Dear Colleague

The DSTC™ course is the world’s largest International trauma surgical course. Designed by trauma surgeons, for surgeons, the course is one of the most advanced live tissue skills courses in the world. The course is intended to enhance both the surgical skills, and surgical decision making skills of the participants. It is aimed specifically at Surgeons and Senior surgical trainees and those who are involved in the management of patients with major trauma, where expertise or resources may be limited. The new DATC™ course is aimed at Anaesthesiologists required to deal with the same patient.

The Course includes advanced surgical and ICU management, and utilises cadavers for demonstration and practice of surgical vascular access in the neck, and certain thoracic and limb exposures. Live anaesthetised animals are also used for the skills sessions to practice certain complex procedures including the techniques of Damage Control / Liver packing, abdominal surgery, and treatment of haemorrhage from multiple sites.

There are extensive sessions including lectures on newer techniques of access, and surgical decision making, as well as interactive case discussions on cases, based on actual problems which might be faced.

Intensive hands-on teaching is an integral part of the course. The course is limited to 16 surgical and four anaesthetic participants with an Instructor: student ratio of almost 1:2.

This three day course takes place in Johannesburg on 30 March – 1 April 2016

Dates: 30 March 2016 – 1 April 2016
Course Directors: Prof K. D. Boffard, Dr Steve Moeng
Venue: Dept. of Surgery
Wits Medical School
Requirements: Registrars: Must be in their final three years of training (Surgery or Anaesthesiology)
Surgeons and Anaesthesiologists: Must be specialists, or Actively responsible for the management decisions in the surgical or anaesthetic management of the patient who has suffered major multisystem trauma, but working outside their “comfort zone”

Cost: DSTC™ Course: Registrar R6000 Consultant: R7000
DATC™ Course: R5000,
Courier shipping of the course manual is not included

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