

Trainer of the Year 2017

West Midlands Nomination: Mr. Jason Green

Trainee Development

It gives me great pleasure to nominate Jason Green as the West Midlands candidate for Trainer of the Year 2017. Jason is committed to Medical Education and undertook a Masters in this area during his training. He coordinates teaching rotas both locally and regionally to ensure that trainees are well prepared for both the FRCS and their clinical careers. For the past 7 years, he has been leading the national Synthes® forum which is well attended by trainees from across the country and beyond and consistently receives excellent feedback. He derives immense satisfaction from hearing from junior consultants the words "I came on your course before the exam", words spoken by more than a few.

Professionalism

The last GMC survey of the West Midlands training rotation was excellent, with Maxillofacial Surgery scoring higher than any other specialty both within Birmingham and the West Midlands. This has been due in no small part to the direct involvement of Jason in ensuring the utmost professional standards in developing training locally and regionally. We benefit from regional and local study days planned out by Jason, who ensures that the entire curriculum is covered, playing on the strengths of different units. Jason consistently attends Trainer's Meetings to ensure that Trainees have a strong voice in addressing concerns in other units and has been extremely supportive of Trainee Reps both past and present at such meetings.

Leadership

As part of his commitment to Medical Education, Jason has a Trust educational role dealing with junior doctor issues across the whole of the division and not just within the specialty of Maxillofacial Surgery. He is extremely supportive of junior trainees and whilst firm, can be a shoulder to cry on, a rock to lean on or a friend to have a pint with, as the situation arises. He is the more senior consultant in the TMJ service at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham and was responsible in part for training the other incumbent consultant. Outside of work, Jason has continued to achieve, cycling from Sheffield to Paris for Breast Cancer Care in 2014 and coaching beginner and experienced runners at his local running club, Ivanhoe Runners.

Communication

Jason is extremely approachable and well liked by trainees. Known to be exacting in his expectations, he is however supportive of the willingness to learn to achieve those standards that he holds dear. When I encountered my own set of personal problems, Jason was unwavering in his help, getting me to see things in perspective, being available, providing pastoral as well as professional support and going the extra mile. He is that rare and priceless person – a gifted surgeon and teacher who genuinely cares about his Trainees personal wellbeing as well as their professional achievements.

Resourcefulness

Jason has developed further the tertiary referral service in TMJ surgery, which he inherited at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham, which is nationally and internationally recognized both in terms of the volume of open and arthroscopic TMJ surgery performed and the outcomes achieved. He had an active role in organizing and training the first UK TMJ Fellowship and is currently looking to repeat this in the near future. The data available from such a unique cohort of patients has generated a number of publications in the national journal for our specialty, helping to influence policy and set standards.