

Guest Editorial



Progress in the recognition of One-day surgery in India has reached new heights. We have the privilege of coming up with another Special edition on Day-care surgery this year.

The 7th International Congress on Ambulatory Surgery, held in Amsterdam, in April 2007, saw an emerging trend, with India being recognized as a new destination in health care. India won an International award for best presentation. As well as, one of us had the distinct opportunity of becoming an Invited Guest speaker, representing India, even though we are not a member country of the International Organization. In our mind, this is a major achievement in the popularization of Day Surgery.

Over a period of 5 years, regular correspondence with the Chief Ministers and Health departments of different states of our country, has shown a new initiation, with Rajasthan govt. taking the lead in issuing a circular for establishing Day Care Centres for Haemato-Oncology. The day is not far, when every medical college and hospital in India will have a One-day surgery centre.

There has been a constant effort in improving and popularizing One-day Surgery by utilizing a multi pronged approach. The most important hurdle being: Medical insurance; which has responded by including more cases of day surgery, as part of their re-imburement list, with great enthusiasm. Now, the newer policies see more and more one-day surgeries being included, which do not require the mandatory '24 hrs.' admission.

The number of articles published in this issue is a testimonial to the progress made towards achieving a Day-care millennium.

Dr. Pravin Gupta and Dr. Kishore Adyanthaya, have specifically listed a number of cases that are excepted as One-day case in our country. International authors, Dr. Coda from Italy and Dr. Lomanto from Singapore, share with us, the advanced stage that One-day surgery has reached in their respective countries, with all-round support by their government.

The 'Ten Commandments' highlighted by the Plastic Surgery department, is applicable to all the specialities so way or the other. Most of the relevant points should be distributed to all OT's.

The diseases of the breast require special consideration, as it is considered as the second most common ailment affecting the women. The article is elaborate enough to highlight the problem.

For all the surgical procedures, anaesthesia is the basis of success in One-day surgery. A surgeon trained in the art of using local blocks is very much in demand. It makes the success 100%.

The article on Robotic surgery is not presently a chosen modality for One-Day procedures; however, One-day surgery is possible only due to advancement of technology. Possibilities of its application are tremendous, though the equipment is very expensive.

Thanks to the relentless efforts of the executives of The Indian Association of Day Surgery, One-day surgery will soon be a house hold name. Every city will have a centre, providing safe and economical surgical care, will soon be a reality.

We take this opportunity to convey our sincere 'thank you' to Dr. OP Kapoor, Dr. RJ Mehta, staff of BHJ and our sponsors, who have made this Special issue possible.

Our special thanks, once again, to The Editorial board of Day Surgery Journal of India, for sharing exclusive articles with us and our readers.

Our President, Dr. Begani had visited a few day care centres in UK, Germany and Belgium. During his visit, he met and interacted with Dr. Luc Van Otrive, President, Belgian Day Care Association, Prof. Veromse, Secretary, Belgian Day Care Association, Antwerp. Prof. Guy Bogart, Leurin University hospital, Prof. Wandervaken, Middleham Hospital, Antwerp. Prof. Vaneer Dewag, University Hospital, Antwerp. Prof. Burgg, Dusseldorf, Germany, Dr. Abhay Chopada, Consultant, Ealing Hospital. He had visited them to invite them for our national conference in India.

ADSCON 2008, the 4th National conference was held on the 20th of April. International faculty was represented by Dr. H. Bartholomeuzs, Secretary, Australian Day Surgery Council and Dr. Carlo Castoro, Academic Convener, International Association of Ambulatory Surgery, from Italy, shared their experiences with surgeons from all over India. Chief Guest, Dr. Ved Prakesh Mishra, Vice-Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College and Deemed University, Chairman, PGI committee of MCI, presented the first Oration of the Association.

Dr. Begani delivered the presidential address during the proceedings of the conference.

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