

# Canberra Surgical Cut Up Workshops 2017

At the current moment we are about half subscribed for 2017. If applicants on the 2017 waiting list or those who have expressed an interest in the course are unable to attend, we will offer those positions to new applicants – on a first-in basis. We will hold the first session in **19-21 April** for the first workshop and finishing with **27-29 September**. The cost for the whole course will be \$400 if paid prior to the session and \$450 if paid on attendance. We are going to run them over three consecutive days (Wednesday to Friday), still to be held at the CIT in Bruce, ACT. This will mean one trip to Canberra – it will make the Workshops more feasible for interstate attendees. The session will commence at 9 am and running til 5 pm, with morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea provided.

Please let us know if you have any particular dietary requirements.

The workshops are structured to follow the NPAAC guidelines, the first part of the workshop will cover direct transfers, the descriptions required etc. The second will cover simple skins, gallbladders, appendices etc, their descriptions etc. The third will cover complex skins that require inking and detailed diagrams and orientation as well as slightly more complex organs like uterus, the descriptions etc. The fourth will cover even more complex skins, and large organs such as colons, breasts, prostates, the descriptions etc.

Attendees will receive a comprehensive guide to Cut Up covering all the above areas, with lists of descriptive words that will come in useful, diagrams, and techniques necessary.

At the workshops the attendees will work in pairs to cut up/scribe the tissue, so that each will have performed both tasks on each type of tissue. The macroscopic description will be taken back by the attendees to transcribe into the **format** used at their own laboratory (where this doesn't impinge on corporate knowledge) on plain paper – not report or letterhead paper! These must be returned satisfactorily with 8 weeks of the workshop.

Tissue cut up at each workshop will be processed and embedded here, and checked against the macroscopic description the attendees will submit (electronically or otherwise). These descriptions etc will be assessed and compiled into a folio to complete that area of the NPAAC requirements.

Upon the successful completion of these requirements, the attendees will be presented with a Certificate of Competence in Anatomical Cut Up.

Attendees need not have formal qualifications, the experience of assisting at cut up is sufficient for the purpose.

We conduct this course twice annually, so there is always next year for those staff who can't make it now.