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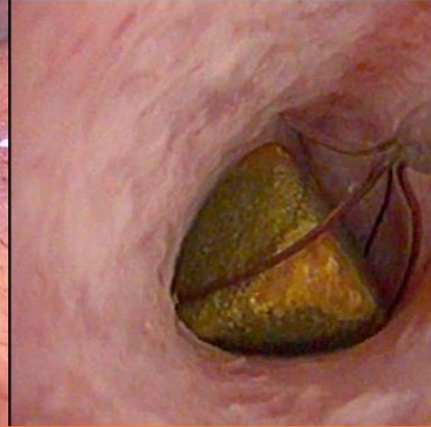
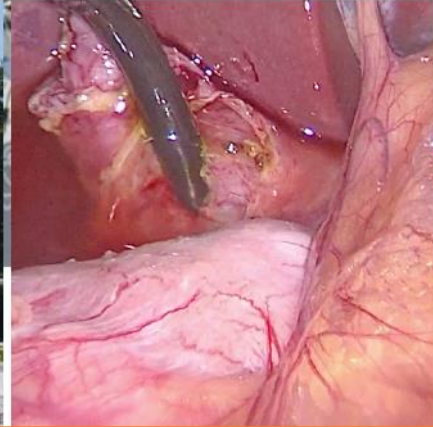


SouthWest  
Surgical  
Courses



Torbay and South Devon  
NHS Foundation Trust  
South Devon Upper GI Unit

Horizon Training Centre



# 17<sup>th</sup> Laparoscopic Bile Duct Exploration Course

Upper GI Trainees StR6-8 / Post CCT / Consultants

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Torbay Hospital



Integrated live link theatre



Wet lab facilities



This two day Royal College of Surgeons approved course concentrates on laparoscopic bile duct exploration. The first day covers evidence for practice, patient selection, surgical techniques, the 'pit falls' of starting a service, getting the right equipment. Also discussed is the management of acute presentation and integration of surgical service and ERCP. As well as lectures, live link surgery will be used for interactive discussion. The second day is workshop based concentrating on laparoscopic suturing, choledoscopes and bile duct instruments and a highly recommended hands-on LCBDE wet lab model.

## Program

### Day I

**Horizon centre, Torbay Hospital,  
Newton Road, Torquay, Devon  
TQ2 7AA**

**Date: 8<sup>th</sup> October**

**08.40 Registration and coffee**

**08.50** Welcome and Introduction

**09.00** Biliary disease – current  
practice guidelines

**09.30** Biliary Anatomy

**10.00** Bile Duct Imaging

**10.45 Coffee**

**11.00** LCBDE Equipment

**13.00 Lunch**

**14.00** Setting up an effective service  
– business case and patient selection  
'pitfalls'

**15.00 Tea and biscuits**

**16.00** Discussion and close

**19.00 Course Dinner – TBC**

### Day II

**BOWA UK head office,  
Bremridge, Ashburton, Devon  
TQ13 7JX, UK**

**Date: 9<sup>th</sup> October**

**08.45 Registration and coffee**

**09.00** Introduction to Day 2

**09.10** Group 1 - Wet lab workshop  
Group 2 - Lectures

**11.00 Coffee and biscuits**

**11.15** Group 1 – Lectures  
Group 2 – Wet lab workshop

**13.30 Closing discussion and  
Lunch**

#### DAY I

Variable Timing

#### LIVE LINK SURGERY

#### CASES

Trans-cystic Exploration AM

Choledocotomy Exploration PM

# Faculty

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# Laparoscopic Common Bile Duct Exploration Course

Please note: Course meal is included in the course fee. Accommodation and travel are not included in the course fee

## Industry Partners

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