

1st Robotic Urology Symposium in Ankara, Turkey

Turkish symposium on minimally invasive procedures attracts young urologists



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In the afternoon, Dr. Schön performed a live case of robotic partial nephrectomy followed by a lecture about the current innovative techniques for optimal robotic partial nephrectomy procedures. For his part Dr. Gözen underlined in his lecture the advantages of an extraperitoneal approach for robot-assisted pyeloplasty.

Another benefit from this symposium for participants was the opportunity of meeting the experts to further discuss the cases or query them regarding clinical experience and practical tips. Participants also commended the well-organised and cordial social programme which enabled both young and veteran urologists to create professional links.



Symposium participants

In partnership with the EAU Section of Uro-Technology (ESUT) and DRUS, the 1st Robotic Urology Symposium was held at the Ankara Ataturk Training and Research Hospital last April 28, marking the first time that the meeting was held in Ankara.

The Department of Urology of Ankara Ataturk Research and Training Hospital had acquired the first da Vinci surgical robot in February 2009. Since that time the department, headed by Prof. Mevlana Derya Balbay who retired recently, has performed many robot-assisted urology procedures.



Prof. Jens Rassweiler at the OR, after completion of a successful live case of robotic radical prostatectomy

The symposium gathered world-renowned ESUT and DRUS experts which have attracted the attendance of young Turkish urologists. Turkish experts also participated in or performed live robotic surgeries. Among those who led the live surgical operations were Prof. Jens Rassweiler (DE), Associate Prof. Ali Serdar Gözen (DE) and Dr. Georg Schön (DE). The experts shared valuable insights and experience with the participants and demonstrated the operative steps in an interactive session moderated by Prof. Balbay and other experienced robotic urology surgeons.



Dr. Schön lectures during the symposium

In the opening session, Prof. Balbay provided an overview lecture on the history of robotic surgery at Ankara Ataturk Training and Research Hospital. Following the lecture session, Prof. Rassweiler and Dr. Gözen performed a robot-assisted radical prostatectomy employing the Heilbronn technique. After completing the live robot-assisted prostatectomy, Prof. Rassweiler discussed the extraperitoneal approach for robotic radical prostatectomy.



Professors Rassweiler and Balbay



Prof. Ibrahim Bozkirli and Dr. Ali Serdar Gözen

Definitely, this successful event has provided an optimal platform wherein Turkish urologists can collaborate with the ESUT and DRUS not only to

examine prospects in robotic urology, but also to demonstrate the level of expertise on minimally invasive techniques in the region.

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EUROPEAN BOARD OF UROLOGY: TWO DECADES OF BASIC AND POSTGRADUATE UROLOGICAL TRAINING IN EUROPE

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Objectives

The European Board of Urology (EBU) is a section office of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS). EBU's objectives are to study, promote and harmonise the highest level of urological training in Europe – both on the basic and postgraduate level. These objectives should be achieved by the following means.

1. Setting educational standards for training institutions and the maintenance of such standards.
2. Identifying minimal requirements for urology training and publish a European curriculum.
3. Defining rules for accreditation of educational activities.
4. Offering a systematic assessment for the recognition of quality, both for the individual and training institution.

Structure



Swiss urologists during first written EBU exam in Switzerland (Luzern, 1992)

Urological Training Programme Committee (UTPC): oversees the appropriate implementation of the EBU Certification programme and ensures a thorough quality assessment process that aims to harmonise urological training (at residency and post residency level) across Europe.

Manpower Committee: acts as the EBU's intermediary body, responsible for properly identifying the manpower profile in European urology, the planning and implementation of surveys that identify employment needs and more importantly, fulfilling an advisory role when examining issues related to human resources requirements and standards.

Examination Committee: works to ensure that all EBU examinations and associated assessment activities are thoroughly prepared and conducted in accordance with the EBU's criteria.

Accreditation Committee: sets standards for the accreditation of the various educational and scientific activities and ensures the proper evaluation of submitted applications for CME/CPD accreditation as well as the certification process of the FEBU Examination.

Milestones

- 1958 Creation of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS)
- 1985 Formal start of UEMS section of Urology
- 1990 Opening of EBU office in Rotterdam
- 1992 First European Board examination (FEBU)
- 1993 First EBU certification of a urology training center
- 1996 Start of in-service assessment (multiple choice questions)
- 1998 Introduction of CME /CPD credit management system
- 2003 Strategic alliance between EBU and EAU

Swiss delegates represented in the EBU

Oskar Schmucki, Luzern	1990 - 2003
Peter Jaeger, Winterthur	1996 - 1997
Marcel Gunst, Olten	1997 - 2010
Hans-Peter Schmid, St. Gallen	2004 - present
Hansjörg Danuser, Luzern	2010 - present

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