

2025 Victorian Temporal Bone Surgical Course

Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd October 2025

Royal Victorian Eye and Ear, Surgical Skills Lab, 5th Floor,
Education Precinct, 32 Gisborne Street, East Melbourne

Course Overview

This is an innovative course dedicated to the surgical anatomy of the middle ear and technical skill development in temporal bone surgery. Modern and state of the art artificial specimens will be used allowing participants to dissect specimens with different surgical anatomy complexity and fast tracking your surgical skill learning curve. This instruction course is open to all trainees and unaccredited registrars.

This course is a two-day dissection course, and includes 2 artificial specimens and a final cadaveric temporal bone dissection, and instructional tutorials.

The course consists of 18 hours of fully supervised temporal bone dissection in the Surgical Skills Laboratory which has fully equipped workstations, microscopes, new instruments and state of the art micro drilling systems, along with a permanent in-house audio-visual facility.

This course is designed as a complete temporal bone dissection course for the registrar or fellow with innovations to fast track your surgical learning curve. The course will provide an update in Otology, Neurotology and Lateral skull base surgery through lectures, guided dissections and specific surgical exercises provided by the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital leading Otologists and Skull base surgeons.

The course provides accreditation of ASOHNS set training requirements on completion of the established temporal bone exercises for the training registrar. The course through specific exercises will cover a range of surgical steps on all specimens:

- Ossicular reconstruction
- Meatoplasty
- Intact canal wall mastoidectomy
- Canal wall down mastoidectomy
- Cochlear Implantation
- Facial nerve decompression
- Translabyrinthine approach to internal auditory canal



Speakers

A/Prof Jean-Marc Gerard – Course Director
Dr Bing Teh – Course Co-Director
Dr Claire Iseli
Dr Bridget Copson
Dr Tim McLean
Prof Robert Briggs

Who Should Attend

Unaccredited and accredited registrars, and fellows

Course Enquiries

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Course Pre-requisites

ENT Training Program, Unaccredited Registrars or post graduated.

Price

Dissector: \$2,050 excl GST
Non-Dissector/Observer: \$480 excl GST

Maximum number of applicants

8 dissectors
4 non-dissectors

Registration

<https://events.humanitix.com/victorian-temporal-bone-surgical-course-oct-2025>



Program

Day 1		
8:30	Introduction	<i>Jean-Marc Gerard</i>
8:35	Temporal bone anatomy: behind the corner	<i>Bing Teh</i>
9:00	Canal wall up/canal wall down mastoidectomy: dissection technique step by step	<i>Jean-Marc Gerard</i>
9:30	Supervised Dissection on artificial bone 1 (Pneumatised mastoid)	<i>Instructors</i>
12:00	Instructional lunch: Surgical Videos: Technical Tips and Tricks	<i>Robert Briggs</i>
1:00	Supervised Dissection on artificial bone 2 (Sclerotic mastoid)	<i>Instructors</i>
3:30	Mastoidectomy in paediatric temporal bones	<i>Claire Iseli</i>
4:00	Supervised Dissection on artificial bone 1 and 2 (Paediatric mastoid)	<i>Instructors</i>
18:00	End of day 1: Course Cocktail	

Day 2		
8:30	Extended temporal bone dissections (Transotic, Translabyrinthine)	<i>Tim McLean</i>
9:00	Supervised dissection on bone 1 and 2: canal wall down and extended approaches (Transotic, Translabyrinthine)	<i>Instructors</i>
11:30	Instructional lunch: Surgical Anatomy on CT scan	<i>Bridget Copson</i>
12:30	Supervised Dissection of cadaveric temporal bone	<i>Instructors</i>
17:00	Close – Prize ceremony for the best dissection	

