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# OVERSEAS TRAINING SABBATICAL IN HEAD & NECK ONCOLOGY IN 2008: *Bright Ideas from the Northern Hemisphere*

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**Tuesday 4th August 2009, 3-6pm**  
**Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital**  
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## The session will cover:

- Overview of sites visited
- Template for H&N Multi-Disciplinary discussion of patients
- Radiation Therapy & Management of Swallowing/Saliva/Speech, including:
  - Are prophylactic exercises the way to go?
  - How can we work on the tongue including more objective assessment?
  - How can we best manage trismus?
  - PEG or not to PEG?
- Working with Total Laryngectomy:
  - Tips re electrolarynx and oesophageal speech
  - Is it the bigger the diameter of the voice prosthesis, the better?
  - What about inserting the voice prosthesis at the time of the laryngectomy surgery?
  - What can I do for peripheral leakage of the Voice Prosthesis?
  - When to feed the patient post op?
  - Teaching the patient how to smell
  - What to do if the patient is aphonic/dysphonic secondary to a Hypertonic Pharyngo-oesophageal segment?
  - How can I best manage candida?
  - How can I use Heat Moisture Exchange devices with my patients?
  - How can I size the TOF puncture without causing trauma?
  - How can I check the Voice Prosthesis is in situ correctly when patients are unable to voice?
  - Using manometers when trialing hands free
  - Does 'speech therapy' with laryngectomy patients work?

**No cost for attending**

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