

## Minutes of the Second Meeting of URS held at 12pm at Maple House on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2008

1. Welcome. Vice-Presidents Mr James Skipworth and Dr Dimitri Raptis opened the meeting, setting forth the aims session: to allocate article write-ups of completed studies with abstracts and completion of studies to members.
2. ASIT Conference: congratulations to those members that participated in the 4 abstracts accepted for poster presentation.
3. The resubmission of a study into NJ feeding was allocated to Mr James Skipworth, and the literature review for the same study was offered to attending members, Dr Shalini Wijesuriya accepting.
4. The resubmission of an article on diathermy training was allocated to Dr Angelos Assiotis, with Dr Vikram Sharma to assist.
5. Methods for searching electronic databases such as PUBMED were discussed. The need to provide explicit criteria for study selection was highlighted as was the need to record all articles selected and their characteristics in an Excel database for reference use in the methodology section of a study/review.
6. Another possible case report of an anal Kaposi's sarcoma was discussed due to the unusual site of primary presentation, anal as opposed to cutaneous.
7. Dr Dimitri Raptis offered to the attending members the opportunity to write a chapter containing exercises for the second edition of his forthcoming publication with Dr Marcus Gore, *Atlas of DIY Laparoscopy*. Dr Vikram Sharma and Dr Jake Declan Foster agreed to write the chapter.
8. Write-up of a study into intra-abdominal materials conducted by Mr Stephen Barker was allocated to Mr James Skipworth with Dr Angelos Assiotis to conduct the literature search.
9. For those attendees who wished, training in use of the statistical analysis program SPSS was offered at the close of the meeting by Dr Dimitri Raptis.