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Fortis Hospitals conducts Robotic Cancer Surgery Workshop

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Generating awareness among the young surgeons to use robotic surgery to treat oral cancer, throat cancer and thyroid nodules



Fortis Hospitals conducts a workshop on Head & Neck Robotic Onco-surgery, MASOCON-2019 to impart knowledge and understanding around advanced surgical modalities of treatment in the oncology vertical for surgeons. Around 150 surgeons took part in the workshop headed by Dr Sandeep Nayak, Consultant- Surgical Oncology, Fortis Hospitals, Bangalore and a few thousand watched it online worldwide.

The workshop transmitted live specialized surgeries called Robotic Assisted Breast-Axillo Insufflated Thyroidectomy (RABIT) & Robotic Minimally Invasive Neck Dissection (R-MIND) for oral cancer, which are newly devised surgeries by Dr Sandeep Nayak. These are being demonstrated for the first time in the world in this workshop.

Dr Sandeep Nayak said “With the rapid development in technology we have better and advanced equipment available to doctors. The doctors need to learn to use these to the best advantage of the patients. Robotic assisted surgeries have extensively helped doctors in enhancing the capabilities for performing surgeries with more precision and magnified view. Through this workshop, we wanted to train the surgeons on newer treatment methods using robotics in the field of head and neck oncology which would be of great help to them in their field.”

The theme of the workshop was ‘Old Territory, New Approach’ which focused on robotic surgery for oral cancer, throat cancer and thyroid surgeries which are some of the most common cancers in India. These procedures were included in the workshop since they have benefitted many patients, and needs to percolate well in the medical fraternity.