A new national preparatory course for ST3 level cardiothoracic surgical trainees

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Outline

• Current challenges
• Ideas from the USA
• New national course
• Feedback
• Future
Current challenges

- ST3 application
- Modernising Medical Careers
- European Working Time Directive
Establishing a UK ‘Boot Camp’

- Performed a needs assessment
- Online survey of all newly appointed ST3
- 75% wanted a ‘boot camp’ course
- Draft timetable
Feedback - Course

Valuable 17%

Invaluable 83%
Feedback - Practical

-ortic valve replacement
  - No: 28%
  - Yes: 61%
  - Unsure: 11%

Distal & proximal anastomoses
  - No: 17%
  - Unsure: 6%
  - Yes: 78%
Critique

• How is it different from RCSE courses?
  ➡ Separate from application process
  ➡ Network within own cohort
  ➡ Complimentary
Critique

• How can one course solve the challenges to surgical training?
  ➡ It can’t BUT
  ➡ It can provide a small step
  ➡ Great advert and attraction to medical students and junior doctors
Summary

• Established a new simulation based course
• Excellent attendance and feedback
• Secured funding for course in 2013
• Volunteers and sponsors welcome
Thank you

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