

ABC of ASTHMA

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Though both common and potentially dangerous – sometimes even fatal – asthma continues to be underdiagnosed and undertreated. Yet, as this ABC shows, it can be treated effectively with drugs and patients themselves can learn to monitor and control their own disease with a simple peak flow meter. The ABC of Asthma provides a straightforward guide to the recognition, management, and treatment of asthma in adults and children.

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The aim of this course is to provide an update on basic research, clinical recognition and new methods of managing all types of cutaneous malignancy.

The course will be under the direction of **Professor Rona Mackie**, Department of Dermatology, University of Glasgow, who has extensive clinical and research experience in the fields of malignant melanoma and cutaneous lymphoma.

The seminar should be of value to epidemiologists, pathologists, dermatologists, surgeons, plastic surgeons, radiotherapists, oncologists and all others with an interest in skin malignancy. Those with a particular interest in the pathology of cutaneous lymphoid malignancy will have the option of an additional two evening sessions of individual microscopy of the rarer skin tumours.

There are vacancies for 40 participants.

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The working sessions of the seminar will be held at Anderson College, University of Glasgow. Resident participants will be accommodated at a nearby hotel.

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Essential reading for the non-specialist

ABC OF SPINAL CORD INJURY

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