Surgical skills are an essential part of the practicing cardiologist. Cardiologists routinely perform procedures such as pacemaker insertions, that require good surgical skills. However, this is one aspect of the cardiologists training that has often been ignored. Often cardiology trainees are taught surgical skills from other cardiologists, who themselves may not have learnt good technique from the surgeons.

Most surgical skills courses are aimed at the surgical trainee, and are way beyond what is required for the cardiologist. This course is aimed primarily for the practicing cardiologist/cardiology trainee. The faculty on this course are Mr. Sunil Bhudia, Consultant Cardiac surgeon, Walsgrave hospital, Mr. K Das Hereford General Hospital, Mr. Abdul Aziz, Walsgrave Hospital Dr. Muzahir Tayebjee, Consultant Electrophysiologist, Leeds General infirmary and Dr. Sunil Nadar and Dr. John Panting from Heart of England NHS trust.

This is a practical hands on course with sufficient time to practice good technique under expert supervision. We have limited the course to only 16 candidates to improve the teacher/student ratio to enable better hands on training, and better supervision. This course is supported by an educational grant from Medtronic and there is no registration fee. Please register your place by emailing susan.p.lynch@heartofengland.nhs.uk

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PROGRAMME

9:00 Registration and Coffee; Pre-course MCQ
9:30 Introduction and leaning outcomes
9:40 pacemaker implantation- General techniques
10:00 Gowning and gloving
10:20 Patient preparation and handling instruments
10:45 Coffee
11:00 Knots
12:00 Types of suture materials,
12:15 suturing techniques
13:00 Lunch
14:00 haemostasis
14:15 Complications of pacemaker implantations
14:30 Principles of wound healing
14:45 Tissue handing and creating pockets
15:00 Practice
15:30 Coffee
16:00 Practice
16:30 Discussion and feedback; Post course MCQ