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Invitation: Initiatives to improve and transform surgical education and training

16 November 2023 | 18:30 | Neuroscience Institute Lecture Theatre, E-floor, Main Building, Groote Schuur Hospital | [Register](#)

Professor Michael Held, a consultant in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Cape Town (UCT) and Groote Schuur Hospital, will deliver the last lecture of the year in the UCT Inaugural Lecture Series on Thursday, 16 November 2023. The lecture will focus on initiatives to improve and transform surgical education and training and is titled "Right Down to the Bone - Orthopaedic Training and Education".

Professor Held will touch on student-created visual media to simplify complex orthopaedic concepts and make video content accessible to a broader audience through an open-access platform. He will also highlight some challenges that orthopaedic registrars encounter in their training experience, exposure to surgeries, and their learning of surgical skills – and efforts to find solutions.

Held's primary focus is addressing local orthopaedic healthcare challenges by pursuing lean innovation and improving education and training in orthopaedic surgery. He has created a student-centered, open-access teaching platform with his department to promote inclusivity and innovative thinking for medical students.

He is also the director of the UCT-accredited Orthopaedic Research Unit, which was established to foster collaboration and provide mentorship for clinical Master's and PhD students. In his clinical practice, he leads the knee surgery service and has introduced a Sports-Orthopaedic clinic dedicated to improving access and surgical care for underserved athletes.

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