

2025 Victorian Temporal Bone Surgical Course and Live Surgery

Wednesday 22nd – Friday 24th October 2025

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

Registration

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

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 arts 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 days dissection course, including a final cadaveric temporal bone dissection and instructional tutorials and one day of live surgeries with tutorials cases discussions.

There are 14 hours of fully supervised temporal bone dissection in the Surgical Skills Laboratory which has fully equipped work stations, microscopes, new instruments and state of the art micro drilling systems, along with a permanent in-house audio-visual facility.

This two-day 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, Cochlear Ltd hearing device implantation, 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 ASONHS 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
- Intact canal wall mastoidectomy
- Canal wall down mastoidectomy
- Cochlear and Bone conduction device implantation
- Facial nerve decompression
- Translabrynthine approach to internal auditory canal



Speakers

A/Prof Jean-Marc Gerard – Course Director
Dr Bing Teh – Course Co-Director
Dr Fiona Hill
Dr Janitha Jayawardana
Dr Bridget Copson
Dr Tim McLean
Dr Phoebe Ramos
Dr Markus Dahm
Prof Robert Briggs
Prof Stephen O'Leary

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



Program

Wednesday		
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>JM Gerard</i>
9:30	Supervised Dissection on artificial bone 1 (Pneumatised mastoid)	<i>Instructors</i>
12:30	Instructional lunch: Surgical Videos: Technical Tips and Tricks	<i>Rob Briggs</i>
1:30	Supervised Dissection on artificial bone 2 (Sclerotic mastoid or Child anatomy)	<i>Instructors</i>
3:30	Tips and tricks in cochlear implant mastoid approach	<i>JM Gerard</i>
4:00	Supervised Dissection on artificial bone 3 (Paediatric mastoid)	<i>Instructors</i>
18:00	End of day 1: Course Cocktail	

Thursday		
8:30	Extended temporal bone dissections (Transotic, Trans labyrinthine)	<i>Tim Mc Lean</i>
9:00	Supervised dissection on bone 1 and 2: canal wall down and extended approaches (Translabyrinthine , transotic)	<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	

Friday – Live Surgery		
8:30	Live Surgery– OSIA implant – Indications for Bone conduction implants	<i>Tim Mc Lean – Fiona Hill</i>
11:00	Live Surgery – stapedotomy – Indications of surgery in mixed and conductive hearing loss with normal tympanic membrane	<i>Rob Briggs and Jay Jay</i>
1:00	Lunch	
1:30	Live surgery - Cochlear implant – Preop management of CI candidates	<i>Stephen O’Leary – Phoebe Ramos</i>
4:00	Discussion of Cases – Round Table	<i>Markus Dahm - instructors</i>

