

Vietnam Hand Surgery program 2021

Covid interrupted our Vietnam hand surgery teaching program in 2021. We were unable to visit, but we kept in touch with our Vietnamese colleagues via a series of Zoom webinars.

The webinars were generously hosted by the Medartis zoom platform and organised via the administration of Hue Central Hospital. Each session was joined by 40 to 50 surgeons from across Vietnam. The program included the following topics:

- 1. Tendon Transfers for Upper Limb Nerve Injuries,**
Drs Richard Lawson and Peter Scougall. 23/3/21
- 2. Recently published open fracture standards regarding upper and lower limb trauma.**
Professor Jagdeep Nanchahal
Hand examination / Common Hand Conditions. Dr Damian Ryan.
30/3/21.
- 3. Paediatric knee ligament injuries and patellar dislocations.**
Drs Quang Dao and Alex Nicholls, 13/4/21
- 4. Shoulder Trauma, Current Concepts.**
Drs David Lieu and Danny Biggs 27/4/21.

The sessions were well received and we had a reasonable amount of interesting discussion. Not the same as being there (no teaching clinics, no operating, no practical workshops and no equipment donation), but a reasonable pandemic alternative to our usual teaching visit.

Thank you to everyone involved, including speakers, Hue Central Hospital administration, Drs Ho Man Truong Phu, Dr Nguyen Van Hy, Dr Pham Dang Nhat and course participants. Thanks to Aisha Majid, Harry Stavarakis and Medartis for providing the Zoom platform and helping with course organisation. Thank you Mosman Rotary for your ongoing support.

We plan to run some similar sessions later this year and look forward to visiting Vietnam again when Covid allows.

Peter Scougall, 29/1/22