

13th Annual Ottawa Neurosurgery Review Course  
Schedule 8th - 15th February, 2025

**Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup>**

07:00 – 07:40	Registration and Breakfast	
07:40 – 08:00	<b>Introductory Remarks Q&amp;A</b>	Dr Safraz Mohammed Dr. Charles Agbi Dr. Fahad Alkherayf
08:00 – 08:40	<b>Cranial Meningiomas I</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be able to identify the key anatomical structures in the management of cranial meningiomas</li> <li>• Be able to decide which surgical approach is optimal for the presenting lesion</li> <li>• Be able to express the safety measure to undertake for surgical procedures in meningioma surgery</li> </ul>	Dr. Kesh Reddy
08:50 – 09:30	<b>Skull Base and Posterior Fossa Meningiomas</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be able to identify the key anatomical structures in the posterior cranial fossa and along the anterior and middle skull base</li> <li>• Be able to decide which surgical approach is optimal for the presenting lesion</li> <li>• Be able to express the safety measure to undertake for surgical procedures in the posterior cranial fossa</li> </ul>	Dr. Kesh Reddy
09:40 – 10:20	<b>Epidemiology, Genetics, Molecular Biology of Intracranial Aneurysms. Management of Unruptured Intracranial Aneurysms.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List three genetic syndromes associated with the development of brain aneurysms</li> <li>• List three molecules involved in the pathogenesis of aneurysms</li> <li>• List three histological features of aneurysm formation</li> <li>• Name three aneurysm features that can influence risk of rupture</li> </ul>	Dr. Alim Mitha
10:20 - 10:30	<b>BREAK</b>	
10:30 – 11:10	<b>Surgical Management of Ruptured Intracranial Aneurysms</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To describe the rationale for the treatment of ruptured and unruptured aneurysms</li> <li>• Select the appropriate therapeutic strategy(ies) for the treatment of an aneurysm</li> <li>• To describe the risks associated with the treatment and therapeutic measures to minimize such risks</li> <li>• Describe the rationale for a multidisciplinary approach to the management of aneurysms</li> </ul>	Dr. Alim Mitha
11:10- 11:50	<b>Chordomas and Chondrosarcomas: Current Management</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe the pathological differences between chordomas and chondrosarcomas</li> <li>• Describe the role of multi-disciplinary care in the treatment of chordomas and chondrosarcomas</li> <li>• Discuss the oncologic surgical principles for resection of chordomas and chondrosarcomas</li> <li>• List and describe options for surgical management of skull base chordomas and chondrosarcomas</li> </ul>	Dr. Idara Edem

11:50- 12:30	<b>Functional neurosurgery</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anatomy &amp; Physiology of the Basal Ganglia, Limbic System and Cerebellum</li> </ul> <p>To illustrate and draw anatomy of the limbic system including connections of hippocampal formation, Papez circuit, amygdala; and their role in memory, emotion &amp; neurosurgery</p>	Dr. Zelma Kiss
12:30-13:40	<b>LUNCH</b>	
13:40- 15:00	<b>HOT SEAT Sessions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe and explain the diagnosis, investigation, and management of common neurosurgical cases</li> </ul>	Dr. Alim Mitha
15:00 –15:20	<b>BREAK</b>	
15:20 – 16:00	<b>Endovascular Treatment Options for Ruptured Intracranial Aneurysms</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss the scientific basis for choosing treatment options for ruptured aneurysms</li> <li>List three different endovascular techniques for ruptured aneurysms</li> <li>Discuss commonly used adjuvant techniques for dealing with complex aneurysms</li> <li>Describe a grading system for measuring treatment outcomes and the implications</li> </ul>	Dr. Gwynedd Pickett
16:00 – 16:40	<b>Pathophysiology, Diagnosis and Management of Cerebral Vasospasm</b> <p>Following this lecture, learners will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Select and correctly interpret appropriate investigations in the management of delayed neurological deterioration post-SAH.</li> <li>List risk factors for cerebral vasospasm and describe epidemiology and outcomes.</li> <li>Describe current understanding of pathophysiology of vasospasm post-SAH.</li> </ul> <p>Choose appropriate therapy for management of cerebral vasospasm.</p>	Dr. Gwynedd Pickett
16:40 – 17:30	<b>Imaging Techniques for Intra-Axial Brain Tumours</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review advanced imaging techniques for intra-axial tumours</li> <li>Brief primer on MRI sequences</li> <li>Recognize imaging patterns of CNS neoplasms and mimicking diseases</li> <li>Recognize the radiological features of radiation necrosis and tumor recurrence</li> </ul>	Dr. Thanh Nguyen
17:30- 18:10	<b>Imaging Techniques for Extra-Axial Brain Tumours</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review advanced imaging techniques for extra-axial tumours</li> <li>Be able to identify different extra-axial tumours on radiological images</li> </ul>	Dr. Thanh Nguyen

18:10 – 18:20	<b>Imaging – Spot diagnosis cases</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identify the imaging and pathological findings of common neurosurgical cases</li></ul>	Dr Thanh Nguyen
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