What are the topics covered?
Coronary artery disease & hypertension, perioperative cardiac risk assessment and testing, heart failure, arrhythmias, pacemakers & AICDs, aortic stenosis, pulmonary hypertension, antiplatelets and thromboprophylaxis, blood transfusion medicine, sleep apnoea, pulmonary disease, obesity, airway management, endocrine disorders, allergies & anaphylaxis

Why have the course?
Surgical patients are getting older and sicker. Many clinicians caring for surgical patients are being challenged by the growing complexity of these patients, particularly their perioperative management. Preadmission clinics are responding, and perioperative medicine is becoming an emerging field.

Who should do the course?
The course is suitable for anaesthetists, intensive care practitioners, surgeons, physicians, pain medicine specialists, emergency medicine practitioners and general practitioners as well as trainees in these specialities.

What is the course structure?
The course is predominantly a distance education course, being run over 14 weeks, followed by an intensive 4 day long weekend. Each week, participants will log in to the course website, download the reading material and view the online lecture. They will answer multiple choice or short answer questions and complete a survey for each topic. The 4 day intensive long weekend will require physical presence. It will feature case scenarios and discussions amongst small groups (no more than 14 participants per group) and simulation.

Where is the long weekend held?
The long weekend sessions will be held at the AMREP Centre and Centre for Health Innovation in Melbourne, Australia. In addition, there will be a course dinner for participants, assessors and case facilitators on the Saturday evening.
Frequently Asked Questions

Can I claim CME/CPD points for this course?
The short course is registered with ANZCA for category 1, 2 and 3 CPD points. See the website for further information.

How much are the course fees?
Course fees are $2600 AUD per person. Discounts are available for trainees and students. See the website for further information.

How many hours work do I need per week?
From our previous participant surveys, we have found that most participants spend approximately 8-10 hours a week per topic.

This is broken down into the following:
4-6 hours for the reading material
1-2 hours for the online video presentation
1-2 hours for completion of the assessments and feedback

What are the course dates?
July 4 to August 21 – First 7 weeks (via distance education)
August 22 – Sept 4 – Two week mid course break
Sept 5 to Oct 23 – Second 7 weeks (via distance education)
Oct 27 to Oct 30 – Long weekend 4 day session (attendance compulsory)

What if I need assistance with the website?
On the website, click under the “Help” option on the menu bar and a video will be played demonstrating how to log in to the website. Additional help is available on use of the forum and how to post a question and reply.

If all else fails, under the “User” menu, click on “I require assistance”. This will email the course organisers. We will endeavor to reply to all emails within 24 hours.
Frequently Asked Questions

Will the online material work with my PC?
We have tested the online material with a number of PC systems – namely Windows XP, Vista, Windows 7, Mac OSX (10.5 and greater) and Linux (Ubuntu). The material is designed to run through a standard internet browser and would not require the installation of any additional drivers. The course material is delivered via PDF format.

Will the video work on my system?
The online video presentation uses Adobe Flash, which is installed as standard on 98% of computer systems. It is the same technology that is used on YouTube and most online video websites. A sample video is available via the website (Click on the “Test your setup” option on the menu bar). This will enable you to verify that you are able to play the online video material.

What sort of internet connection will I require?
The online video material requires a wired internet connection (ADSL1 or ADSL2) with a transfer speed of 650 kilobits/second (kbps) or greater. Most wired internet connection speeds exceed this. If you need to test your internet speed, click on the “Test your setup” option on the website.

I have wireless broadband / 3G broadband. Can I still access the course material?
Our experience shows that wireless broadband signals fluctuate depending on wireless conditions, and frequently drop or pause. This type of internet connection is not suitable for viewing video of 1 hour duration or more, however it can still be used to download the reading material and completion of the weekly assessments and surveys. We recommend viewing the video material over a wired internet connection.

What if I need to ask questions about the reading material?
The website incorporates a forum that allows you to ask questions. The authors of the individual topics will be involved in the forum, so if you have questions, please ask. The forum is public and anyone participating in the course can contribute.