

Emergency Surgery Workshop Davos 2011

Emergency Surgery during Disaster Relief Activities - Surgery under Critical Environmental Conditions

A one-day workshop, taking place back-to-back with the annual AO training courses Saturday, 10th December 2011 Davos Congress Centre, Davos, Switzerland

Recent mega-catastrophes, including the Wenchuan earthquake of May 2008 and the Haiti earthquake of January 2010, have caused extremely large numbers of casualties. Many of the people rescued have shown life-threatening trauma that has required immediate surgery.

At times, the international response to such disasters has revealed highly questionable practices in the delivery of emergency medical assistance. This contrasts with a broader tendency in recent years to improve standards of humanitarian intervention.



The Emergency Surgery Workshop Davos 2011 will demonstrate how to improve the quality of medical response, in particular by clarifying:

- efficient decision making in extremely stressful situations
- treatment of complicated limb fractures under emergency conditions
- questions about when and how amputation surgery is necessary

Participation is recommended for representatives and delegates from medical institutions, the health sector, international medical response teams, UN and international agencies, NGOs, the EU and other government organisations. For detailed information about the workshop, programme details and online registration please visit www.grforum.org

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