

Key Note Lecture

Future Implications of Surgical Training – The Impact of Subspecialty Practice by Prof Raj Mohan Nambiar

Surgical training and practice are closely linked and depended on each other. The recent advances in surgery and rapid development of subspecialties has created new challenges in the training of residents.

The training of a surgeon with sub specialisation can be best described in 4 stages. The 1st stage will be basic sciences as a foundation, the 2nd stage in core general surgery, the 3rd in advanced general surgery and or specialties and the final stage for further training in subspecialty.

The training also includes non surgical skills that are essential for providing good patient care.

The surgical training is currently facing serious problems due to increasing limitations of time and opportunity to achieve adequate clinical and operative skills for residents. The situation will only aggravate in future, in a rapidly changing environment with increasing patient expectation for specialized care.

As scientific and technological advances continue to change surgical practice it is obvious that even the best residency training will be inadequate for a life time of practice. Continued practice based learning and training is the only logical way to keep up to date for future needs of practice.