Description
This course is designed for practicing chartered physiotherapists who wish to expand their theoretical knowledge and understanding of human anatomy in relation to the clinical application of acupuncture. Participants should be MCSP and HPC registered and have already successfully undertaken a recognised acupuncture foundation course.

Aims
- To develop participants’ theoretical knowledge of human anatomy in relation to the clinical application of acupuncture
- To develop participants’ theoretical knowledge of human anatomy in relation to the clinical application dry needling techniques
- To develop participants’ practical knowledge of the safe application of acupuncture in relation to human anatomy

Training Objectives
Knowledge
To introduce the participant to:
- Surface marking of thoracic, abdominal and pelvic viscera.
- Anatomical location of key myofascial structures
- Anatomical location of key neurological and vascular structures

Skills
To be able to:
- Effectively identify surface marking of thoracic, abdominal and pelvic viscera
- Effectively identify thoracic, abdominal and pelvic viscera in a dissected cadaver
- Safely and effectively employ a variety of needling techniques in the region of key anatomical structures

Understanding
To understand:
- The relationship of acupuncture points and myofascial trigger points to key anatomical structures.
- The depth, borders and location of thoracic, abdominal and pelvic viscera.
- The health and safety issues related to needling in the region of viscera.

These objectives will be achieved through a variety of research based and supported teaching strategies including lectures, tutorials, seminars and practical needling situations. Learning will also be supported by the research-based course materials presented in study hand outs and access to human cadavers and a variety of audio visual learning aids.

Students will be provided with the following resources for their use on the course:
Course handouts, selection of acupuncture needles, human cadavers and a variety of audio visual learning aids.

The course runs from 09:00 to 17:00 (7 hours CPD).