

2nd Robotic Urology Symposium & Course in Ankara, Turkey

Live surgeries by robotic experts demonstrate major procedures



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The Department of Urology of Yildirim Beyazıt University, School of Medicine, Ankara Atatürk Training & Research Hospital had acquired the first da Vinci surgical robot in February 2009 in Ankara, Turkey.

Since then, the department, headed by Prof. M. Derya Balbay who recently retired, has conducted robotic urology, the first urology department to do so in Ankara.

To date, his robotic urology team (Dr. Ziya Akbulut, Dr. Ali Fuat Atmaca, Dr. Serkan Altinova and Dr. A. Erdem Canda) has performed more than 550 robot-assisted urological procedures. Last year, the same team organised the 1st Ankara Robotic Urology Symposium at the same venue. Last year, robotic urology surgeons from Europe joined the meeting including Prof. Jens Rassweiler (DE), Dr. Georg Schön (DE) and Dr. Ali Serdar Gözen (DE).

This year, the same team organised the 2nd Ankara Robotic Urology Symposium & Course from June 7-9 2013 (accredited 15 CME points by EBU EU-ACME). This year's participating surgeons were Dr. John Davis from MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas (USA) and Dr. Kevin Zorn from The University of Montreal, Hospital St. Luc, Department of Urology, Montreal (CA).

Dr. Davis successfully performed a challenging live case of robotic radical prostatectomy and bilateral extended pelvic lymph dissection on a patient with cT3 disease. On the other hand, Dr. Zorn demonstrated a live case of right robotic partial nephrectomy on a patient with a 3x3 cm sized renal mass detected incidentally.

In addition, he performed a live case of XPS Greenlight laser photoselective prostatectomy for BPH disease. Prof. Remzi Saglam (Ankara, TR) performed a live case of robotic retrograde intra-renal surgery (RIRS) and laser lithotripsy on a patient with kidney stone by using the Avicenna Turkish robot that he developed with his team of engineers.

Besides the live surgeries, lectures and video presentations were given which prompted enthusiastic discussions. The department's robotic surgery chief nurse, Miss Gul Yildirim, lectured on robotic operating room nursing support and shared some insights from her five-year experience in robotic surgery.

Young robotic urology surgeons who have completed their residencies in the department gave talks related to the theme "How to assist in robotic urological procedures?" explaining the tips and tricks they learned as a bedside assistant surgeon.

The team also published an English language course book during the meeting (edited by the author) which also includes details of the talks on "Robotic urology operating room nursing, How to assist in robotic urological procedures?" and "Surgical techniques of robotic urological procedures," and illustrated with coloured photos of robotic surgery. The book's contents can be accessed for free at www.robotictimes.org.

The team of robotic urologists that organised this successful meeting for the second time in Ankara has proven that their centre is one of the leading centres in the region that offer robotic urology services.

Edited videos of robotic surgical procedures that were performed during the meeting can be accessed through the meeting website (www.robotictimes.org) and are also directly accessible from the article posted in the EAU News Section at www.uroweb.org.

Reference

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Following the live robotic partial nephrectomy, Dr. Zorn discusses the procedure and answers questions from the audience



After live robotic radical prostatectomy performed by Dr. Davis (middle), the author (left) and Ms. Yildirim pose for a souvenir photo



Dr. Zorn performs a laser prostatectomy



Prof. Saglam at the console of the Turkish Avicenna robot for RIRS

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From all EU-ACME members who participated, the three highest scoring participants who topped the

MCQ quizzes, published in the journals of the European Urology, will be entitled to a free registration for the Annual EAU Congress.

The EU-ACME committee agreed that a competitive approach could encourage the best and the most talented to participate, prompting the committee to continue this exciting initiative in 2014.

From January 1, 2013 until December 31, 2013, EU-ACME members will need to answer multiple

questions from the journals of the European Urology. Participants who answered the most questions correctly will be awarded with free registration for the 29th Annual EAU Congress which will be held in Stockholm from April 11-15, 2014.

The winning members will be formally notified in early January next year, and their names will be published in the February 2014 issue of the European Urology Today newsletter. Good luck!

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