The Orthopaedic Skills Academy is an innovative Training, Education & Development programme specifically designed for all health care professionals involved in treatment of the orthopaedic patient.

Our aim is to bring together members of the orthopaedic community, continuously improve knowledge, develop skills and enhance understanding of the latest technological advances and techniques.

The Orthopaedic Skills Academy provides a comprehensive selection of training, educational and development opportunities tailored to match individual expectations and needs.

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Biomet Orthopaedic Skills Academy

As a world leader in the development and manufacture of Orthopaedic Devices, Biomet believes that continuous education and training is just as essential as implant design in achieving excellent long-term clinical results and optimal patient outcomes. Biomet also recognises the challenges faced by all those involved in the care of the Orthopaedic Patient because of the ever increasing pace of development in Orthopaedic surgery with the introduction of new products, new technologies and new techniques.

To help hospitals and staff meet this challenge, Biomet has created the Orthopaedic Skills Academy to provided Training, Education and Development for all the Orthopaedic Community, from ancillary staff through to senior surgeons, from basic courses for trainees through to life-long learning for experienced professionals.

The Training, Education and Development provided by the Orthopaedic Skills Academy is delivered in many ways, for example:

- Field based Representatives providing on-site training and study days to ensure the smooth introduction of new products or familiarise new staff with instruments or implants
- Courses involving live surgery and workshops or access to anatomical specimens that ensure that surgeons at all levels can safely learn about new techniques and technologies
- Clinical Symposia at which all aspects of Orthopaedics are discussed and experiences shared
- Centres of Excellence, where surgeons can visit those who have experience with a particular implant or technique to view surgery and discuss indications and patient care pathways
- User Group Forums, where those with experience of a product or technique can share knowledge, exchange ideas, discuss issues and resolve concerns
The fundamentals of the Orthopaedic Skills Academy are:

- Comprehensive choice of topical subjects
- Experienced international faculty members
- Practical and patient orientated content
- Interactive educational methods
- Modern facilities & state of the art equipment
- Frequent events in accessible venues across Europe

Our commitment is to continuously provide the highest support throughout each learning phase. We at Biomet can also advise, where appropriate, which training course best meets each individual’s professional needs.

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International Centres of Excellence

The International Centres of Excellence programme enables surgeons interested in introducing a new product, technology or technique into their clinical practice, an opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge from an established expert.

Each International Centre of Excellence featured in the Orthopaedic Skills Academy has been specifically chosen for their experience in a particular field so that the visitor will gain a comprehensive understanding of the system being demonstrated. The programme allows for extensive discussions to take place with the host surgeon while observing surgery and other aspects of their practice and patient management.

A typical Surgeon Educational Visit to an International Centre of Excellence may involve meeting the host surgeon to review the programme and a preliminary discussion of the planned cases. Normally at least two cases will be scheduled, and presentations and workshops may also be included in the visit.

National Learning Centres

Biomet’s International Centres of Excellence are supported by a network of National Learning Centres in each country across Europe. The National Learning Centres offer the opportunity to observe surgery involving a broad range of Biomet products and technologies and are an excellent alternative when there are specific language requirements or when travel time is restricted.

The Orthopaedic Skills Academy also offers extended Surgeon Educational visits. Over several days a group of participating surgeons view live surgeries and have discussions at a series of Centres of Excellence as part of a pre-set programme. These multi-centre visits take place both in the USA or within Europe and can cover a variety of topics.
International Clinical Symposia

Continuing Medical Training & Education is vital as Orthopaedic surgery continues to develop at an ever increasing pace with the introduction of new technologies, new techniques and new products. The Orthopaedic Skills Academy addresses the need for life-long learning with a range of Instructional Courses and International Clinical Symposia.

These events are organised by specialty, with each International Symposium addressing a particular clinical area. International experts in that particular field present and discuss their experiences and the latest trends. These meetings are surgeon led and CPD accredited.

To minimise travel time, locations are chosen that are easily accessible for delegates from all over Europe. The individual venues are selected to facilitate the mixture of lectures, surgical technique demonstrations and hands-on practical sessions, case discussions and debates that each Symposium requires.
Instructional Courses

As part of its commitment to enable today’s Orthopaedic Surgeon to keep up to date with the introduction of new technologies, new techniques and new products, the Orthopaedic Skills Academy includes a range of Instructional Courses.

Each Instructional Course is designed to provide a comprehensive understanding of a particular product, technology or technique. The Courses cover all aspects including design rationale, indications, contraindications, avoiding complications and practical hands-on sessions to familiarise with the instrumentation. These meetings are led by expert surgeons experienced in the use of the technology or technique and are CPD accredited.

Depending on the topic, the Instructional Course will feature a Live Surgery demonstration, during which the delegates can interact with the operating team, and a workshop session to familiarise with the instrumentation. Biomet also works in partnership with a number of leading medical Universities across Europe to provide courses that involve the use of anatomical specimens to give delegates the opportunity for realistic hands-on learning experience.

Instructional Courses are offered to Orthopaedic Surgeons as part of the Orthopaedic Skills Academy life-long learning programme. Many are also suitable for Orthopaedic Trainees in their final years of training.
The Defined Training Pathway within the Orthopaedic Skills Academy also includes User Group Forums.

These events are designed to bring together those surgeons who have made a change in their clinical practice, introducing a new product, new technology or new technique and built up some experience.

The informal atmosphere of the User Group Forum allows for open discussion where surgeons with extensive experience in a particular field can address issues and offer advice and guidance to those who are in an earlier phase of their learning curve, providing tips and resolving concerns.

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Biomet recognises the important role of Perioperative Practitioners in the team approach to the successful treatment of the orthopaedic patient.

The Orthopaedic Skills Academy therefore includes a range of training opportunities to enable all members of the care team to increase their understanding and develop new skills.

These include on-site training and study days as well as more formal courses involving presentations from surgeons and colleagues along with practical workshops.

The Orthopaedic Skills Academy incorporates the Cementing University - working closely with experts from leading institutions world-wide to spread knowledge of Modern Cementing Technique and the importance of bone cements and cementing techniques.
Within the Orthopaedic Community there is increasing focus and renewed interest in Modern Cementing Technique. Founded in 2000, the Biomet Cementing University is a forum for training and education, with the aim to spread knowledge on Modern Cementing Technique and to emphasise the importance of bone cement and cementing techniques.

The Cementing University offers:

- Continuous personal development for medical professionals at all levels
- Superior faculty members and speakers
- Forum for extensive knowledge, skills, training and education
- Regular updates on latest findings in Modern Cementing Technique
Continuing Medical Training & Education is vital as Orthopaedic surgery continues to develop at an ever increasing pace with the introduction of new technologies, new techniques and new products. The Cementing University offers a range of Instructional Courses and International Symposia.

At each International Symposium organised by the Cementing University international experts present and discuss their experiences and the latest trends. These meetings are surgeon led. To minimise travel time, locations are chosen that are easily accessible for delegates from all across Europe. The individual venues are selected to facilitate the mixture of lectures, demonstrations and hands-on practical sessions, case discussions and debates regarding contemporary fixation of implants including Modern Cementing Technique.
Instructional Courses

As part of its commitment to enable today’s Orthopaedic Surgeon to keep up to date with the introduction of new technologies, new techniques and new products, the Cementing University offers a range of Instructional Courses.

The Instructional Courses are designed to provide a comprehensive understanding of a particular product, technology or technique. The Courses cover all aspects of contemporary fixation of implants including Modern Cementing Technique.

These Courses include extensive scientific theory, demonstrations and hands-on training, case studies and interactive discussions.

Led by expert surgeons experienced in the use of the technology or technique, Instructional Courses are offered to Orthopaedic Surgeons and Nurses as part of the Cementing University learning programme.

For more information visit www.cementinguniversity.com
www.bonecement.com is the website for training and education on bone cements and cementing techniques. It provides a complete e-learning experience that improves the practitioner’s skills in Modern Cementing Technique, ensuring a sound knowledge in bone cement and understanding of the principles the elements of Modern Cementing Technique:

- Mixing & delivery
- Bone bed preparation
- Pressurisation
- Revision
- Safe working environment
In addition to Courses on Cement and Cementing Technique e-learning and Biomet representatives organising workshops within hospitals, a training session at a Centre of Excellence can be arranged.

These Centres are specialised clinics for bone and joint surgery with a focus on Modern Cementing Technique, many with responsibility for the maintenance and development of the National Hip Registers and experience with infected prostheses. The clinics have reputation both nationally and internationally with essential publications and studies.
Scientific Support

A major focus of the Cementing University is the Scientific Support, providing studies, reports, books and scientific material. Cementing University also offers educational material, endorsed by clinical and educational experts.
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