

Introductory Course in Gynaecological Cytology

Course Ref: PR-INTRO-0926

Dates: 7th September – 2nd October 2026

Venue: NEPSEC, Wakefield

Further information and application forms for any of our courses are available from our Administration Team:

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INTRODUCTION

The North Of England Pathology and Screening Education Centre Introductory Course in Gynaecological Cytology is a NHSCSP approved four-week course designed especially for trainee BMS's and cytoscreeners. Any one course accommodates a **maximum of eight trainees** and through a series of workshops, lectures and tutorials it introduces the many aspects of gynaecological cytology to students at their own pace.

All topics are introduced by means of a multi-headed discussion microscope and a tutor is available at all times when students are screening individually, ensuring a high degree of personal attention.

Although aimed at trainees at an early stage in their careers maximum benefit will be derived from the course if participants have some familiarity with the basic problems of cervical screening and are already acquainted with the use of a microscope.

The North of England Pathology and Screening Education Centre is an NHSCSP approved training centre.

VENUE

This event will be held at the NEPSEC training centre in Wakefield. Directions can be found at:

<https://www.nepsec.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Directions-to-Wakefield-Office-Village-3.pdf>

ACCOMMODATION

A range of hotels and guest houses can be found close to the training centre.

MICROSCOPES

Ergonomic Olympus microscopes are provided and all discussion sessions are on our high quality multiheaded microscope. **Participants can bring their own microscopes** if they wish; permission should be sought from your employer and suitable insurance should be provided.

WEEK ONE

MONDAY 7th September

09:00	Introduction to the course
09:15	Aims and objectives of the cervical screening programme (lecture).
10:15	Introduction to the microscope and good screening technique. (lecture)
11:00	Break
11:30	Setting up the microscope (practical session)
12:15	Lunch
13:00	Cytology of the normal FGT & hormonal variation (lecture)
13:45	Cytology of the normal FGT & hormonal variation (Multi-header session)
14:45	Break
15:00	Infections, inflammation and repair
16:00	Close

TUESDAY**8th September**

09:00	Normal sample constituents including hormonal patterns (workshop)
10:30	Break
10:45	Workshop review
11:30	Anatomy, physiology and histology of the female genital tract.
12:30	Lunch
13:15	Workshop (Negative, inflammation and infections)
15:00	Break
15:15	Workshop review
16:30	Close

WEDNESDAY**9th September**

09:00	Sampling the cervix (Lecture)
10:00	Break
10:15	Consolidation set (marked slides)
11:00	Review of consolidation set
12:00	Lunch
12:45	Consolidation set (unmarked slides)
15:00	Break
15:15	Review of consolidation set
16:30	Close

THURSDAY**10th September**

09:00	The Papanicolaou stain and fixation (lecture)
10:15	Break
10:30	Assessment of adequacy (qualitative and quantitative) and artefacts (lecture)
11:15	Assessment of adequacy (workshop)
12:00	Lunch
12:45	Assessment of adequacy (workshop) continued
13:30	Workshop review
15:00	Free study – review of weeks slides
16:00	Close

FRIDAY**11th September**

09:00	Weekly assessment set
11:00	Break
11:15	Review of assessment set
12:15	Lunch
13:00	End of week quiz
14:00	Free review period – library slides Students will have opportunity to discuss cases with tutor on one to one basis.
16:00	Close

WEEK TWO

MONDAY

14th September

09:00	Cell Structure and function (lecture)
10:00	Break
10:15	The histology of cervical intraepithelial neoplasia (lecture)
11:15	The cytological features of squamous dyskaryosis (lecture)
12:15	Lunch
13:00	Squamous dyskaryosis (workshop)
15:00	Break
15:15	Review of workshop slides
16:30	Close

TUESDAY

15th September

09:00	Consolidation set – squamous dyskaryosis grading exercise
11:00	Break
11:15	Review of grading slides
12:15	Lunch
13:00	Screening set – normal v abnormal (Workshop)
15:00	Break
15:15	Review of screening set
16:30	Close

WEDNESDAY**16th September**

09:00	Invasive squamous carcinoma (lecture)
09:45	Consolidation test set (all entities including invasion)
11:00	Break
11:15	Consolidation test set continued
12:15	Lunch
13:00	Consolidation test set continued
13:30	Review of consolidation slides
15:00	Break
15:15	Colposcopy and the treatment of cervical disease (lecture)
16:15	Close

THURSDAY**17th September**

09.00	Aetiology and epidemiology of cervical cancer (lecture)
10.00	HPV testing theory and practice.
11.00	Break
11.15	Test set
12.00	Lunch
13.00	Review of test set slides
14.45	Break
15.00	HPV testing theory and practice (lecture)
16.00	Close

FRIDAY	18th September
09:00	Weekly assessment (Slide set)
10:15	Break
10:30	Weekly assessment continued
12:30	Lunch
13:15	Review of assessment slides
15:00	Break
15:15	Individual case reviews
16:30	Close

WEEK THREE

MONDAY 21st September

09:00	Glandular neoplasia and pre-neoplasia (Endocervical and Endometrial)
09:45	Break
10:00	CGIN and adenocarcinoma workshop
12:00	Lunch
12:45	CGIN and adenocarcinoma workshop (continued)
14:45	Break
15:00	Review of workshop slides
16:30	Close

TUESDAY 22nd September

09:00	Result coding, patient management and failsafe
10:00	Consolidation set (normal, squamous and glandular abnormalities)
11:15	Break
11:30	Consolidation set continued
12:15	Lunch
13:00	Consolidation set continued
14.45	Break
15:00	Review of workshop slides
16:30	Close

WEDNESDAY 23rd September

09:00	Challenging presentations (lecture)
10:00	Break
10:15	Challenging presentations (workshop)
12:15	Lunch
13:00	Challenging presentations (workshop continued)
14:45	Break
15:00	Challenging presentations (workshop slide review)
16:30	Close

THURSDAY 24th September

09:00	Consolidation of learning set (workshop)
10:30	Break
10:45	Consolidation of learning set (workshop continued)
12:15	Lunch
13:00	Review of workshop slides
15:00	Laboratory organisation (lecture)
16:00	Close

FRIDAY**25th September**

09:00	Consolidation of learning set (workshop)
10:30	Break
10:45	Consolidation of learning set (workshop continued)
12:15	Lunch
13:00	Review of workshop slides
14:30	Break
14:45	Quiz
16:00	Close

WEEK FOUR

MONDAY

28th September

09:00	Borderline changes and what can we call negative (lecture)
10:00	Consolidation set - Neg, Dysk or Borderline (workshop)
11:00	Break
11:15	Consolidation set - Neg, Dysk or Borderline (workshop continued)
12:15	Lunch
13:00	Consolidation set (Neg, Dysk or Borderline) continued
15:00	Break
15:15	Review of slide set
16:00	Close

TUESDAY

29th September

09:00	Written test
10:00	Short slide set
11:00	Break
11:15	Review of slides
12:15	Lunch
13:00	Review of written test
14:00	Quality assurance of the cervical screening programme
14:45	Break
15:00	Laboratory quality control and quality monitoring
16:00	Close

WEDNESDAY 30th September

09:00	Consolidation test set
11:00	Break
11:15	Consolidation test set continued
12:15	Lunch
13:00	Review of test set slides
14:30	Break
15:00	Free study (review of slides and practice questions)
16:30	Close

THURSDAY 1st October

09:00	Vaccination and future technologies (lecture)
10:00	Break
10:15	Revision (Written questions and library slides)
12:15	Lunch
13:00	Revision continued
16:00	Close

FRIDAY**2nd October**

09:00	Screening test set
10:30	Break
10:45	Screening test set continued
12:15	Lunch
13:00	Review of screening set slides
14:30	Break
14:45	Review of course and explanation of paperwork
16:00	Close

PAYMENT

The course is available for NHS personnel working within the North-East, Yorkshire & Humber, North-West, West Midland or East Midlands regions for a fee of £15/ day (£300).

The fee for UK applicants outside those areas is £3000. The fee for applicants outside the UK is £3500. The course fee also includes the follow-on course.

Lunch is not included in the course fee. Tea and coffee are freely available at all times.

Electronic payment can be made once the booking is confirmed. Cheques or bank drafts are only permitted upon prior agreement.

CANCELLATION

Cancellation request must be made by email to sht-tr.nepsec@nhs.net and cannot be accepted by any other means. Named substitutes or a one-time transfer to another comparable course can be accepted as an alternative to cancellation/refund.

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