THE COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF HONG KONG
MANDATORY COURSES
FOR HIGHER SURGICAL TRAINEE ADMITTED **FROM 1 JULY 2021 ONWARDS**

Higher Surgical Trainees (HSTs) are mandatorily required to attend the following courses and fulfil the required course requirements during their higher surgical training before **they are eligible for examination enrolment**.

CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY
1. **Advanced Trauma Life Support Course (ATLS)**
2. **Critical Care Course**
3. **Research Training Workshop**
   - Highly recommended to attend within the first 2 years of higher surgical training.

GENERAL SURGERY
1. **Advanced Trauma Life Support Course (ATLS)**
2. **Laparoscopic General Surgery Course**
3. **Critical Care Course**
4. **Research Training Workshop**
   - Highly recommended to attend within the first 2 years of higher surgical training.

NEUROSURGERY
1. **Advanced Trauma Life Support Course (ATLS)**
2. **Research Training Workshop**
   - Highly recommended to attend within the first 2 years of higher surgical training.
3. **Critical Care Course**

PAEDIATRIC SURGERY
1. **Advanced Trauma Life Support Course (ATLS)**
2. **Paediatric Advanced Life Support Course**
3. **Paediatric Safe Sedation Simulation Course**
4. **Research Training Workshop**
   - Highly recommended to attend within the first 2 years of higher surgical training.

PLASTIC SURGERY
1. **Advanced Trauma Life Support Course (ATLS)**
   - Must complete the course run by the American College of Surgeons (ACS)
2. **Advanced Burns Life Support Course or Emergency Management of Severe Burns**
   - Must complete the course run by the American Burn Association and the Australian & New Zealand Burn Association
3. **AO Basic Maxillofacial Course**
   - Must complete courses on the principles of maxillofacial fracture treatment lasting should no less than 2 days of teaching with practical sessions
4. **Critical Care Course**
5. **Microsurgery Skills Workshop**
   - Must complete courses using live model with total course hours over 20, preferably with competency assessments after the course
6. **Research Training Workshop**
   - Highly recommended to attend within the first 2 years of higher surgical training.

UROLOGY

1. **Advanced Trauma Life Support Course (ATLS)**
2. **Basic Laparoscopic and Endoscopic Urology Course**
   - Must complete within the first 2 years of higher surgical training
3. **Advanced Laparoscopic and Endoscopic Urology Course**
   - Pre-requisites: Basic Laparoscopic and Endoscopic Urology Course
   - Must complete within the 3rd & 4th year of higher surgical training.
4. **Critical Care Course**
5. **Research Training Workshop**
   - Highly recommended to attend within the first 2 years of higher surgical training.

VASCULAR SURGERY

1. **Advanced Trauma Life Support Course (ATLS)**
2. **Critical Care Course**
3. **Endovascular Surgery Simulator Course**
4. **Vascular Anastomosis Workshop**
5. **Research Training Workshop**
   - Highly recommended to attend within the first 2 years of higher surgical training.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Trainees are required to submit the Official **Certificates** of the above courses to the College as evidence for completion when they apply for the Joint Specialty Fellowship Examination /Specialty Fellowship Examination (for Plastic Surgery only).