

Ninth Manchester Skull Base Surgical Dissection Course

9 – 13 November 2026

Manchester Surgical Skills Laboratory, UK

Day 1 and Day 2

Approaches To The Middle And Posterior Fossa

Day 1

09:00 Introduction

09:15 Lecture: Selecting the right approach
to the lateral skull base

Simon Freeman

09:30 Lecture: Retrosigmoid approach

Andrew King

09:45 Lecture: Translabyrinthine and retrolabyrinthine
approach

Walter Kutz

10:00 Coffee

10:15 Dissection: Retrosigmoid approach

Side 1 (60 minutes)

11:15 Dissection: IAC drilling

Side 1 (75 minutes)

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Dissection: Retrolabyrinthine approach

Side 2 (90 minutes)

15:00 Dissection: Translabyrinthine approach

Side 2 (150 minutes)

17:30 Finish

18:00 Lecture (Venue TBC)

Walter Kutz

19:30 Conference Dinner (King Street Townhouse)

Day 2

09:00 Dissection: ABI insertion	Side 2	(45 minutes)
10:00 Lecture: Transcochlear / transotic approach	Nejc Steiner	
10:15 Dissection: Transcochlear / transotic approach	Side 2	(90 minutes)
10:45 Coffee		
11:00 Dissection: Transcochlear / transotic approach	Side 2	
12:00 Lunch		
12:45 Lecture: Middle fossa approach	Simon Lloyd	
13:00 Dissection: Middle fossa approach	Side 1	(60 minutes)
14:00 Lecture: Combined transtentorial and Kawase approach	Charlotte Hammerbeck-Ward	
14:15 Dissection: Combined transtentorial and Kawase approach	Side 1	(90 minutes)
15:45 Lecture: Far lateral approach	Scott Rutherford	
16:00 Dissection: Far lateral approach	Side 2	(90 minutes)
17:30 Finish		

Day 3**Open Approaches To The Anterior Skull Base And Orbit**

09:00 Lecture: Selecting the right approach to the anterior skull base and orbit

09:15 Lecture: Pterional craniotomy Jane Halliday

09:30 Dissection: Pterional craniotomy Side 1 (90 minutes)

11:00 Coffee

11:15 Lecture: Optic canal decompression and anterior clinoidectomy Scott Rutherford

11:30 Dissection: Optic canal decompression and anterior clinoidectomy Side 1 (60 minutes)

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Lecture: Orbitozygomatic craniotomy and eyebrow craniotomy Omar Pathmanaban

13:45 Dissection: Orbitozygomatic craniotomy Side 2 (120 minutes)

15:45 Dissection: Eyebrow craniotomy Side 1 (105 minutes)

17:30 Finish

Day 4**Endoscopic Approaches To The Anterior Skull Base**

08:30	Lecture: Open vs endoscopic approaches to the anterior skull base	Omar Pathmanaban	
09:00	Lecture: Hadad flap, sella surgery and transcribriform approach	Archana Soni-Jaiswal	
09:15	Dissection: Sella surgery		(105 minutes)
11:00	Coffee		
11:15	Dissection: Transclival approach		(105 minutes)
13:00	Lunch		
14:00	Lecture: Transclival, infratemporal and transmaxillary approaches	Raj Bhalla	
14:15	Dissection: Internal carotid artery dissection and cranial nerve demonstration		(90 minutes)
15:45	Coffee		
16:00	Dissection: Infratemporal fossa and transmaxillary approaches		(90 minutes)
17:30	Finish		

Day 5**Infratemporal Fossa and Transfacial Approaches**

09:00	Lecture: Infratemporal fossa approaches	Simon Freeman
09:15	Dissection: Infratemporal fossa approaches A, B, C	Side 2 (150 minutes)
10:15	Coffee	
10:45	Dissection: Infratemporal fossa approaches A, B, C continued	Side 2
11:45	Lecture: Transfacial approaches	Nav Mani
12:00	Dissection: Transfacial approaches	(180 minutes)
13:15	Lunch	
14:15	Dissection: Transfacial approaches	
16:00	Finish	