

# Welcome



## The Master Surgeon Trust

*A trainee's best friend*

Welcome to The Master Surgeon Trust, a charity founded for the purposes of improving undergraduate as well as postgraduate medical and surgical training and education. The charity founded in 2013 is involved in:

- The operation of The Master Surgeon website ([www.themastersurgeon.com](http://www.themastersurgeon.com))
- Developing and implementation of courses and other medical education activities
- Developing a platform for networking and communication between trainees around the world through our website and social media presence; to highlight key issues relating to training in the local as well as international stage.
- Fundraising for medical education activities and research

#### The Master Surgeon Website

- Launched in 2010
- Over 270 MCQs/EMQs
- Many tutorials
- Careers advice
- Calculators and much more

**OVER 2 million page views**

**OVER 2000 Facebook fans**

#### The Courses

- Preparation 2 Practice Course
- Surgical prep course
- +more in the pipeline

**FREE courses**

**(Some at cost price)**

**We are a non-profit organisation, and all services provided are typically FREE of charge or at cost price. All proceeds obtained from advertising, sponsorship and fundraising are fully invested in the charity for the further development of the organisation and expansion of activities.**

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## THE HISTORY

The concept of The Master Surgeon website originated in 2008 when Mr Dev Mittapalli created a website for medical students to distribute free practice questions and tutorials. In 2009 Mr Mittapalli joined forces with Mr Kasun Wanigasooriya who was also a part time website designer to develop the first comprehensive Master Surgeon website. The first official Master Surgeon website was launched in 2010. The new site was dynamic and included calculators, careers advice and articles, lecture power points and videos. The website received an international audience and gained popularity. The website received a further upgrade in 2014.

The vision of the website has always been to provide without exception free resources to trainees. Once the website started generating revenue through advertising Mr Mittapalli and Mr Wanigasooriya founded The Master Surgeon (TMS) Trust in 2013; a UK based charity (HMRC Ref: EW03332) which oversees the operation of The Master Surgeon website amongst other charitable medical and surgical educational activities including running free courses.

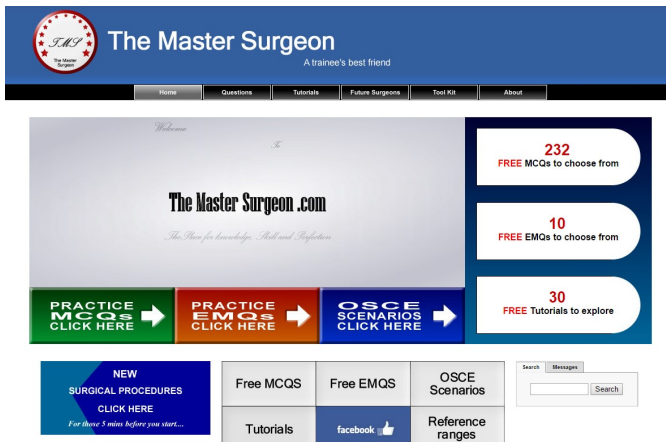
The Master Surgeon Trust is now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year of operation. It is continuing to grow from strength to strength. We extend a special thank you to all our members who have contributed their time, their effort and dedication to make the TMS trust and its activities a success. With over 20,000 page views a month and an ever-increasing social media fan base the potential for this organisation is immense

***We thank you for joining our team. We appreciate all your help, dedication, commitment and hard work. You are invaluable in helping us grow from strength to strength.***

## Our Vision:

- The advancement of undergraduate and postgraduate medical and surgical education locally and internationally to ensure sustainable high standards of patient care.
- Develop a platform to raise topical issues relating to training in surgical specialties globally.

All the services we offer are aimed at fulfilling this vision



### The Master Surgeon website

- Free MCQs / EMQs and OSCE scenarios
- Free tutorials
- Free career advice
- Free surgical calculators
- Free surgical instruments reference catalogue



### Preparation 2 Practice Course

- Free course
- For final year medical students
- Tips, career advice
- Revision of core topics

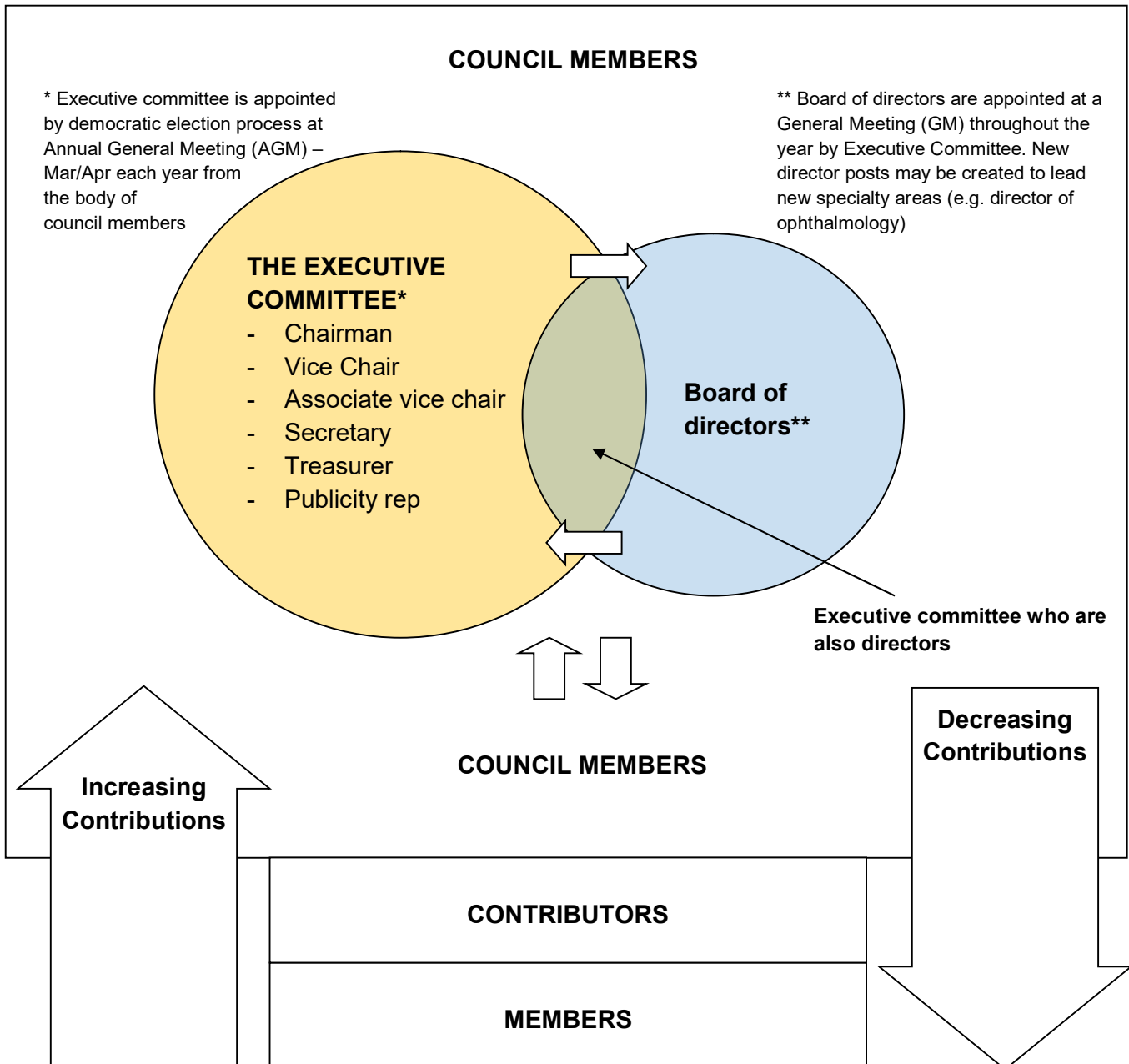
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# THE ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

## \*\*\* THE FOUNDERS

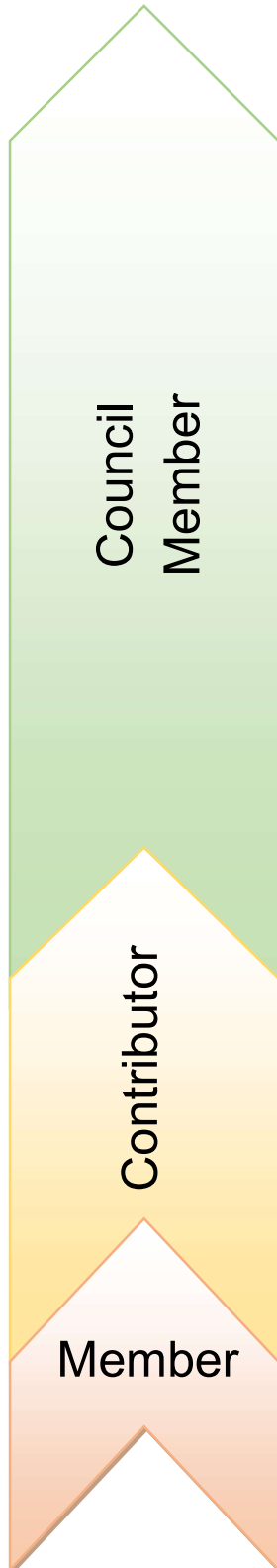
- Mr Devender Mittapalli
- Mr Kasun Wanigasooriya

\*\*\* The Founders have fixed constitutionally given authority to oversee the organisation and its activities until such time it ceases to exist. A founder may be an executive committee member.



# MEMBERSHIP TIERS

## THE ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE



	Minimum requirement to maintain and achieve level
<p><b>Council Member</b></p> <p>The highest membership tier. Represents those with active sustained contributions. Once a council member you can be elected into the executive committee or board of directors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- You must be a council member in order to be a member in the executive committee.</li> <li>- You will need to apply, be nominated, seconded then appointed by popular vote at an AGM (or GM for directors)</li> <li>- Your interest in a committee position must be made known at least 1 month prior to AGM</li> </ul>	<p>At least 20 MCQs/EMQs per annum</p> <p>AND</p> <p>at least 4 tutorials / articles, contribution at courses as faculty, fundraising</p> <p>(Ideally at least 18+ months a member/contributor)</p> <p><b>YOU MUST BE A UK RESIDENT TO BECOME A COUNCIL MEMBER</b></p>
<p><b>Contributor</b></p> <p>Second membership tier within the charity</p>	<p>At least 15 MCQs/EMQs per annum</p> <p>OR</p> <p>at least 2 tutorials / articles, contribution at courses as faculty, fundraising</p> <p>(INTL members accepted)</p>
<p><b>Member</b></p> <p>Lowest membership tier, but you can work your way up. Everyone started here.</p>	<p>No minimum requirements. We encourage you to get involved.</p>

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# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2017 /18

## THE ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

### Executive Committee

#### Chairman

**Mr Devender Mittapalli MBBS, MMed, FHEA, MFSTED, FRCS**

#### Vice Chairman

**Dr Vanushia Thirumal MBChB, Cert Med Ed**

#### Associate Vice Chairman

**Dr Ross McMahon MBChB, BMSc**

#### Secretary

**Miss Alice Willison**

#### Treasurer

**Dr Georgia Layton MBChB**

#### Publicity Representative and Chief Moderator of Content

**Dr Peter Clark Logan MBChB**

#### Webmaster

**Mr Adnan Darr MBChB, BSc, MSc, DOHNS**

### Board of Directors

Divisional Director of Medical Content – Dr Ley Taing Chan

Divisional Director of Vascular Surgery Content – Mr Devender Mittapalli

Divisional Director of ENT Content – Mr Adnan Darr

Divisional Director of General Surgery Content – Mr Kasun Wanigasooriya

Divisional Director of Ophthalmology Content - Vacant

Divisional Director of Neurosurgery Content – Ms Alice Willison

Divisional Director of Trauma and Orthopaedics Content - Vacant

Divisional Director of Urology Content - Vacant

Divisional Director of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Content – Vacant

Divisional Director of Radiology Content – Vacant

Divisional Director of Paediatric Surgery – Vacant



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# HOW TO GET INVOLVED?

## **SIMPLE CHECKLIST ON HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED:**

**STEP 1:** Become a member (complete online registration form)

**STEP 2:** Read the welcome pack and understand how we work and what we are all about (Guess you are already doing it....)

**STEP 3:** Log in to [www.themastersurgeon.com/admin/admin\\_login.aspx](http://www.themastersurgeon.com/admin/admin_login.aspx) and start adding new MCQs (Read the online guide on how to add questions). We will email login details when your registration is complete.

**STEP 4:** Join Dropbox™ and we will share a folder with you where you can upload articles, tutorials

**STEP 5:** Join WhatsApp™ and we will add you to our WhatsApp™ group

**STEP 6:** Help us organise our free / cost price courses. Suggest ideas for new courses. Develop new courses. Franchise and run our existing courses where you are based

**STEP 7:** Join us via Skype™ or attend our general meetings / annual general meetings. Make yourself known.

**STEP 8:** Share your ideas however adventurous they may be. We can see what we can do

**STEP 9:** Help us plan future projects, activities and organise socials...

**STEP 10:** Finally follow us on TWITTER, FACEBOOK and Google+

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# HOW TO GET INVOLVED?

## The areas where you can get involved

### The Website

- Write and add MCQS online
- Write EMQs (via email only at present)
- Write tutorials and upload to Dropbox folder we will share with you.
- Review existing content
- Spread the word on Social Media, word of mouth

### Courses

- Help organise and set up the Preparation 2 Practice courses
- New suggestions for courses
- Spread the word on Social Media, word of mouth

### The Charity

- Help spread the word and fundraising
- Help expand membership
- Create or update existing charity documentation (e.g. brochures, leaflets)
- Use your IT skills to help with charity admin, finances and organisation
- Prizes – ASIT conference prize, highest contributions by a new member

**NEW**

### WOMEN IN SURGERY

Address and highlight various issues related to LTFT and inequalities

**NEW**

### RESEARCH

**NEW**

Platform to voice local and international issues in surgical training and improves standard in surgery

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## WHY GET INVOLVED?

Active involvement within the organisation will help you to develop key skills in:

- Teaching and training
- Management and Leadership skills
- Communication skills
- Team working skills

Active participation in the charity will provide useful evidence in terms of continuous professional development and points for your curriculum vitae.

- E.g. involved in formal postgraduate and undergraduate teaching for an international audience of nearly a million users.
- Managerial and leadership skills if you have held a committee position in this national organisation

We will acknowledge your contributions accordingly in the form of an official signed and stamped letter. This service is only available to contributors and council members.

We also award prizes at the annual general meetings. Please email [tmscharity@gmail.com](mailto:tmscharity@gmail.com) for more details.

If this is not enough, we are a friendly bunch of driven enthusiastic people who are working for a common goal. We would love to have you on board.

### **Some STATS about The Master Surgeon website**

- 1.5 million page views since launch
- Over 480,000 unique visitors
- 20,000 – 25,000 visitors a month
- Over 250 practice questions and many tutorials
- Surgical calculators and instrument database

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## OTHER WAYS TO HELP US

### Donations

We are first and foremost a not for profit organisation. We rely on donations and revenue generated from our services to continue with our charitable causes. There is no obligation to donate to us if using our services.

The different means by which you can donate:

a. One off donations:

i. By Cheque:

Cheques made payable to The Master Surgeon Trust can be posted to 97 Swarthmore Road, Birmingham, B29 4NH

ii. PayPal™:

You can find our PayPal™ donations link on our home page [www.themastersurgeon.com](http://www.themastersurgeon.com)

b. Regular contributions:

- i. If you wish to donate on a regular basis you can set up a standing order by contacting your bank or using online banking.

You will require the following details:

Account holder name: Master Surgeon

Sort Code: 30-62-61

Account No: 55131960

No matter how big or small your donation may be, we greatly appreciate any contribution you may be able to make. These donations will help us to continue to provide our services free of charge and to expand on our free or cost-price services for years to come.

**So a very big thank you from all of us at The Master Surgeon Trust!**

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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS?

**Q1: Do I need to live in the UK to become a member?**

A1: No. Members can be resident anywhere in the world. However, you do need to be a UK resident to become a council member or be in the executive committee or board of directors.

**Q2: How much is the membership fee?**

A2: Membership is 100% free for all at present. This may change in the future

**Q3: What if my circumstances change and I need to leave the charity?**

A3: You are free to leave the organisation at any time. We request written notice in the form of an email confirming this from you and any reasons as to why you wish to leave. We will be sad to see you go. If you are in the executive committee and are thinking of leaving us for whatever reason, we require at least 1 months' notice. Absence from activity can be allowed for extended periods of time for executive committee members allowing for extenuating circumstances. So come and talk to someone first before thinking of leaving.

**Q4: Can I copy questions, tutorials, lectures from books or other sources (including open source) on to the website?**

A4: We recommend that you create original content. You will be responsible for all content uploaded under your name to the website. We strongly advise you do not copy, plagiarise material from other sources. This also applies to images. Where content is used from other sources appropriate referencing is required using the Harvard referencing style.

**Q5: There are errors in a question, tutorial or other material or a question is incorrect. How do I let you know?**

A6: We appreciate any feedback you can give about any of our products and services. Please email [tmscharity@gmail.com](mailto:tmscharity@gmail.com) with more details and we will rectify this as soon as possible.

**Q6: How do I upload a MCQ?**

A6: Visit [www.themastersurgeon.com/admin/admin\\_login.aspx](http://www.themastersurgeon.com/admin/admin_login.aspx), login using your login details and click Add MCQ link. If you have not yet received your login details, having completed the online registration form; please email [tmscharity@gmail.com](mailto:tmscharity@gmail.com)

**Q7: How do I upload an EMQ?**

A7: At present EMQ upload online is disabled. EMQs must be emailed in a word document to [tmscharity@gmail.com](mailto:tmscharity@gmail.com) or uploaded on to your specific named Dropbox™ folder.

**Q8: How do I upload a tutorial?**

A7: Same as above. Please email article or power point lecture tutorials to [tmscharity@gmail.com](mailto:tmscharity@gmail.com) or upload to your specific named Dropbox™ folder. If it is a video tutorial please get in touch and we will advise you on how to upload it on to our Youtube™ channel.

**Q9: How do I add a picture to a MCQ or explanation?**

A8: Unfortunately, the online MCQ add-on portal does not accept images at present. If you wish to add an image to the question text or explanation text use the following text “IMAGE HERE – (FILE NAME OF IMAGE)” where you wish the image to appear. Replace FILE NAME OF IMAGE with the name of the file you wish to be displayed. Then email the image with that file name to [tmcharity@gmail.com](mailto:tmcharity@gmail.com) with at least one line of the question text.

**Q10: Who do I contact to get a letter acknowledging my contributions?**

A9: Please email [tmscharity@gmail.com](mailto:tmscharity@gmail.com). This service is only available to Contributors and Council members

**Q11: I want to delete a question I have previously submitted or I wish to edit/ change one of my questions. How do I do this?**

A10: Please email [tmscharity@gmail.com](mailto:tmscharity@gmail.com) with a copy of the question and reason for change or deletion and we will make the amendments for you.

**Q12: How long does it take for a question I have submitted to be available online?**

A11: EMQs and MCQs will be validated by two independent reviewers prior to being available online. This may take anywhere from 24 hours to 2 weeks based on reviewer availability and need for changes. We apologise for any delay and inconvenience this may cause.

**Q13: How long does it take for a tutorial I have submitted to be available online?**

Q12: Similarly, tutorials will need to be reviewed by two independent reviewers. This may take anywhere from 1 week to 4 weeks based on reviewer availability and need for changes.

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# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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  2. Practice Extended Matching Questions (EMQ) questions
  3. OSCE Practice
  4. Surgical Tutorials
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- The services provided are primarily for the benefit of medical students and other health care professionals and the service should not be used as a patient information tool.
- The information available on The Master Surgeon website is not patient information or advice.
- If you are a member of the public (i.e. not a healthcare professional) using the website to find more information regarding a medical condition or a procedure, please note that the medical and surgical resources available on this website DOES NOT replace expert medical opinion.
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- Noncompliance with any of the above terms and conditions may lead to prosecution.
- All rules terms and conditions as displayed in the latest version of the constitution also apply to all users of our services and organisation members. [www.themastersurgeon.com/accs/terms.aspx](http://www.themastersurgeon.com/accs/terms.aspx)

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## PRIVACY POLICY

- The Master Surgeon website does not store any personal information, person identifiable information for commercial or non-commercial use.
- Contact details provided using the "Contact Us" page of the website will not be provided to any third party
- Contact details provided using the "Contact Us" page of the website will not be used to send promotional information regarding The Master Surgeon website or any other third party unless prior approval given.
- The website is tracked for analytical purposes using the Google Analytics™ software. The privacy policy for this can be obtained from the Google Analytics website.
- Member registration data will be stored on a Google™ server using a private Google DOCS™ account and duplicates on a Microsoft ACCESS™ database on a secure computer
- The membership data will only be accessible to the executive committee of The Master Surgeon Trust on a need to know basis
- Upon cancellation of membership this data will be destroyed
- We will not share your data with third parties without your prior permission



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## CONTACT DETAILS

Please direct all trust, website, membership or service related queries to the following email address or use the online contact form by visiting [www.themastersurgeon.com/about/contact.aspx](http://www.themastersurgeon.com/about/contact.aspx).

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