Diploma in Retrieval and Transfer Medicine

22-23 October 2013
Open to doctors, nurses and paramedics fully registered in the UK with relevant retrieval experience

“With an increasing number of doctors, nurses and paramedics from a range of backgrounds undertaking high-risk critical care retrievals, there is a need to develop a benchmark assessment of skills, knowledge, attitudes and experience.”
- Dr Stephen Hearns, Consultant in Emergency and Retrieval Medicine

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Retrieval is the deployment of a critical care team to a seriously ill or injured patient’s location to undertake resuscitation and stabilisation prior to safe transfer to definitive care.

- Primary retrieval - from scene of incident
- Secondary retrieval - from healthcare facility with basic facilities and skills
- Tertiary retrieval - from a secondary care facility to another centre for tertiary care
- Quaternary retrieval - international repatriation

Increasingly, tertiary and quaternary transfer of the critically ill between facilities is recognised as a high-risk activity but practise remains unregulated. The skill set required for all types of retrieval is very similar and many clinicians will undertake all categories of retrieval within single services.

The DipRTM will include assessment predominantly of candidates’ experience of secondary and tertiary retrieval. Clinical knowledge and skills will be assessed. When working in demanding, diverse and time-critical situations with a variety of unfamiliar team members, excellent communication and team resource management (TRM) skills are vital for a retrieval practitioner. Assessment of these skills will also form an essential part of the examination process.

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