

REPORT FROM PARTICIPATION IN 10th TECNA COURSE IN BRISTOL

The 10th 'Therapeutic Endoscopy Course for Endoscopy Nurse Assistants & Nurse Consultants (TECNA)' was held on February 10, 2012 in Bristol, United Kingdom. The course was attended by 50 nurses, mostly from Great Britain. Some participants also came from Hong Kong and Croatia.

The course is intended for nurses working in the endoscopy to renew their existing knowledge and skills and to implement new techniques in daily work. The course is held twice a year, in Bristol and Manchester, organised by Dr. Ramasamy Saravanan.

The course in Bristol consisted of two parts combining theory and practice. Lectures updated basic and advanced knowledge on different methods of Polypectomy (snare, endoloop), management of GI bleeding (clips, thermal treatment), ERCP, endoscopic dilatation and emergency endoscopy, with an emphasis on safety aspects during the procedures.

The practical part combined practical demonstrations of various techniques with hands-on training in small groups. Participants could train a variety of techniques at several work stations.

At the beginning of the course ESGENA representatives, Jadranka Brijak from Croatia and Jayne Tillet from the UK, gave an update on ESGENA educational activities like different ESGENA grants, workshops under the auspices of ESGENA and efforts for improvements in the education of nurses in endoscopy and gastroenterology.

After the course all participants expressed their satisfaction with the new and updated knowledge and skills and emphasized the simple and effective way of teaching.

I would like to thank Jadranka Brijak who suggested this type of additional education, Jayne Tillet and Dr. Saravanan for the fantastic and generous hospitality, Ulrike Beilenhoff for the excellent communication throughout the organization, and ESGENA for supporting this educational opportunity.

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