MSc Surgical Science and Practice

New Course

With effect from 1 October 2011

1. In Examination Regulations 2010 p 679 after line 29
2. In Examination Regulations 2010 p 784 after line 5

1. Insert “Surgical Science and Practice Medical Sciences/Continuing Education”
2. Insert

**Surgical Science and Practice**

1. The Divisional Board of Medical Sciences, jointly with the Continuing Education Board, shall elect for the supervision of the course a Standing Committee, which shall have the power to arrange lectures and other instruction.

2. Candidates must follow for at least six terms and no more than nine terms, a part-time course of instruction in the theory and practice of Surgical Science and Practice, which shall normally take place over a period of two years and no more than four years.

3. Every candidate will be required to satisfy the examiners in the following:

   (a) Attendance at the modules in Schedule A and Schedule B below and other teaching
sessions as required.

(b) Active participation in all parts of the course to the satisfaction of the Course Director.

c) Four written assignments related to the modules in Schedule A, each of not more than 4,000 words in length.

d) Two assignments consisting of multiple choice questions or structured short questions, online project working and practical tests related to the modules in Schedule B.

e) A dissertation of not more than 20,000 words (excluding tables, appendices, footnotes and bibliography), on a subject selected by the candidate in consultation with the supervisor and approved by the Course Director.

The assignments set out in clauses 3(c-e) shall be forwarded, usually through a specified electronic submission system, to the examiners c/o Registry, Department for Continuing Education, 1 Wellington Square, Oxford OX1 2JA, for consideration by such date as the examiners shall determine and of which they shall notify candidates.

4. Candidates may be required to attend a viva voce examination at the end of the course of studies at the discretion of the examiners.

5. The examiners may award a distinction to candidates for the MSc.

6. Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners in any part of the examination may be permitted to resubmit work in respect of the part or parts of the examination that they have failed, for examination on not more than one occasion which shall normally be within one year of the original failure.

7. The Standing Committee shall have the discretion to permit any candidate to be exempted, in exceptional circumstances, from attendance at any module under 3(a) and from submitting the associated assignment required under 3(c) and 3(d) above, provided that the Standing Committee is satisfied that such a candidate has undertaken equivalent study, or has appropriate work experience to an equivalent standard.

Schedule A

The practice of evidence-based health care
Quality improvement science and systems analysis
Introduction to surgical management and leadership
Becoming a medical educator
Any other module as defined by the Course Director and approved by the Standing Committee.

Schedule B

Human factors, teamwork and communication.

Surgical technology and robotics