**BAOMS mini-grant report**

**OMFS Plating Course for DCTs**

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Value of grant: £150 GBP

Location: Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield

Date & Time: 20th March 2019 from 09:00 – 17:00

Supporting Fellow: Mr Austen Smith, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals

A hands-on study day for OMFS DCTs on the management of facial fractures. The main aim of the day was to enable participants to understand the principles of fracture fixation of the maxillofacial skeleton whilst receiving some hands-on experience in a non-pressurised environment. It was attended by 15 delegates, mainly DCTs from OMFS units up and down the country but also three 2nd degree students and even a maxillofacial surgeon from Italy!

The day consisted of 5 lectures and 2 practical workshops ran by the South Yorkshire OMFS faculty including: Mr I. Varley, Mr A.Patterson, Mrs M. Jandu, Mr M.Thomas and Miss C.Frezzini.

The lecture topics were:

1. Principles of fixation by Mr I.Varley
2. Treatment planning/management of fractured mandibles by Mrs M.Jandu
3. Treatment planning/management of fractured zygomas by Mr A.Patterson
4. Treatment planning/management of panfacial fractures by Mr A.Patterson
5. Clinical cases/practical applications by Miss C.Frezzini

The 2 practical workshops were:

1. Plating mandibular fractures
2. Plating zygomatic fractures

The practical element was kindly sponsored by DePuy Synthes who provided the skulls and plating kits. A special thank you to Kasia Dragan at DePuy Synthes for organising this and for providing her expertise on the day.

Both the lectures and the practical workshops were very well received and the written and verbal feedback from the delegates was all very positive.

The lovely buffet lunch and endless cups of tea and coffee (and biscuits!) supplied throughout the day received high praise and we thank BAOMs for their grant which was put towards covering the cost of the buffet and refreshments provided.

We knew the course had been a success when everyone (delegates and faculty!) reconvened in the pub afterwards!

Thank you to everyone involved for making it such an enjoyable day and especially to our sponsors DePuy Synthes and BAOMs for making the day possible.