

TECHNOLOGY SYMPOSIUM | VIRTUAL RESUME OF INVITED SPEAKERS & MODERATORS

MR JAWAD AHMAD

Mr Jawad Ahmad is a consultant Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic surgeon working at University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire NHS. He has been a driving force behind the uptake of Robotic surgery and performs many major HPB resections with robotic assistance. He is an accomplished laparoscopic surgeon and has been a keen promotor of minimally invasive surgery. Jawad is actively involved in multiple research projects, leads audit at the hospital, senior lecturer at University of Warwick and sub-editor of Journal of Robotic Surgery.



PROFESSOR IRFAN AHMED

Professor Ahmed is a Consultant Surgeon specialising in complex liver, pancreas and bile duct diseases with a specialist interest in advanced laparoscopic surgical techniques and the development of modern surgical innovations. He has pioneered various special techniques in Virtual Scarless surgery and introduced these techniques worldwide.

Funded by the Royal College of Surgeons of England via a research fellowship he completed a higher degree at the University of Leeds where he worked with an internationally renowned team and developed a novel liver preservation solution. He completed higher surgical training in Mid Trent Higher Surgical Rotation, before being appointed as a Consultant Surgeon in NHS Grampian in 2008. He holds academic appointments at the University of Aberdeen as an Honorary Professor and a visiting Professor at Robert Gordon University. He also serves on the Court of Examiners for the RCSEng (Royal College of Surgeons of England) and JCIE (Joint Committee of Intercollegiate Examinations).

Professor Ahmed has extensive experience in research and leads various research groups collaborating with international institutions. With a broad research base, he has published in all aspects of his areas of clinical interest. He remains at the forefront of the latest surgical developments and innovations. His research profile can be accessed via the following weblink. (https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Irfan_Ahmed12)

He has received several awards throughout his career including five medals, merit scholarships and various presentation awards on international forums.

He is faculty for various international courses and teaches advanced laparoscopic skills to the surgeons worldwide. He is also involved in developing telemedicine & mentoring for young surgeons using modern technologies.



PROFESSOR NADER FRANCIS

Professor Nader Francis is an expert colorectal surgeon at Yeovil District Hospital. He is committed to minimal invasive surgery and enhanced recovery and continues to improve patient experience through an excellent relationship with the whole multi-disciplinary team. In addition to fostering these locally, Nader has been working to promote the spread and adoption of MIS through his educational role in the national and international training programmes.

Nader is a passionate teacher and educator with a prior educational PhD in assessment of surgical skills which underpinned his national/international expertise as a trainer and educational lead in the field of laparoscopic colorectal surgery. Nader has presented widely as invited speaker, chairman, or organizer of several educational events and national and international conferences. Nader's educational expertise lies around designing, delivering and assessment of educational curricula, including designing objective assessment tools. Nader has been appointed as the director of training at the Griffin Institute (Northwick Park Institute for Medical Research) and holds an Honorary Professor position with the Division of Surgery and Interventional Science at UCL.

Nader is currently the Chair of the research committee of the European Association of Endoscopic Surgery and he has key research interests in education: colorectal cancer; laparoscopic surgery and perioperative care. He has been a chief investigator of a number of studies and he has presented and published widely in those areas.



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DR MARCOS GÓMEZ-RUIZ

Dr Marcos Gómez Ruiz MD PhD, is Senior Consultant Colorectal Surgeon since 2010 at the Colorectal Surgery Unit in Hospital Universitario Marqués de Valdecilla (Santander). Between 2010 and 2011 he was trained as an Instructor in medical simulation at the Center for Medical Simulation in Boston MIT-Harvard University. Since 2011 he has been the Director and Instructor of numerous courses in minimally invasive colorectal surgery in Hospital virtual Valdecilla. EBSQ-Coloproctology certified in 2017. His clinical activity is mainly focused in the treatment of colorectal cancer and inflammatory bowel disease through minimally invasive surgery. The team in Valdecilla started the Robotic Colorectal Surgery programme in late 2010 and has performed more than 1000 robotic procedures so far, becoming the only Intuitive Surgical Colorectal Epicenter in Spain. Marcos Gómez Ruiz is a proctor for Intuitive Surgical since 2014. Marcos Gómez Ruiz has been involved and is promoting since 2010 different research projects in the area of Colorectal Surgery and Robotic Colorectal Surgery.



MR JIM KHAN

Mr Jim Khan is a specialist colorectal and minimal access surgeon, currently appointed as a consultant surgeon at Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust and Hon Associate Professor at Anglia Ruskin University. His training included senior registrar at Basingstoke, the National Laparoscopic Fellowship at Colchester (UK) and a travelling clinical fellowship at Mayo Clinic Rochester (USA). He also travelled to Korea for training in robotic colorectal surgery. At Portsmouth he is actively involved in medical education and clinical training on a variety of basic and advanced laparoscopic and robotic skills courses.

Mr Khan has been a national trainer in laparoscopic colorectal surgery and European proctor and trainer in robotic colorectal surgery. His research interests include clinical research in robotic colorectal cancer surgery, complete mesocolic excision for colon cancer, quality of life and functional outcomes after low anterior resection, training in laparoscopic and robotic colorectal surgery and natural orifice specimen extraction (NOSES). He has published and presented widely at national and international meetings and is member of core working groups in robotic surgery at the RCS, ACPGIBI, ALSGIBI, ESCP and ASCRS.



DR DAVID LARSON

Dr David Larson, MD, MBA, FACS, FASCRS serves as chair of the Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery. He holds the academic rank of Professor of Surgery in the College of Medicine at Mayo Clinic. Dr. Larson received his medical degree from the University of Minnesota School Of Medicine and completed his residency and clinical fellowship in colon and rectal surgery at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Dr. Larson earned his MBA with an emphasis on healthcare. Dr. Larson's research interests included colorectal cancer, inflammatory bowel disease, laparoscopic colon and rectal surgery, and robotic surgery.



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MR DONALD MENZIES

Mr Donald Menzies MBBS, MS, FRCS, is a general surgeon with more than 35 years of experience and a particular interest in minimal access surgery, gastro-oesophageal reflux, gallstones, incisional and groin hernias, and therapeutic endoscopy at Colchester General Hospital and Ramsay Oaks Hospital, Essex. He obtained his Master of Surgery in abdominal adhesions at the University of London and is an expert in minimal access surgery using laparoscopic techniques, having performed such procedures since 1992. Senior registrar at Addenbrookes Hospital with the late David Dunn, appointed to Colchester Hospital in 1994. He has been closely involved with the ALSGBI since 2000.

He is the President of the Association of Laparoscopic Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland, a member of the British Medical Association, the Association of Upper GI Surgeons and the Association of Surgeons. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

He is currently the Senior Consultant General Surgeon at Colchester Hospital University Foundation Trust.



MR CHELLIAH SELVASEKAR

Mr Selvasekar is the Director of Surgery and a consultant colorectal surgeon with interest in minimal access surgery at the Christie NHS Foundation Trust in Manchester. He practices laparoscopic and robotic surgery and is an accredited screening colonoscopist in the national bowel cancer screening programme. He is also interested in multivisceral resections for locally advanced colorectal cancers. Mr Selvasekar qualified in Madras, India, followed by specialist registrar rotation in Manchester. He did two years' full time clinical research at University College London on minimally invasive treatment in the management of dysplastic lesions, leading to an MD. Following this, Mr Selvasekar spent a year as an international clinical colorectal fellow at the world renowned Mayo Clinic, Minnesota, USA, to gain experience in minimally invasive and complex colorectal surgery before completing his surgical training at The Christie Hospital. Mr Selvasekar established laparoscopic colorectal surgery at the Christie Hospital and at Leighton Hospital. He also visited the IRCAD centre in Strasbourg and the University of Chicago as a travelling fellow to gain experience in robotic colorectal surgery. Mr Selvasekar is an ALSGBI recognised preceptor and a council member for north-west, training colorectal surgeons and specialist registrars in laparoscopic colorectal surgery and is a national trainer for laparoscopic colorectal surgery through the DoH established LAPCO programme. He holds an honorary senior lecturer contract with the University of Manchester and Edge Hill University. Mr Selvasekar is the convener of education and a member of the faculty of trainers at the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh on the surgical courses and is also an examiner for the MRCS. His research interest is in postgraduate surgical education.

