



Revision and Viva Course for the FRCS (C-Th)

Virtual

13th – 14th April 2026

Ashorne Hill, Leamington Spa

15th – 16th April 2026

Programme

Course Directors

Paul Modi (Days 1 & 3)

Consultant Cardiac Surgeon, Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital

Udo Abah (Day 2 & 4)

Consultant Thoracic Surgeon, Royal Stoke Hospital

Faculty List

| Cardiac Surgery Faculty (Days 1 and 3) | |
|--|--|
| Ish Ahmed | Consultant Cardiac Surgeon Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton |
| George Asimakopoulos | Consultant Cardiac Surgeon Royal Brompton Hospital, London |
| Gopal Soppa | Consultant Cardiac Surgeon Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital |
| Ramesh Kutty | Consultant Cardiac Surgeon Liverpool Heart & Chest Hospital |
| Mohamed Osman | Consultant Cardiothoracic and Transplant Surgeon Harefield Hospital |
| Donald Whittaker | Consultant Cardiac Surgeon Kings College Hospital |
| Thoracic Surgery Faculty (Days 2 and 4) | |
| Michael Shackcloth | Consultant Thoracic Surgeon Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital |
| Kajan Mahendran | Consultant Thoracic Surgeon Royal Stoke Hospital |
| Nathan Burnside | Consultant Thoracic Surgeon Nottingham University Hospitals |
| Lawrence Okiror | Consultant Thoracic Surgeon Guy's and St Thomas' Hospitals |
| James Barr | Consultant Thoracic Surgeon Wythenshawe Hospital, Manchester |
| Edward Caruana | Consultant Thoracic Surgeon University Hospitals of Leicester |

| Day 1 – Cardiac (Virtual) | | |
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| 08:50 – 09:00 | Welcome and introduction | P Modi |
| 09:00 – 13:20 | 09:00 Aortic valve disease | D Whitaker |
| | 10:00 Coronary artery disease | G Soppa |
| | Coffee (11:00 – 11:20) | |
| | 11:20 Cardiopulmonary bypass | I Ahmed |
| | 12:20 Thoracic aortic disease | G Asimakopoulos |
| 13:20 – 14:00 | Lunch | |
| 14:00 – 17:00 | 14:00 Congenital cardiac disease | R Kutty |
| | 15:00 Heart failure, cardiac tumours, pericardial disease & cardiac trauma | M Osman |
| | Coffee (15:00 – 15:20) | |
| | 15:20 Mitral valve disease, tricuspid valve disease and arrhythmia surgery | P Modi |
| | 16:20 Cardiac ITU management | TBC |

| Day 2 – Thoracic (Virtual) | | |
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| 08:45 – 09:00 | Introduction | U Abah |
| 09:00 – 13:20 | 09:00 Thoracic anatomy and radiological imaging | E Caruana |
| | 10:00 Thoracic physiology and pulmonary function tests | U Abah |
| | Coffee (11:00 – 11:20) | |
| | 11:20 Pulmonary disease – emphysema, LVRS / transplantation, airway surgery | J Barr |
| | 12:20 Lung cancer: assessment (inc. SPM)/ management / staging / fitness for surgery | M Shackcloth |
| 13:20 – 13:30 | Lunch | |
| 13:30 – 17:30 (rotate every 40 minutes) | 13:30 Thoracic Trauma/ Disorders of diaphragm/ Disorders of Pericardium | K Mahendran |
| | 14:30 Oesophageal physiology and pathology, hyperhidrosis, ILD, pulmonary infections | N Burnside |
| | Coffee (15:30 – 16:00) | |
| | 16:00 Chest Wall and Pleural disease – pleural effusion, empyema, haemothorax, pneumothorax, mesothelioma | L Okiror |
| | 16:30 Mediastinal masses | TBC |

| Day 3 – Cardiac (F2F) | | |
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| 08:50 – 09:00 | Welcome | P Modi |
| 09:00 – 10:00 | Cardiac ITU management | TBC |
| 10:00 – 13:20 (60 minute lectures) | Viva A – Coronary artery disease | G Soppa, G Asimakopoulos |
| | Viva B – Aortic valve disease | D Whitaker |
| | Coffee (11:00 – 11:20) | |
| | Viva C – Mitral valve disease, tricuspid valve disease and arrhythmia surgery | P Modi |
| | Viva D - Congenital cardiac disease | R Kutty, Dimitrios Pousios |
| 13:20 – 14:00 | Lunch | |
| 14:00 – 16:40 (rotate every 40 minutes) | Viva E – Thoracic aortic disease | G Asimakopoulos, G Soppa |
| | Viva F – Cardiopulmonary bypass | P Modi, D Whitaker |
| | Coffee (15:20 – 15:40) | |
| | Viva G – Cardiac ITU management | TBC, R Kutty |
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| 16:40 – 17:00 | Questions | |
| 19:30 | Course Dinner | |

| Day 4 – Thoracic (F2F) | | |
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| 09:00 – 13:20 (rotate every 60 minutes) | Viva I – Thoracic radiology | E Caruana, N Burnside |
| | Viva J – Pulmonary function tests | M Shackcloth, U Abah |
| | Coffee (11:00 – 11:20) | |
| | Viva K – Oesophageal viva | L Okiror, TBC |
| | Viva L – Lung cancer | J Barr, K Mahendran |
| 13:20 – 14:00 | Lunch | |
| 14:00 – 17:00 (rotate every 40 minutes) | Viva M – Pleural disease | N Burnside, U Abah |
| | Viva N – Pulmonary disease | M Shackcloth, E Caruana |
| | Coffee (15:20 – 15:40) | |
| | Viva O – Mediastinal masses | TBC, L Okiror |
| | Viva P – Thoracic instruments | J Barr, K Mahendran |
| 17:00 – 17:30 | Questions | |
| 17:30 – 17:45 | Summary & feedback | |