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199 Ward Street  
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Dear Participant,

Interested in surgery? Want to develop your laparoscopic skills?

You are invited to take part in the Laparoscopic Simulated Skills Program to be conducted at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. Your contact details were obtained from your hospital's Administration Office or the Medical School as you may be eligible to participate in our research project.

We are seeking volunteers to participate in a research project investigating the use of a simulation course aimed at improving the basic psychomotor skills required for laparoscopic surgery, and to determine the best format for delivery of such a skills course.

Participants will undertake training in a practical Simulated Laparoscopic Skills Short Course. Three laparoscopic skills tasks will be undertaken; Peg transfer, Pattern Cutting and Intracorporeal knot-tying. Participants will have access to training facilities over a three-week period, and skills acquisition will be assessed.

You are eligible to participate if you:

- Are a Junior Doctor, SET or RANZCOG Trainee, Medical Student or IMG
- Have not previously undertaken a formal laparoscopic simulation skills training course
- Will be available for the duration of the study (20<sup>th</sup> June – 15<sup>th</sup> July 2016)

You are under no obligation to participate. Time commitments are voluntary. Participation is separate from and in addition to your university or SET training requirements. Your decision to take part or to not take part will not affect your relationship with Supervisors, The College, the Medical School or your hospital employment.

To express interest in enrolment, or for further information, please contact researchers Dr Hannah Gostlow or Dr Camila Vega at [Hannah.Gostlow@surgeons.org](mailto:Hannah.Gostlow@surgeons.org), or [camila.vegavega@surgeons.org](mailto:camila.vegavega@surgeons.org) or phone (08) 8219 0903 or 0409 038 417 (during office hours).

Yours sincerely,

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