

## **Virtual EPM: Reflection from Dr Venkat Hariharan**

I have successfully conducted the EPM course virtually using Microsoft Teams.

Before I ventured into it I had my own doubts about whether I would be able to get the knowledge across to the learners. To my surprise I found it very effective. I would like share my experience about this. Firstly I looked at what do I need to do and what resources I need and would it be effective.

I have a core group of colleagues who have been helping me in successfully implementing the EPM in my medical school. I had the EPM schedule modified slightly to accommodate virtual teaching. I have taken the pre course and post course MCQs off the programme and 5 case scenarios at the end of the lectures for discussion. I had all the lectures audio recorded by my colleagues and the ones I did were live sessions and I moderated all the presentations and took questions. I had an educational fellow from the University for moderating the students and a module coordinator for technical support.

At the end of the case scenario discussions they got into the RAT system very effectively. I have sent of a survey monkey feedback and informed them at the beginning that they will get a certificate after completing the feedback. There were 35 participants on that day who logged in for the day and the invite was sent by the University IT team.

It was a nice and wonderful experience. I have attached a copy of the programme as well.

### Virtual EPM Programme

<b>Time</b>	<b>Duration (minutes)</b>	<b>Lecture/ Discussion</b>
<b>0900 - 0915</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Introduction and learning objectives</b> Dr V Hariharan
<b>0915 - 0945</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>What is pain and why treat it?</b> Dr S Aturia
<b>0945 - 1000</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Assessment of severity</b> Dr Jellicoe
<b>1000 - 1015</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Classification of pain</b> Dr V Hariharan
<b>1015 - 1030</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Pain physiology and pathology</b> Dr Kalla
<b>1030 - 1050</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>1050 - 1130</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>Pain treatment and medications</b> Dr Y Mehrez
<b>1130 - 1145</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Using the RAT system</b> Dr S Aturia
<b>1145 - 1300</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>Case discussions and feedback</b>