

Canadian Association of Thoracic Surgery Post Graduate Course:

Masterclass on Benign Chest Wall Diseases

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Course Description: This course will be a Master Class for Thoracic Surgeons interested in developing their expertise and technical skills for management of diseases of the chest wall. Approaches to treat pectus excavatum and thoracic outlet syndrome will be reviewed. The use of cryotherapy to ablate intercostal nerves will also be included.

This event is an Accredited Simulation Activity (Section 3) as defined by the Maintenance of Certification Program of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and approved by the Canadian Association of General Surgeons. You may claim a maximum of 4 hours.

Target Audience: Thoracic Surgeons and learners.

Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Location: Halifax Surgical Skills Centre (Basement Bethune Building, VG Site
1276 South Park Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3H 2Y9)

Time: 07:30 - 1530

Learning Objectives:

- Objective 1: Review surgical approaches to correction of pectus excavatum.
- Objective 2: Review surgical approaches for first rib resection to treat thoracic outlet syndrome.
- Objective 3: Review the use of cryotherapy to ablate intercostal nerves.

Cost:

- \$?; Member
- \$?; Non-Member
- \$?; Resident and Fellow Member
- \$?; Residents and Fellow Non-Member
- \$?; Respiratory Therapists, Nurses, Retirees, Medical Students

Time	Activity	Faculty
1200-1215	Welcome and introduction	Daniel French
1215-1245	Lunch	Daniel French
1245-1300	TOS principles and fundamentals	Daniel French
1300-1315	Pectus excavatum principles and fundamentals	Peds surgeon
1315-1545	Cadaver model 1. Nuss procedure 2. Ravitch procedure 3. Approaches first rib for TOS 4. Cryotherapy nerve ablation	All faculty
1515-1530	Wrap up and evaluation	Daniel French

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