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Our Work
Since 1995, the CNIS has worked towards improving surgical care in low-income countries, particularly in Africa. Its 4 program areas include:
- Structured Surgical and Obstetrical Training
- Injury Control
- Surgical and Obstetrical Information
- Public Engagement in Canada

Our Vision
To work to empower low-income countries to create an environment where the risk for injuries is minimal and where all people receive adequate obstetrical and surgical care.

Accreditation
This activity is an Accredited Self-Assessment Program (Section 3) as defined by the Maintenance of Certification Program of The Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Canada, and is approved by UBC CPD on 11/03/2014 and expires 03/2017. Remember to visit MAINPORT to record your learning and outcomes. You may claim a maximum of 6.5 hours (credits are automatically calculated).

SOO™
Structured Operative Obstetrics
INSTRUCTOR’S COURSE
DATE
Wednesday, January 17, 2018
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
INSTRUCTORS
Dr. Jan Christilaw
Dr. Rebeca Rivera
VENUE
Banff Park Lodge Resort Hotel & Conference Centre
222 Lynx St, Banff, AB T1L 1K5

This workshop is a pre-requisite for surgeons to become a certified instructor for CNIS.
SOO (Structured Operative Obstetrics)

PURPOSE: The purpose of the SOO course is to teach participants the management and technical surgical skills needed to perform a Caesarean section and other operative obstetric skills. The objective of the instructor’s course is to offer C-section providers the pedagogic skills to participate in CNIS-lead SOO courses in Africa. The SOO provider’s course is described below.

BACKGROUND: One of the principle reasons for high maternal mortality and morbidity in sub-Saharan Africa is the lack of skilled birth attendants and limited access to Caesarian sections. African practitioners are frequently called upon to provide services at early points in their careers. The provider’s course brings the concept of structured operative learning to obstetrical training. The goal is to accelerate surgical proficiency. The SOO course was successfully implemented in Uganda, Rwanda, Ethiopia and Tanzania.

METHODS: The SOO course is designed to be participant-centred, problem-based and clinically relevant. It has been modified to meet the needs of the African partners. Currently, it consists of 3 main components: 12 lecture series, 7 laboratory sessions and a clinical practicum. The interactive lectures include reviews of basic topics in obstetrical and surgical care using adult learning concepts. There is also a lecture on Obstetrical Anesthesia. In the laboratory sessions, learners practice basic surgical techniques (suturing and knot-tying), vaginal delivery skills (post-partum hemorrhage, retained placenta, cervical laceration, vacuum extraction) and Caesarean section skills (skin-to-skin simulation using models). In the practicum, learners perform 6 C-sections.

OBJECTIVE: The provider’s course is designed to assure skills in junior doctors and non-physician clinical associates who provide these services in rural Africa.

TARGET: SOO have been updated; therefore, previously certified SOO instructors, specialist obstetricians, PG3 residents and General Practitioners who provide C-section services are encouraged to attend.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, January 16, 2018
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

8:00 ........ Registration and Breakfast
8:15 ........ Introduction to CNIS and SOO
Introduction of Participants
8:30 ........ Lectures Day 1
Faculty
Practicum 1:
Fundamental Skills Session
9:30 .......... Lecture Assignment and Preparation
9:45 .......... Break
10:00 .... Practice of Interactive Lectures
Day 2 and Day 3 Participants
12:00 ...... LUNCH BREAK
12:30 ...... Practicum 2:
Operative Vaginal Skills
1:45 ...... Caesarian Section Technique
Discussion and Video
2:45 ...... HEALTH BREAK
3:00 ...... Practicum 3:
Caesarean Session Skills
3:45 ...... Practicum 4:
Conducting the Clinical Teaching Question and Answer Session
4:15 ...... Evaluation, Certification and Photo Session
5:00 ...... Closure

REGISTRATION

Online registration: www.cnis.ca
OR
Call: 604-739-4708

COURSE FEE*

Practicing Specialists
Regular: $400
CNIS Members: $300

Retired Specialist, Teaching Fellows/Residents
Regular: $325
CNIS Members: $275

* Instructor’s manual, refreshments and continental Breakfast, lunch are included in the course fee.

LOCATION

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