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The Auscultation course hosted by the SCST (NI) committee was held on the 27th January 2009 in the Bretton Hall, Post Graduation Education Centre in Antrim Area Hospital. This short course was presented by Dr Wilson, a retired Cardiologist, from the Antrim Hospital, who still does sessional teaching for Queens's medical students and is a regular examiner in the final medical exams. As the course was specifically aimed at Cardiac Physiologists, Dr Wilson was able to tailor his instruction and experience in order to relate more appropriately to the day to day needs of Clinical Physiologists.

A highly specialised manikin capable of producing all the necessary heart sounds was used for the demonstration. With this technology Dr Wilson was able to effectively break down and describe the separate components of each murmur, allowing for a better understanding of what was heard and the mechanism behind the sounds. This was aided with the use of a remote stethoscope, allowing all in the room to hear the same sounds together in a realistic fashion.



**Dr B. Campbell (Vice Chairman)
and Dr Wilson**

We would like to thank Dr Wilson for a very successful evening. Moreover, due the limited capacity per session and a high demand for places our intention is to follow this with a further session to allow more SCSTNI branch members the opportunity to engage in auscultation training.

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