

ASiT x RaDIST Robotics for Trainees Conference 2025

Advancing Robotic Training
21st–22nd July 2025 |
The Royal College of Surgeons of England

DAY 1: MONDAY 21ST JULY 2025

08:00 – 13:00

ROBO-GO! Course 1

Hands-on robotic training for selected participants

13:00 – 17:00

ROBO-GO! Course 2

Hands-on training for selected participants

PLENARY SESSIONS

13:00 – 13:15

Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Mr Raiyyan Aftab, President, ASiT – “Welcome and overview of ASiT”
- Mr Aidan Bannon, ASiT Robotics Lead – “Conference overview”

13:20 – 14:40

The Current Landscape of Robotic Training

- Mr Michael Fadel, General Surgery Trainee – “Developing a European Robotic Training Curriculum for GI Trainees”
- Miss Nuha Yassin, Consultant Colorectal Surgeon & RCS England Robotics Lead – “Robotic Training in the UK: The state of play”
- Mr James Nicholson, Consultant Colorectal Surgeon – “My robotic training journey”
- Mr Josh Burke, General Surgery Trainee – “NICE Early Value Assessment: Implications for Robotic Training”

14:40 – 15:00

Coffee Break

15:00 – 16:20

Advancing Robotic Training Pathways

- Mr Ben Challacombe, Consultant Urologist – “Multiplatform Robotic Surgery and tips and tricks to get ahead”
- Mr Subash Vasudevan, Consultant Colorectal Surgeon “How to excel in robotic training and applying for post CCT fellowship”
- Ms Helen Mohan, Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, Clinical Director IMRA – “The future of robotic skills training”

16:30

Networking Reception and Close of Day 1

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DAY 2: TUESDAY 22ND JULY 2025

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ROBO-GO! Course – Session 3

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PLENARY SESSIONS

09:00 – 09:15

Welcome to Day 2 and overview of RADIST

Mr Aidan Bannon, ASiT Robotics Lead

09:15 – 10:30

Pushing the Boundaries in Surgical Robotics

- Mr Asit Arora, Consultant Head and Neck Surgeon, “Expanding the boundaries in head & neck robotic surgery”
- Miss Francesca Ruccia, Plastic Surgeon, “Our early experience using the Symani Robotic System in plastic surgery”
- Miss Elaine Burns, Consultant Colorectal Surgeon – “Advanced Colorectal Surgery and Multivisceral Resections”
- Mr Pankaj Mishra, Consultant Paediatric Surgeon – “Paediatric Robotic surgery on the Versius Programme”
- Mr Ashwin Unnithan, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon – “Orthopaedic Navigation Surgery: The robotic perspective”

10:30 – 10:50

Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30

Implementing Robotic Training Programmes

- Mr Vanash Patel, Consultant Colorectal Surgeon – “Implementing a multiplatform robotic training programme”
- Miss Christina Fleming, Consultant Colorectal Surgeon – “Future proofing robotic training”
- Miss Gill Tierney, Consultant Surgeon – “NHS England Robotic Surgery Implementation Strategy: A training roadmap”
- Professor Peter McCulloch – “Developing an evidence based strategy to evaluate robotic training”

12:30 – 13:30

Lunch Break

13:45 – 14:30

Meet the RCS England President, Mr Tim Mitchell and panel speakers.

- Discussion: “What should trainees expect from robotic training – and how can the Royal College support us?”

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Emerging Technologies and the Future of Surgical Training

- Mr Justin Collins, Associate Professor of Surgery, UCL – “Future of technical skills assessment in robotic training”
- Dr Evangelos Mamenos, Surgical Vision Robotic Group, UCL – “Computer vision and AI in the operating room”
- Professor Silvana Perretta, Upper GI Surgeon, Director of Education IHU Strasbourg – “Endoluminal robotics”

15:45 – 16:00

Coffee Break

16:10 – 17:00

Trainee Prize Session: Robotic Surgical Research Presentations

- Mahmoud Kandil – “Modernising NHS Network Infrastructure to Support Robotic Surgery and Artificial Intelligence”
- Lawrence Isherwood – “Substantial Potential for Biopsy Reduction Using AI Decision Support in the Prostate Cancer Pathway”
- Ravi Chandra Tata – “Training the Modern Colorectal Surgeon: A Systematic Review of Virtual Reality Simulation Evidence”

17:10 – 17:15

Conference Closing Remarks

- Mr Raiyyan Aftab, President, ASiT