

OUR GUEST EDITOR



Dr. Brij Bhushan Agarwal is working as a Professor of Surgery at Ganga Ram Institute of PG Medical Education & Research and practicing as a Senior Consultant, laparoscopic surgeon at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital. He graduated from Maulana Azad Medical College (1978-1983) and completed MS (General Surgery) from Delhi University (May 1987). He received further training in endoscopic surgery and advanced laparoscopic surgery at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi and Hull Royal infirmary, England respectively. He also received training in Yoga from Central Yoga Research Institute, Govt. of India, and was awarded a Diploma in Yoga with Gold medal in June 1980. He is a keen academician and researcher having more than 200 International publications & presentations. He has pioneered the concept of avoiding energized dissection in laparoscopic surgery and developed new laparoscopic approaches including endoscopic breast surgery. He has redefined the surgical anatomy of many laparoscopic procedures by defining the avascular planes. He developed the techniques for safe laparoscopic cholecystectomy, scientific and functional repair in laparoscopic ventral hernia surgeries, scar less endoscopic breast surgery and safe endoscopic varicocele surgery; all these have been published as original work. **Dr. Agarwal** has been invited to present his work in several countries across the world. His interest in minimally invasive surgery has led to the development of STARR procedure (Stapled Trans Anal Rectal Resection) in Asia. He is the first in Asia to perform this surgery. His current interest is on developing “Fast tract Surgery” protocols for Bariatric & Metabolic Surgery. He has already established the feasibility of laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy as a day care surgery. For his innovations in laparoscopic surgery, he has been nominated to the board of SLS (Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeon of America). For his pioneering work of STARR and for developing the concept of “pelvic floor surgery” in Asia, he has been invited to various “expert meets” in Europe. His interest in Yoga has led to integration of Indian wisdom into modern surgical practice, which have been published and appreciated. For his pioneering work in the field of laparoscopic surgery. He was invited to write the editorial for the apex journal of laparoscopic surgery, ‘**Surgical Endoscopy**’ which appeared in the *December 2008 issue*. He was the first Indian laparoscopic surgeon to have his work covered by Medscape and his studies have been converted into accredited CMEs for the American Medical Association & the American Academy of Family Physicians. Recognizing his contribution to the development of laparoscopic surgery, International College of Laparoscopic surgeons, has honoured him with fellowship (FCLS); the fellowship was awarded by Professor R. C. Deka, Director of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at the convocation held at AIIMS on 16th March 2012.

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