introduction** Mr Jamie Buchanan, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Conquest Hospital
18:05	**Setting up a private practice in a district general hospital setting** Mr Jamie Buchanan, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Conquest Hospital
18:25	**How to bill, deal with clients and insurance companies running a practice from home** Ms Tara Buchanan
18:45	**How to run a private practice from a London based practice** Mr Sebastian Dawson-Bowling, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon & Orthopaedic Clinical Network Director, Barts Health NHS Trust
19:05	**Running a busy specialist private practice** Mr Alastair Windsor MD FRCS, Consultant Surgeon and Hon Prof. Surgery, Ulster University. Medical Director and Responsible Officer, Hospital Hemel Hempstead. Medical Director for 18 week support. Chief Medical Officer for Europe Telabio
19:25	**Common errors the newly appointed consultant needs to avoid**
19:45	**Q&A**
20:00	**Close of event**