

BLK-Max Hospital collaborates with Intuitive to launch robot-assisted surgery fellowship training programme

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Programme aims to address the growing demand for skilled robotic-assisted surgeons in India

BLK-Max Super Specialty Hospital along with its knowledge partner, US-based medtech firm Intuitive, have announced the launch of a comprehensive dual console robot-assisted surgery (RAS) fellowship training programme in oncology for surgeons across India.

With BLK-Max Hospital being the first private hospital in the country to have a da Vinci dual surgeon console, the fellowship is being launched to cater to the need for more trained RAS surgeons and it aims to prepare the next generation of surgeons to be equipped in the field of robotic-assisted surgery.

The fellowship extends over three months and is designed to acquaint surgeons with robot-assisted surgery from OPD consultations to live operations focusing on its technology, clinical applications, and benefits with hands-on training. The fellowship programme will be led by one of the leading robotic surgeons in the country, Dr Surender Kumar Dabas.

For the duration of three months, the course will include three sections with exposure to a variety of robotic surgery cases in oncology along with practice sessions on robotic port placement and docking, hands-on experience with a robotic simulator, active involvement as assistant in surgeries, and immersion in from outpatient (OPD) to inpatient (IPD) settings. The training will be carried out on the new-age robot-assisted surgical system, da Vinci by Intuitive.

Mandeep Singh Kumar, VP and Country General Manager, Intuitive India, said, "With robotic surgery continuing to gain prominence as the preferred mode of surgery, early exposure to the robotic platform is becoming increasingly important. We are witnessing a rapid increase in the number of healthcare practitioners in India who are keen to adopt advanced surgical technologies to better serve their patients. Programmes like this will help them with the necessary training from the early adopters of RAS, which will eventually lead them to actively use robotic-assisted surgery in their practice."