



Definitive Surgical Trauma Care (DSTC™) Course: 2018 **including Definitive Anaesthetic Trauma Care (DATC™)**

The DSTC™ course is the world's largest international trauma surgical course. Designed by trauma surgeons and anaesthesiologists; the course is one of the most advanced live tissue skills courses in the world. The DSTC™ Course is intended to enhance both the **surgical skills** and **trauma decision making skills** of the participants. It is aimed specifically at **surgeons** and **senior surgical trainees** and those who are involved in the management of patients with major trauma, especially where expertise or resources may be limited. The DATC™ course is aimed at **Anaesthesiologists** required to deal with the same patient.

The Course provides training in advanced Surgical, Anaesthetic and ICU management and utilises cadavers for demonstration and practice of surgical vascular access in the neck and certain thoracic and limb exposures. Live anaesthetised animals are also used for the skills sessions - to practice certain complex procedures including the techniques of damage control / liver packing, abdominal surgery and treatment of haemorrhage from multiple sites.

There are extensive sessions including lectures on newer techniques of access, surgical decision making and critical care, as well as interactive case discussions on cases; based on actual problems which might be faced. Intensive hands-on teaching is an integral part of the course. The course is limited to 16 participants with an Instructor: student ratio of almost 1:2.

Venue: **University of the Witwatersrand** (Course Director: Prof K Boffard)
Date: **2-4 May 2018 (Wits Medical School)**

Venue: **University of Stellenbosch** (Course Director Prof E Steyn)
Date: **1-3 August 2018 (University of Stellenbosch Medical School)**

Venue: **University of the Witwatersrand** (Course Director: Prof K Boffard)
Date: **14-16 November 2018 (Wits Medical School)**

Requirements: **Surgeons and Anaesthesiologists:**
Must be specialists or Principal Medical Officers, and must be actively responsible for the decision making and skills needed in patients who have suffered major multisystem trauma, but are working outside their "comfort zone."

Registrars:
Must be in their final three years of training (Surgery: Post Intermediate Exam)

Cost: **R8000**
NB. Registrars in training: 25% discount (R6000)
Courier shipping of the course manual is not included

CPD: **30 Points**

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