

UPPER GI SURGERY 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 & telementoring for young surgeons using modern technologies.



MR ALTAF AWAN

Mr Altaf Awan is a consultant Pancreatico-biliary, bariatric and advanced laparoscopic GI surgeon at University Hospitals of Derby and Burton. He was awarded his higher research degree (MD) at the University of Nottingham for his work on role of hormones in oesophageal carcinogenesis. Following completion of his higher surgical training in Mid-Trent higher surgical rotation, he spent one year in Newcastle with Northumbrian upper GI team of surgeons (NUGITS), where he further developed his knowledge and skills in advanced laparoscopic and weight loss surgery.

Mr Awan specialises in surgical management of gallstones, bile duct stones, acute and chronic pancreatitis, acid reflux, all types of abdominal wall hernias and weight loss surgery including revisional cases. He has a keen interest in laparoscopic surgery for emergency cases and has helped develop innovative minimally invasive surgical techniques in the management of emergency conditions such as complex acute pancreatitis. He regularly undertakes keyhole surgery for surgical conditions that present as an emergency and affect gastrointestinal tract or abdominal wall. Mr Awan's operative work on laparoscopic surgery for pancreatitis, bile duct stone and hernia surgery has been awarded top prizes at UK prestigious national surgical meetings.

Mr Awan is actively involved in clinical research with a number of publications in peer reviewed journals. He regularly delivers talks as an invited speaker at the national surgical meetings and runs Trent regional ALSGBI meetings on a regular basis to help promote laparoscopic surgery. He is also a keen surgical trainer and a regular faculty at ALSGBI advanced laparoscopic skills, LapPass and RCSEng core skills courses. He is currently leading development of robotic surgery in benign upper GI and pancreatic surgery at University Hospitals of Derby and Burton.



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PROFESSOR DR MARK I VAN BERGE HENEGOUWEN

Professor Dr Mark I van Berge Henegouwen, MD, PhD, is chair of the Dutch Upper GI Cancer Audit and chair of the Dutch society of foregut surgeons of the Netherlands. He was appointed professor of Surgery and Upper GI Surgery in 2017 at the University of Amsterdam at the Amsterdam University Medical Centers.

Mark van Berge Henegouwen, born and raised in the Netherlands, received his MD and PhD at the University of Amsterdam. He performed his fellowship in gastrointestinal, upper GI and minimally invasive surgery at the Academic Medical Center in Amsterdam where he started as senior consultant in 2006.

Mark van Berge Henegouwen's clinical practice is dedicated to patients with malignancies of the esophagus and stomach. The Amsterdam UMC is currently one of the largest centers for esophageal and gastric cancer in Europe. The Amsterdam UMC is a tertiary referral center for these patients with around 250 esophago-gastric resections annually. Mark has introduced minimally invasive surgery for esophageal and gastric cancer at his center in 2009 and now around 90 percent of patients is treated thoraco-laparoscopically or robotically.

Mark van Berge Henegouwen is a Principal Investigator in upper GI cancer Surgery and main research activities are focused on improvement of outcomes in upper GI cancer surgery, outcomes and centralization in the Dutch Upper GI Cancer Audit, improvement of (minimally invasive) techniques, neoadjuvant treatment regimens in esophageal and gastric cancer, imaging techniques and quality of life in upper GI cancer surgery.



MR PAUL LEEDER

Mr Paul Leeder, MBChB, MD, PGDip Med Ed, FRCS (Gen Surg), is a Consultant Laparoscopic, Upper GI, Cancer and Bariatric Surgeon at The Royal Derby Hospital, UK. Since qualifying as a doctor in 1989, his specialist surgical training has taken him from Nottingham to Leeds, Oxford and Adelaide, Australia. Paul has developed a special interest in surgical education. He has been the Director of Education for The Association of Laparoscopic Surgeons of Great Britain & Ireland for the past five years. Paul has worked with RCSE to develop laparoscopic skills courses and is currently an FRCS examiner. He has a Diploma in Medical Education and is a member of The Faculty of Surgical Trainers.



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 ALSGIB 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.



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PROFESSOR DAVID WATSON

Professor Watson, MBBS, MD, PhD, FRACS, FRCSEd (hon), FAHMS, is Professor and Head of Surgery at Flinders University, and an Oesophagogastric Surgeon at Flinders Medical Centre in Adelaide. His interests include gastroesophageal reflux, and oesophagogastric cancer. He leads clinical and laboratory research addressing benign and malignant esophageal disease, integrating laboratory, clinical and population research streams. He has published more than 400 papers and book chapters, led the development of Australian national guidelines for the management of oesophageal and gastric cancer, and contributed to national guidelines for the management of Barrett's oesophagus. He has published many papers addressing outcomes following antireflux surgery, and has led multiple RCTs which inform this field.

Professor Watson led the establishment of the Australia and New Zealand Gastric and Oesophageal Surgery Association (ANZGOSA) as its foundation President from 2006-10. He has served on Council for the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences (AAHMS). He currently serves as President for the International Society for Diseases of the Esophagus (ISDE), and a Board member for Cancer Council South Australia. In 2018 he was appointed Clinical Director for the Clinical Trials Network Australia and New Zealand (CTANZ), an initiative of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons to enhance surgical research capacity by supporting trainee led multicenter clinical trials.

Professor Watson has been a recipient of the John Mitchell Crouch Fellowship from the RACS, a James IV Travelling Fellowship, Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, election to Fellowship of the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences, and appointment to a Matthew Flinders Distinguished Professorship at Flinders University.

