

Alan Gordon Fellowship – Mr N Agarwal

Institution visited: World Laparoscopy Hospital (WLH), Delhi. Had a brilliant experience of visiting a premier institute for laparoscopic Training in Asia. It was my first visit to the capital of the world biggest democracy, it was a eye opening experience as the warmth & the gratitude which I received is beyond description & will be with me for life.

My day started by attending lecture parallel to theatre sessions, in afternoon had opportunity of hands-on practice at state of art laparoscopic Lab or opportunity to observing in different surgical procedures within the gynaecological laparoscopy department. Did also have the opportunity to see a few surgery on the “Robot-assisted laparoscopic procedures with the da Vinci® surgical system”. I was specifically impressed by the applications of Single incision laparoscopic surgery (SILS) or one port umbilical surgery (OPUS) in gynaecology, which is not so common in the UK.

Whilst in India, I was invited to be a moderator at the 58th ALL INDIA CONGRESS OF OBSTETRICS & GYNAECOLOGY, (AICOG) Jan, 2015. Chennai, India. I was completely mesmerised by the sheer number of participants in the conference. It had 3750 participants in the workshops, which were held, in 11 venues. There were 2400 participants in the Dr C G Saraiya CME. Totally there were about 9500 delegates registered. With so many clinician present under one roof there was bundle of knowledge & information available to exchange & learn from each other's experience. I want to sincerely thank BSGE for supporting my endeavour to visit laparoscopy centre in India.

Objectives achieved: Much wider understanding of operative dynamics in theatre which I am convinced is already helping me support better training & share my skills obtained to the next generations. This experience has given me the confidence to broaden my horizons & try to achieve more complex surgeries laparoscopically which previously I might have retorted to do by open surgery. Understanding the structure and funding of healthcare in India has forced me to think out of the box for every managerial issues I face in my day to day work in the UK & this has a positive influence in developing our services in the United Kingdom especially in these difficult economic times. Being a consultant, along with being responsible for providing services & training I now have more skills under my sleeve in developing services in NHS. My visit has provide me with a different perspective to problem solving with the aim to improving the delivery and quality of care to patients. Once again please accept my sincere gratitude to the whole team of BSGE for the support & training opportunity given to me.

Regards

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