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Dear Healthcare Professional,

I welcome you once again to the **15th Middle East Surgery Conference** at the Arab Health Congress 2016. Over the years, this meeting has evolved to become an important 'must-attend' event in the region's surgical calendar. Based on the excellent feedback received from you over the past years, we are encouraged to incorporate content that's even more relevant to your practice. At the same time, the scientific committee stands by its commitment to bring you some of the very latest advances in the field of surgical practice from experts around the world.

The 2016 programme has been enhanced and instead of the usual 3 days, the conference will run for 4 days. This has given us the opportunity to devote a whole day to gastrointestinal surgery and extend the number of sessions for bariatric and hernia surgery. The highlights of the conference are the keynote lectures which will be presented by Prof. Homero Rivas, Prof Henry Buchwald and Dr. Steven Curley, and of course, the ever popular video session now titled 'Welcome to my OR'.

The **15th Middle East Surgery Conference** will give you an opportunity to update your practice and discuss trending surgery topics with your peers in the company of renowned experts from different parts of the globe - providing you with yet another exceptional continuing education opportunity unlike any other in the region.

Do not miss this industry gathering.

I look forward to seeing you in January 2016.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Faruq M Badiuddin

Conference Chair

15th Middle East Surgery Conference

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Key topics:

- Non-surgical treatment options for colorectal cancer: Do they work?
- Stapled haemorrhoidectomy: How can we make it safer?
- Novel surgical methods for anal incontinence
- The ABCD criteria for prediction of metabolic outcomes
- Internal hernias in the bariatric patient
- TAR techniques for difficult ventral hernia repair
- How does MRI contribute to the diagnosis of breast lesions?
- Endocrine pancreatic tumors: Open and minimally-invasive surgical options
- Thoracic surgery of the future: Advances in robotic thoracic surgery
- Delayed primary repair of colonic injuries
- New innovative surgical methods for the treatment of brain tumours

Who should attend?

- General Surgeons
- Bariatric Surgeons
- Breast Surgeons
- Gastrointestinal Surgeons
- Endocrine Surgeons
- Surgical Nurses
- Oncologists

Benefits of attending:

- Review the newest technique for cosmetic varicose vein treatment
- Evaluate when revisional surgeries for weight regain are necessary and assess the options
- Identify clinico-pathological features of chief cell and oxyphil cell dominant parathyroid tumors
- Critique non-surgical management of patients with weight regain following bariatric surgery
- Measure novel surgical methods for anal incontinence
- Assess non-invasive surgery techniques and procedures

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15th Middle East Surgery Conference

Day one: Monday 25th January

8:50 Opening remarks by conference Chair

Dr Faruq M Badiuddin, Specialist General Surgeon: General, Laparoscopic & Obesity Surgery, Mediclinic Dubai & Past President, Emirates Obesity and Metabolic Surgery Interest Group, Dubai, UAE

SESSION 1: UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL SURGERY

Moderator: Dr Faruq M Badiuddin, Specialist General Surgeon: General, Laparoscopic & Obesity Surgery, Mediclinic Dubai & Past President, Emirates Obesity and Metabolic Surgery Interest Group, Dubai, UAE

09:00 Medical and surgical management of gastrointestinal failure

Dr Kareem Abu-Elmagd, Director: Hepato-pancreato-biliary and Transplant Surgery, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio, USA

09:15 Surgical evaluation and management of gastroparesis

Dr John Rodriguez, General Surgeon, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio, USA

09:30 Mesenteric ischemia; causes and management options

Dr Michael Marin, Professor & System Chair: Surgery, Vascular Surgery, Mount Sinai Health System, New York, NY, USA

09:45 Evaluation and treatment of the asymptomatic pancreatic cystic neoplasm

Dr R. Matthew Walsh, Chair: Department of General Surgery, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio, USA

10:00 Q & A

10:10 Keynote lecture: The future of medicine and surgery through digital health

Prof Homero Rivas, Assistant Professor, Section: Minimally Invasive Surgery & Director of Innovative Surgery, Stanford School of Medicine, Stanford, California, USA

10:30 Coffee break

SESSION 2: UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL SURGERY

Moderator: Dr Faruq M Badiuddin, Specialist General Surgeon: General, Laparoscopic & Obesity Surgery, Mediclinic Dubai & Past President, Emirates Obesity and Metabolic Surgery Interest Group, Dubai, UAE

11:00 Minimally invasive solutions for upper GI malignancy

Dr Ali Al Dameh, Consultant Thoracic & Upper GI Surgeon, Chief of Minimally Invasive Thoracic Foregut Solutions, Tawam Hospital, Al Ain, UAE

11:15 Oesophageal and gastric cancer surgery; are we making progress?

Dr Shaw Somers, Consultant Specialist: Upper GI and Bariatric Surgeon, BMI Clementine Churchill Hospital London and Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust, Portsmouth, UK

11:30 The role of HIPEC in the treatment of gastrointestinal malignancy: Key elements to developing a comprehensive HIPEC programme in an academic medical centre

Dr Daniel Labow, Chief: Surgical Oncology, Mount Sinai Hospital, New York, NY, USA

12:00 Q & A

12:30 Lunch break

SESSION 3: LOWER GASTROINTESTINAL SURGERY

Moderator: Dr Faruq M Badiuddin, Specialist General Surgeon: General, Laparoscopic & Obesity Surgery, Mediclinic Dubai & Past President, Emirates Obesity and Metabolic Surgery Interest Group, Dubai, UAE

14:00 New targets and new therapies for inflammatory bowel disease (IBD)

Dr Jean-Frederic Colombel, Gastroenterologist, Professor of Medicine & Director - Inflammatory Bowel Disease Centre, Icahn School of Medicine, Mount Sinai Hospital, New York, NY, USA

14:15 Inflammatory bowel disease; the evolving role of the surgeon in management

Dr Jason Frischer, Director of Peña Colorectal Center, Director of the Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) Program, Assistant Professor of Pediatric Surgery, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, USA

14:30 Harvesting a minimum of 12 lymph nodes in colo(rectal) cancer; does it matter?

Dr Guido Mannaerts, Consultant General Surgery & Obesity Surgery, Tawam Hospital - Johns Hopkins Medicine, Al Ain, UAE

14:45 Non-surgical treatment options for colorectal cancer; do they work?

Dr Faisal Ikram, Consultant General Surgeon & Surgical Gastroenterologist, Dubai Healthcare City, Dubai, UAE

15:00 Q & A

15:10 Interactive panel discussion: Colon cancer screening; why is it necessary for Arabian-Gulf countries?

Moderator: Dr Samar Al Homoud, Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Center, Riyadh, KSA

• Dr Katalin Kalmar, Specialist General Surgeon & Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, Mediclinic, Dubai, UAE

• Dr Daniel Labow, Chief: Surgical Oncology, Mount Sinai Hospital, New York, NY, USA

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15:30 Coffee break

SESSION 4: LOWER GASTROINTESTINAL SURGERY

Moderator: Dr Faruq M Badiuddin, Specialist General Surgeon: General, Laparoscopic & Obesity Surgery, Mediclinic Dubai & Past President, Emirates Obesity and Metabolic Surgery Interest Group, Dubai, UAE

16:00 Stapled haemorrhoidectomy; how can we make it safer?

Dr Ali Reza Eghtedari, Laparoscopic and General Surgery Consultant, Canadian Specialist Hospital, Dubai, UAE

16:30 Novel surgical methods for anal incontinence; comparisons of various techniques

Dr Katalin Kalmar, Specialist General Surgeon & Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, Mediclinic, Dubai, UAE

16:45 Options in the management of anal fistulas

Dr Nader Salti, General Surgeon, American Hospital, Dubai, UAE

17:15 Q & A

17:30 End of day one

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Day two: Tuesday 26th January

8:50 Opening remarks by conference Chair
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SESSION 5: METABOLIC SURGERY

Moderator: Dr Faruq M Badiuddin, Specialist General Surgeon: General, Laparoscopic & Obesity Surgery, Mediclinic Dubai & Past President, Emirates Obesity and Metabolic Surgery Interest Group, Dubai, UAE

09:00 Non-surgical management of patients with weight regain following bariatric surgery

Dr Nadia Ahmed, Obesity Medicine Specialist and Director, Dubai Obesity Medicine Center, Dubai, UAE

09:15 When do we need revisional surgeries for weight regain and what are the options?

Dr Muffazal Lakdawala, Chairman: Institute of Minimal Invasive Surgical Sciences and Research Center, Saifee Hospital, Mumbai, India

09:30 What do we do for the low BMI Obese? Endoscopic bariatric options; what and when?

Dr Karl Miller, Bariatric and Metabolic Surgeon & Associate Professor: Surgery & General Surgeon, Dubai, UAE

09:45 Surgical management of gut failure after bariatric surgery

Dr Kareem Abu-Elmagd, Director: Hepato-pancreato-biliary and Transplant Surgery, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio, USA

10:00 Keynote presentation: 'Healthy' obese vs. 'lean' diabetics - the paradox

Prof Henry Buchwald, Professor: Gastrointestinal and Bariatric Surgery, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, USA

10:20 Q & A

10:30 Coffee break

SESSION 6: METABOLIC SURGERY

Moderator: Dr Faruq M Badiuddin, Specialist General Surgeon: General, Laparoscopic & Obesity Surgery, Mediclinic Dubai & Past President, Emirates Obesity and Metabolic Surgery Interest Group, Dubai, UAE

11:00 Mechanisms of bariatric surgery on diabetes remission
Dr Praveen Raj, Consultant: Department of Obesity and Metabolic Surgery, Gem Hospital and Research Centre, Coimbatore, India

11:15 The ABCD criteria for prediction of metabolic outcomes

Dr Lee Wei-Jei, Chairman: Asia Pacific Bariatric Surgery Society (APBSS) & Senior Deputy Superintendent, Min-Sheng Hospital, Taoyuan, Taiwan

11:30 Cost-effectiveness analysis of metabolic surgery vs. medical therapy for diabetics

Dr Amer Al Derazi, Bariatric & Advanced Laparoscopic Surgeon, Salmaniya Medical Complex, Manama, Bahrain

11:45 Review of recent trials; is surgery appropriate for the non-obese diabetics?

Dr Shashank Shah, Laparoscopic and Bariatric Surgeon, Hiranandani Hospital, Mumbai, India

12:00 Q & A

12:10 Interactive panel discussion: Bariatric data registries in the Gulf - why do we need them?

Moderator: Dr Shaw Somers, Consultant Specialist: Upper GI and Bariatric Surgeon, BMI Clementine Churchill Hospital London and Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust, Portsmouth, UK

- Dr Faruq M Badiuddin, Specialist General Surgeon: General, Laparoscopic & Obesity Surgery, Mediclinic Dubai & Past President, Emirates Obesity and Metabolic Surgery Interest Group, Dubai, UAE

- Dr Salman Al Sabah, Specialist: General, Bariatrics & Laparoscopy, Bariatric and Oncology Surgery, Royale Hayat Hospital, Jabriya, Kuwait

- Dr Karl Miller, Bariatric and Metabolic Surgeon & Associate Professor: Surgery & General Surgeon, Dubai, UAE

12:30 Lunch break

SESSION 7: BARIATRIC SURGERY

Moderator: Dr Faruq M Badiuddin, Specialist General Surgeon: General, Laparoscopic & Obesity Surgery, Mediclinic Dubai & Past President, Emirates Obesity and Metabolic Surgery Interest Group, Dubai, UAE

14:00 The bariatric patient in the emergency department: A guide to the emergency room surgeons

Dr John Rodriguez, General Surgeon, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio, USA

14:15 Internal hernias in the bariatric patient

Dr Waleed Bukhari, Senior Consultant, International Medical Center Hospital, Jeddah, KSA

14:30 Unusual bariatric complications and their management

Dr Ali Khammas, Consultant General Surgeon, Rashid Hospital, Dubai, UAE

14:45 Special aspects of bariatric anaesthesia and fast track surgical strategy

Dr Raad Zaitan, Anesthesiologist, Canadian Hospital, Dubai, UAE

15:00 Q & A

15:30 Coffee break

SESSION 8: OPERATIVE TECHNIQUES

Moderator: Dr Faruq M Badiuddin, Specialist General Surgeon: General, Laparoscopic & Obesity Surgery, Mediclinic Dubai & Past President, Emirates Obesity and Metabolic Surgery Interest Group, Dubai, UAE

16:00 Use of the endoscope as a bougie in LSG

Dr Abdul Rahman Nimeri, General Surgeon, Sheikh Khalifa Medical Center, Abu Dhabi, UAE

16:15 Sleeve and GERD

Dr Faruq M Badiuddin, Specialist General Surgeon: General, Laparoscopic & Obesity Surgery, Mediclinic Dubai & Past President, Emirates Obesity and Metabolic Surgery Interest Group, Dubai, UAE

16:30 Successful weight loss after sleeve gastrectomy; sex matters

Dr Salman Al Sabah, Specialist: General, Bariatrics & Laparoscopy, Bariatric and Oncology Surgery, Royale Hayat Hospital, Jabriya, Kuwait

17:00 Q & A

17:30 End of day two

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Day three: Wednesday 27th January

08:50 Opening remarks by Conference Chair
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SESSION 9: HERNIA SURGERY TECHNIQUES

Moderator: Dr Faruq M Badiuddin, Specialist General Surgeon: General, Laparoscopic & Obesity Surgery, Mediclinic Dubai & Past President, Emirates Obesity and Metabolic Surgery Interest Group, Dubai, UAE

- 09:00 TAPP for inguinal hernia repair**
Prof Reinhard Bittner, Professor, Hernia Center Rottenburg, Baden-Württemberg, Germany
- 09:15 TEP for inguinal hernia repair-steps to reduce risks and complications**
Dr Pradeep Chowbey, Vice Chairman of Max Healthcare and Director of Institute of Minimal Access, Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, Max Healthcare, New Delhi, India
- 09:45 How to get the mesh out of the abdominal cavity for ventral hernia repair**
Prof Reinhard Bittner, Professor: Hernia Center Rottenburg, Baden-Württemberg, Germany
- 10:00 Q & A**
- 10:30 Coffee break**

SESSION 10: MESHES

Moderator: Dr Faruq M Badiuddin, Specialist General Surgeon: General, Laparoscopic & Obesity Surgery, Mediclinic Dubai & Past President, Emirates Obesity and Metabolic Surgery Interest Group, Dubai, UAE

- 11:00 Spoilt for choice... Which mesh to use?**
Dr Pradeep Chowbey, Vice Chairman of Max Healthcare and Director of Institute of Minimal Access, Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, Max Healthcare, New Delhi, India
- 11:15 Prophylaxis of infection; antibiotics vs. coating**
Dr KG Mathew, Specialist General Surgeon: General & Laparoscopic Surgery, NMC Specialty Hospital, Dubai, UAE
- 11:30 MRI visible mesh; the new kid on the block - clinical application**
Dr Rolf Hartung, Consultant General Surgeon, Dubai Healthcare City, Dubai, UAE
- 11:45 Mesh fixation; suture, tacs or glue?**
Dr Basim AlKhafaji, Consultant Laparoscopic and Bariatric Surgeon, Canadian Specialist Hospital, Dubai, UAE
- 12:00 Q & A**
- 12:10 Keynote presentation: Electromagnetic fields combined with targeted nanoparticles to produce hypothermic killing of cancer cells**
Dr Steven Curley, Professor: Surgical Oncology, Baylor College of Medicine & Professor: Nano- Materials Science, Rice University, Houston, Texas, USA
- 12:30 Lunch break**

SESSION 11: BREAST SURGERY

Moderator: Dr Faruq M Badiuddin, Specialist General Surgeon: General, Laparoscopic & Obesity Surgery, Mediclinic Dubai & Past President, Emirates Obesity and Metabolic Surgery Interest Group, Dubai, UAE

- 14:00 Screening detected breast lesions**
Dr Muna Baslaim, Consultant Breast Surgeon, King Fahad Hospital, Ministry of Health, Dammam, KSA
- 14:15 Breast MRI and DCIS- the facts**
Dr Alexandra Economacos, Consultant Breast Radiologist, Mediclinic, Dubai, UAE
- 14:45 Breast cancer; controversies in modern management of the Axilla**
Dr Yasir Akmal, Consultant General & Oncologic Surgeon: Digestive Disease Institute, Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 15:00 Q & A**
- 15:10 Coffee break**

SESSION 12: ENDOCRINE SURGERY

Moderators: Associate Prof Rolf Ulrich Hartung, Consultant & Private Surgeon, CBS, Mediclinic, City Hospital, Dubai, UAE

Prof Tahar Benhidjeb, Consultant, Chairman: Department of Surgery & Chief of General Surgery, Burjeel Hospital, Abu Dhabi, UAE

- 15:30 Limiting the extent of thyroid resection in benign conditions; is it worthwhile?**
Prof Jochen Kussmann, Head: Clinic for Endocrine Surgery, Schön Klinik Hamburg Eilbek, Hamburg, Germany
- 15:50 Clinico-pathological features of chief cell and oxyphil cell dominant parathyroid tumors**
Dr Iyad Hassan, Consultant & Chairman: Department of Surgery, NMC Royal Hospital, Khalifa City, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 16:10 Normocalcemic primary hyperparathyroidism; observation or operation?**
Prof Jochen Kussmann, Consultant & Head: Endocrine Surgery Centre Hamburg, Schoen Klinik, Hamburg Eilbek, Hamburg, Germany
- 16:30 Endocrine pancreatic tumors: Open and minimally-invasive surgical options**
Dr Oliver Mann, Consultant & Deputy Director: Department of General, Visceral and Thoracic Surgery, University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf, Hamburg, Germany
- 16:50 Interactive panel discussion: Thyroid cancer**
Moderators: Prof Jochen Kussmann, Head: Clinic for Endocrine Surgery, Schön Klinik Hamburg Eilbek, Hamburg, Germany
Dr Iyad Hassan, Consultant & Chairman: Department of Surgery, NMC Royal Hospital, Khalifa City, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- **Incidence of thyroid cancer in UAE**
Dr Rolf Hartung, Consultant General Surgeon, Dubai Healthcare City, Dubai, UAE
 - **Incidental thyroid nodule; matter of concern?**
Prof Jochen Kussmann, Head: Clinic for Endocrine Surgery, Schön Klinik Hamburg Eilbek, Hamburg, Germany
- 17:20 Q & A**
- 17:30 End of day three**

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Day four: Thursday 28th January

08:50 Opening remarks by Conference Chair
Dr Faruq M Badiuddin, Specialist General Surgeon: General, Laparoscopic & Obesity Surgery, Mediclinic Dubai & Past President, Emirates Obesity and Metabolic Surgery Interest Group, Dubai, UAE

SESSION 13: RECENT ADVANCES IN SURGERY

Moderator: Dr Faruq M Badiuddin, Specialist General Surgeon: General, Laparoscopic & Obesity Surgery, Mediclinic Dubai & Past President, Emirates Obesity and Metabolic Surgery Interest Group, Dubai, UAE

09:00 Experience with sirolimus (Rapamycin) in the treatment of complex vascular malformations

Dr Belinda Hsi Dickie, Surgical Director of the Hemangioma and Vascular Malformation Program, Pediatric Surgeon at the Peña Colorectal Center, Assistant Professor of Pediatric Surgery, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, USA

09:15 Total pancreatectomy with islet auto transplantation (TPIAT)
Dr Jamie Nathan, Surgical Director of the Pancreas Care Center, Surgical Director of the Kidney and Intestinal Transplant Programs, and Assistant Professor of Paediatric Surgery, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, USA

09:30 New innovative surgical methods for the treatment of brain tumors
Prof Roland Goldbrunner, Chairman: General Neurosurgery Department & Managing Director: Center for Neurosurgery, University Hospital Cologne, Cologne, Germany

09:45 Thoracic surgery of the future; advances in robotic thoracic surgery
Dr Faiz Bhora, Chief: Thoracic Surgery, Mount Sinai Roosevelt and Mount Sinai St. Luke's Hospitals, New York, NY, USA

10:00 Clinical transformation using health information technologies
Dr Jonathan Schaffer, Managing Director: eClevelandClinic & Orthopaedic Surgeon, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio, USA

10:15 Keynote presentation: Low cost innovations lessons from home and around the world
Prof Homero Rivas, Assistant Professor, Section: Minimally Invasive Surgery & Director of Innovative Surgery, Stanford School of Medicine, Stanford, California, USA

10:35 Q & A

10:45 Coffee break

SESSION 14: EMERGENCY SURGERY & MISCELLANEOUS

Moderator: Dr Faruq M Badiuddin, Specialist General Surgeon: General, Laparoscopic & Obesity Surgery, Mediclinic Dubai & Past President, Emirates Obesity and Metabolic Surgery Interest Group, Dubai, UAE

11:00 Delayed primary repair of colonic injuries
Dr Yousif Hussein El Tayeb, Consultant & Associate Professor: General Surgery, Rashid Hospital & Dubai Medical College, Dubai, UAE

11:15 Newest technique for cosmetic varicose vein treatment
Dr Ashkan Haghshenas, Vascular Surgeon, Armada Medical Centre, Dubai, UAE

11:30 Management of necrotising fasciitis
Dr Bret Cardwell, General Surgeon & Staff Physician, Digestive Disease Institute, Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, UAE

11:45 Treatment of aortic aneurysms
Dr Michael Marin, Professor & System Chair: Surgery, Vascular Surgery, Mount Sinai Health System, New York, NY, USA

12:00 Publish or perish; the need for conducting clinical research and publishing your data
Jane Buchwald, CEO & Chief Scientific Research Writer, Medwrite Medical Communications, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Wisconsin, USA

12:15 Q & A

12:30 Lunch break

SESSION 15: WELCOME TO MY OR: VIDEO SESSIONS

Moderator: Dr Faruq M Badiuddin, Specialist General Surgeon: General, Laparoscopic & Obesity Surgery, Mediclinic Dubai & Past President, Emirates Obesity and Metabolic Surgery Interest Group, Dubai, UAE

14:00 Lap hiatal hernia repair
Dr John Rodriguez, General Surgeon, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio, USA

14:20 Totally extraperitoneal inguinal hernia repair; the optimised technique for predictable long term outcomes
Dr Faruq M Badiuddin, Specialist General Surgeon: General, Laparoscopic & Obesity Surgery, Mediclinic Dubai & Past President, Emirates Obesity and Metabolic Surgery Interest Group, Dubai, UAE

14:40 Technique laparoscopic distal pancreatectomy
Dr R. Matthew Walsh, Chair: Department of General Surgery, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio, USA

15:00 VAFT technique for fistula
Dr Manish Bajjal, Senior Consultant: Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery, Max Healthcare, New Delhi, India

15:20 Intra-operative disasters during gastric bypass and how to manage them
Dr Moataz M Bashah, Director: Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery, Hamad Medical Corporation - Weill Cornell Medical College, Ar-Rayyan, Qatar

15:40 Coffee break

16:00 Re-sleeving a sleeve gastrectomy
Dr Praveen Raj, Consultant: Department of Obesity and Metabolic Surgery, Gem Hospital and Research Centre, Coimbatore, India

16:20 Technique of stapled haemorrhoidectomy
Dr Yasir Akmal, Consultant General & Oncological Surgeon: Digestive Disease Institute, Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, UAE

16:40 Bonded sleeve gastrectomy/bonded gastric bypass as a revisional procedure
Dr Karl Miller, Bariatric and Metabolic Surgeon & Associate Professor: Surgery & General Surgeon, Dubai, UAE

17:00 Modified sleeve gastrectomy
Dr Ali Fardoun, General Surgeon, Tawam Hospital, Al Ain, UAE

17:20 Closing remarks by conference chair
Dr Faruq M Badiuddin, Specialist General Surgeon: General, Laparoscopic & Obesity Surgery, Mediclinic Dubai & Past President, Emirates Obesity and Metabolic Surgery Interest Group, Dubai, UAE

17:30 End of conference

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