

April 2009

'JOINT VENTURES'

LECTURE SERIES

Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre NHS Trust, Windmill Road, Headington, Oxford

"To involve, inform and educate patients and the public in all aspects of Musculoskeletal research in Oxford. To improve the relevance, quality and appropriateness of that research from the patient's perspective."

It has been decided to establish a series of public information events at the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre in the form of a short lecture or talk, culminating with discussion and questions from the floor. Afterwards there will be refreshments provided in the café area of the atrium at the NOC, where presenters, medical staff and the audience will be able to meet up and continue the discussions from the talk.

These talks are being put in place as part of a programme to engage and inform the public of current and future Musculoskeletal Research plans in Oxford. The name of the meetings will be 'Joint Ventures'.

The aim of 'Joint Ventures' is to reach as wide an audience as possible in terms of age and subject.

The target audience for the inaugural lecture will be as below, with an invited audience, however, it will be open to the general public from the October 20th 2009.

Local residents

Charities and patient support groups

Oxford University Medical students

Brookes University – Health sciences students

Local schools – 6th form students with an interest in medicine

Local GP surgeries

The aim is to provide an informal and relaxed environment where questions relating to the topic can be asked of the clinicians and researchers

The lectures will be held twice a term, as of Michaelmas Term 2009, starting on 20th October, at the NOC, using the atrium and the lecture theatre as the venues.

There will be an inaugural lecture which will be held on 19th May from which the announcement of the full series will be made.

Inaugural Lecture – Tuesday 19th May 2009

- 6.00pm Drinks and canapé reception in the atrium.
- 6.35pm Welcome by Jan Fowler, Chief Executive Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre NHS Trust.

 Invite guests to take their seats for the lecture.
- 6.45pm Welcome and introduction of guest speakers by Chairman of NOC Network, Sue Woollacott
- 6.50pm Presentation by Professor Jeremy Fairbank

 “Surgery for back pain – does it work?”

 Audience questions
- 7.10pm Presentation by Dr Jill Urban - Department of Physiology, Oxford University

 ‘The Science of disc problems’

 Audience questions
- 7.25pm Jan Fowler, Chief Executive NOC, thank you for coming and mention forthcoming lectures
- 7.30pm Finish

Future Lectures for 2009/10 (Titles to be announced on the 19th May)

Tuesday 20th October 2009

- 6.00pm Lecture and questions – Main Lecture Theatre
- 6.20pm Refreshments (tea/coffee) and biscuits in atrium. Opportunity for public to speak with clinicians, nurses and research staff.
- 7.00pm Finish meeting
- December Tuesday 1st 2009
- February Tuesday 9th 2010
- March Tuesday 16th 2010
- June Tuesday 29th 2010 ‘Joint Ventures’ 1st Anniversary Lecture