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Aesculap Academy organises workshops and symposia on laparoscopic hernia repair

B. Braun Medical India, under the aegis of Aesculap Academy organized workshops and symposia on Laparoscopic inguinal hernia repair. The eminent faculty for all the events was Dr. Davide Lomanto, Director, Minimally Invasive Surgical Centre, National University Health System, Singapore. The series of events started on May 23, 2011 at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi in association with the expert team from Institute of Minimal Access Surgery (IMAS). The day started with a live surgery wherein Dr. Lomanto demonstrated Trans Abdominal Pre Peritoneal (TAPP) technique of Laparoscopic inguinal hernia repair. Though the technique is also commonly practiced in India but still there was a lot to learn and share for delegates when it comes to reducing the consequences of post operative chronic pain. Dr. Sudhir Kalhan, Vice Chairman, IMAS also shared current guide lines on laparoscopic hernia repair keeping in mind the medico-legal aspects of the surgery.



Dr. Davide Lomanto

The following day was also scheduled for another live operative workshop at Mata Chanan Devi Hospital, New Delhi. The host faculty for this workshop was Dr. K.K Trehan who is also considered as the pioneers to initiate laparoscopic surgeries in India. This time Dr. Lomanto demonstrated Total Extraperitoneal Technique (TEP) of laparoscopic inguinal hernia repair. This technique is bit tricky and needs a steeper learning curve. The ease with which Dr. Lomanto applied the techniques was really applauded by all the delegates. Dr. Lomanto also sighted the importance of light weight meshes like Optilene which are also instrumental in post operative patient comfort along with surgeon's technique. Next day, i.e, May 25, 2011 was scheduled for a Symposia on laparoscopic hernia repair at Hinduja Hospital, Mumbai. This symposia was organized in close association of department of minimal access surgery, headed by legendary Dr. T.E Udawadia. Dr. Gustad Davar, Director, Professional Services welcomed all delegates and discussed the importance of such academic events for the continuous learning and development of surgical skills. At this venue, Dr. Lomanto preferred to share some of his video presentations on the intra operative complication of laparoscopic hernia repair. Here Dr. Lomanto brought years of his experience and played some of the most typical cases and the tricks to manage them. Here also Dr. Lomanto emphasized on the importance of lightweight meshes like Optilene that adds synergy to the success of a laparoscopic inguinal hernia repair. Dr. Avinash Katara and expert in this domain and has also worked very closely with Dr. Lomanto at Singapore discussed the current trends in laparoscopic inguinal hernia repair. His expertise on the subject is really commendable. Dr. Vinod Chandiramani, head of general surgery department and also Medical Director of Hinduja Healthcare Surgical, Khar very convincingly presented the importance and success of open inguinal hernia repair, based on evidence based medicine. Dr. Rasik S. Shah who is a pediatric



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surgeon talked about his experiences on pediatric inguinal hernias. To conclude the symposia, Dr. Bhandarkar who is also considered as one of the pioneers in single incision laparoscopic surgery presented on complications of laparoscopic inguinal hernia repairs.

Aesculap Academy will always be a forerunner in such workshops and symposia and has started working with the surgical fraternity to develop such programs in India, excerpts Mr. Aditya Banerjee, Deputy Country Manager, B. Braun Medical India. Aesculap Academy is renowned globally for their accredited programs for medical and healthcare professionals. "We're committed to drive the SHARING EXPERTISE motto of B. Braun through the institution called Aesculap Academy in association with the domain experts of the country" says Mr. Arunava Deb, Business Unit Head, B. Braun Closure Technologies.



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