ADVANCEMENTS IN MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGERY: A COMPREHENSIVE HANDS-ON SYMPOSIUM

Date: September 22-23, 2016  Day 1: 2:00pm-8:00pm. Day 2: 7:00am-4:00pm

Location: University of California San Diego Center for the Future of Surgery 9500 Gilman Drive La Jolla, CA 92093

Overview

This comprehensive 1.5 day course is designed for Bariatric, Colorectal, Hernia, and General Surgeons and will address the safe and effective use of energy, stapling, wound closure and other laparoscopic instrumentation. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in discussions regarding the latest advances in minimally invasive surgical techniques.

The course will address patient selection, procedural indications, procedural contraindications, techniques, and management of potential complications. The program will address customized team training to decrease pre-op challenges, reduce intra-operative frustrations and increase procedural acceptance by OR personnel. Participants will practice minimally invasive techniques in a hands-on animate lab, emphasizing the safe and effective use of energy, stapling, wound closure and other laparoscopic instrumentation.

Requirements for Participation

To ensure this educational program meets your needs, we recommend that participants meet the following criteria:

Bariatric:
- Advanced laparoscopic bariatric surgeons who have performed twenty-five (25) or more Laparoscopic Bariatric procedures.
- Working in a Center of Excellence or a practice that utilizes a multi-disciplinary approach to obesity management.

Colorectal:
- Colorectal and general surgeons who currently perform some laparoscopic and/or hand-assisted procedures, performing at least twenty-five (25) colectomy procedures a year.

Hernia:
- Hernia and general surgeons who perform 5 or more ventral/incisional/inguinal hernia repair procedures per month.
- Currently 30% or more of ventral/incisional hernia repair cases are complex (e.g. retromuscular repair, component separation approaches, intraperitoneal onlay mesh techniques, etc.).

Objectives

At the conclusion of the course, participants will be able to:
- Demonstrate the safe and effective use of HARMONIC ACE®+ 7 Shears with Advanced Hemostasis and the ENSEAL® Product Family, ECHELON FLEX™ GST System, and other laparoscopic instruments in a hands-on lab.
- Demonstrate the safe and effective use of ETHICON PHYSIOMESH™ Open Flexible Composite Mesh Device, ULTRAPRO ADVANCED™ Macroporous Partially Absorbable Mesh, PROCEED® Surgical Mesh, ETHICON SECURESTRAP® Absorbable Stapl Fixation Device, and biologic meshes in a hands-on lab.
- Demonstrate the safe and effective use of STRATAFIX™ Knotless Tissue Control Devices
- Define patient selection, preparation and positioning for minimally invasive Bariatric, Colorectal and Hernia procedures.
- Demonstrate minimally invasive procedures in a hands-on lab setting.
- Discuss the benefit of surgical team training in Minimally Invasive surgical procedures.
- Discuss methods to reduce surgical team challenges intra-operatively.

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