



Case Study 1 – Jean Nehme



Jean Nehme is set to be one of the first applicants for the Integrated Clinician Entrepreneur Training fellowship scheme.

Jean co-founded Touch Surgery with Andre Chow, while he was training in plastics and reconstructive surgery, and Andre was training as a general surgeon and completing his PhD in stem cell research.

Working together with surgical training institutions, Touch Surgery provides a fully mobile surgical training platform that trainees – and more senior surgeons brushing up their skills – can access on any tablet or smartphone. Learners can practice fully simulated surgery and techniques wherever they are, and the system also provides state-of-the-art analytics to hospitals, allowing personalised and real time feedback. Its communication system also allows surgical teams from around the world to share their knowledge and experience.

Touch Surgery now has a growing user base of more than 350,000, and has secured more than \$10 million in venture capital investment.

But both Jean and Andre had to take time away from their continuing specialist training to build Touch Surgery.

Jean said:

“The reason why any healthcare entrepreneur innovates is because they want to make a difference to patient care globally. To allow clinicians to do that, I think it is important for the NHS to facilitate this through a specialist program for individuals who want to be involved.

“I want to have a clinical role that allows me to innovate, so I am excited by the opportunity to be involved in a program which connects both clinical and entrepreneurship responsibilities, allowing me to focus on improving healthcare delivery through the power of technology.”

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