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DISSECTION ROOM MANAGER: FURTHER PARTICULARS

1. The Anatomy teaching is intended to equip medical students with a knowledge base for their clinical studies, to introduce them to the science of Anatomy and to help them become competent and confident problem-solvers. To these ends, the School is committed to delivering a course which is stimulating and based upon exploratory Dissecting Room (DR) teaching;
2. Classes are usually held for each group of students once a week, generally on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning as two half-classes. Each class is 3 hours long and usually begins at 2pm and 9am.
3. Classes are dissection-based and concerned primarily with the gross anatomy of a given area. Students (and demonstrators) receive workbooks describing the scope of the class, the main objectives and the important structures to be visualised and identified during the session. At any one time, half the class will be in the central DR area performing dissection (making use of the in-house dissection guide) with minimal staff supervision. The other half will be in one of 4 tasking rooms undertaking a series of structured tasks (involving pertinent prosections, osteology, radiology, living anatomy, clinically-relevant questions) helped by a demonstrator;
4. Students also receive specimen clinical problems in each class. These are designed to emphasise some of the more important points in the class. Some of these may form the basis of later formal assessment;
5. It is worth emphasising that ***the course is dissection-based***. For half of the time in the DR, each student is expected to be dissecting a cadaver. Prosection and other teaching will be confined to the assigned tasking room;
6. Students seem to enjoy their Anatomy and their time in the DR – and so do we. There is a pleasantly informal but regulated atmosphere with access to museum specimens, medical images (e.g. radiographs), models, etc.