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Dear Fellows and Members,

In this special issue, the entire subject is of laparoscopic surgery and is dealt in depth.

Minimally invasive surgery was in practice with the gynecological surgeons. The first general surgical procedure, laparoscopic cholecystectomy was performed by Dr.E.Muhe of Bolingen, Germany in 1985 and Philippe Mouret of Lyon, France in 1987, subsequently several modifications and improvements in technique were incorporated. Now the time has come that it is being widely used in the practice of General surgery, Endocrinology, Neurology, Cardiothoracic Surgery, Urology, ENT, Orthopedics etc.

The new development is 'robotic' in minimally invasive surgical procedures. This has really revolutionized the entire surgical scenario which is well received by the medical and the patient population. The advantage to the patients is minimal scar, fast recovery and least hospital stay, the aspect of economics has to be improved to suit various categories of the patient population. There should be more training centers and it should form a part of the curriculum in medical teaching.

Preparation for our annual convention IMSACON 2007 is taking shape at Manipal. I am very positive that it is going to be one of the memorable meetings of our academy. Hope to meet you all at Manipal.

With best wishes



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