

NORWICH MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY

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EVENING MEETING REMINDER

Tuesday 3rd October 2017

Supper 6.15 pm

Meeting 7.00pm

Mr Samer Nashef

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeon, Papworth

Samer Nashef qualified as a doctor at Bristol in 1980. He is a consultant cardiac surgeon at Papworth Hospital, Cambridge, and a world-leading expert on risk and quality in surgical care. The author of more than 200 publications, his research has been widely cited and he has been invited to lecture in more than 30 countries. A clinical tutor at the University of Cambridge, he is also a dedicated public communicator, having appeared in NHS Direct videos, at the Wellcome Trust foundation and in Channel 4's *The Operation*. He is also a regular compiler of cryptic crosswords for the *Guardian* and *Financial Times* under a pseudonym

As with plumbers, the quality of surgeons' work varies. As with plumbers, surgeons' opinion of their own prowess and their own attitude to risk are not always reliable. Measurement is key. We've had a century of effective evidence-based medicine. We've had barely a decade of thorough monitoring of clinical outcomes. Thanks to the ground-breaking risk modelling of pioneering surgeons like Samer Nashef, we at last know how to judge whether an operation is in a patient's best interest, which hospital and surgeon would be best for that operation, when it might best be performed and what the exact level of risk is. We have at last made what is important in surgery measurable. But how should surgeons, and their patients, use these newfound insights?

Ever since his days as a medical student, Samer Nashef has challenged the medical profession to be more open and more accurate about the success of surgical procedures, for the sake of the patients. In *The Naked Surgeon*, he unclothes his own profession to demonstrate to his reader (and prospective patient) many revelations, such as the paradox at the heart of the cardiac surgeon's craft: the more an operation is likely to kill you, the better it is for you. And he does so with absolute clarity, fluency and not a little wit. He is the author of *The Naked Surgeon*, a book which deals with the issues of transparency in medicine, published by Scribe

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"The Naked Surgeon" – risk, clinical outcomes and transparency"

to be held in

The Gooch Lecture Theatre, NANIME, Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital

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Reply slip for evening meeting on 3rd October 2017

Name.....

I will/will not be attending the light supper at 6.15pm on Tuesday 3rd October 2017. Please enclose a cheque (payable to Norwich Med-Chi Society) for £10 per person for supper. If you just wish to attend the lecture this is free.

I will be bringing.....guest(s)

Please return completed slip to Doreen Brookes, Department of Radiology, Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital, Colney Lane, Norwich, NR4 7UY. Telephone No. (01603) 286101. Replies must be received by Monday 25th September.