

**RESEARCH PROJECT (2011): Does a structured Dermatology surgical skills workshop make a difference to student learning?**

**FUNDING:** None

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**HYPOTHESIS:** Does a structured Dermatology surgical skills workshop make a difference to student learning?

**OBJECTIVES:**

*Primary objectives:*

- To determine whether attending a small surgical skills workshop:
  - Enhanced student confidence in performing the procedures taught during the workshop.
  - Enhanced student competence in performing these procedures
  - Increased student willingness to appropriate practice opportunities in the clinical setting
  - Reduced the level of decay of skills over a six month period compared to students who had not attended the workshop.

*Secondary objective:*

- To determine student's perceptions of the value of including a small surgical skills workshop in the Dermatology block.

**FINDINGS:** Research in progress

**FURTHER RESEARCH:** N/A

**ARTICLES:** N/A

**CONFERENCES:** 2012