

Care of the Critically Ill Surgical Patient (CCrISP) Provider Courses 2017

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CCrISP Provider courses have been run in Malaysia under licence from the Royal College of Surgeons of England since 2013. The third edition utilized a combination of interactive lectures, small group sessions and clinical simulations (moulages), enabling participants to apply principles of acute surgical management in a safe learning environment. CSAMM now has 31 active local instructors, and runs four provider courses a year.

Feedback from participants and instructors is a key component to staying relevant, and is collated after each course. The fourth edition, launched this year, resulted from consideration of such feedback. In addition to a more streamlined programme, focusing on the more engaging components i.e. the small group sessions and moulages, new material, with greater emphasis on clinical, moral and ethical contexts, has been introduced. Pre-test assessments are now conducted on-line, reducing the administrative burden on local staff.

The last delivery of the third edition course took place on 25th - 26th March 2017. Following re-training of instructors on

the new format, the fourth edition was launched on 27th - 28th May 2017 in conjunction with the CSAMM 2017 Congress, and a further course run on 27th - 28th September 2017.

Apart from some systems-related glitches pertaining to the on-line assessments, feedback has been good. Nevertheless, it was noted that local participants struggled more than usual in communication-related sessions in the absence of the communications lecture, and thus, the latter will be re-introduced in the upcoming courses.

To date, CSAMM has run 15 Provider Courses. These courses are in demand as prerequisites for higher surgical training, locally and abroad. The increasing number of overseas applicants is testament to the quality of delivery by the Malaysian faculty, and bodes well for further expansion. Plans for the future include integration of CCrISP into the Malaysian surgical training curriculum, expansion of the number of instructors and courses, as well as development of regional collaborations.

