

Trainer of the year nomination - Phillip Ameerally

Introduction

I am honoured to nominate **Phillip Ameerally** for the BAOMS Trainer of the year award. Apart from being the STC Chair for the region and Clinical lead of the unit **PA** has more than a decade of experience teaching and training OMFS trainees.

Trainee Development

Of all of **PA**s attributes the stand out feature is his insistence on trainees getting hands on operative experience, not just on his lists but the whole region. **A**s ability to step back and step in at the right times without denting trainee confidence while running a smooth and safe list has gone a long way in objectively improving all our surgical skills.

Teaching

A has a very strong teaching interest and is involved in organising and running multiple hands on as well as didactic courses via the Royal college of surgeons, England while still maintaining his medical school and regional registrar teaching.

Professionalism

Although reconstructive and oncology are his main interests **A** has retained his skills and continues to deliver trauma, skin cancer and dentoalveolar surgery. Standout feature with regards to **A**s professionalism is how he supported the ENT colleagues in the Trust at a time of difficulty thereby forging a strong and mutually respectful environment, where OMFS provide reconstruction for ENT Oncology patients.

Leadership

As the Clinical lead **A** runs and coordinates the working of the OMFS unit in the trust while developing services to reduce cancer waiting times. A strong positive feature is his ability to embrace change, try out newer technology and techniques which is often lost when one has been practicing for a long time. He is also involved in national collaborations while encouraging his trainees to do the same.

Communication

A is very approachable & well liked by colleagues, nursing staff, trainees, patients and management. Even tempered despite various pressures he leads by example on delivering a compassionate & empathetic service to patients often at a very difficult stage in their lives.

Resourcefulness

At a time of financial constraints his ability to make best use of available facilities while delivering highest standards of care is exemplified by how he developed a peripheral unit to deliver day care and also renovate the OMFS unit without compromising waiting lists.

Summary

It so happened that trainees from 3 different regions wanted to nominate **A** for the trainer of the year award because of how rotations to that unit works. **A** would be a fitting recipient of this award for the operative, academic and leadership training he provides and most of all the way he does so by example.