



Breakfast SIG

Issues and Troubleshooting in Thoracic Robotic Surgery

**Thursday 7 June, 6.00 – 7.15
Crowne Plaza Rome—St. Peter's
Foro Constantino**

Are you one of the many thoracic surgeons not attempting robotic surgery because of the unique challenges in dealing with both machines and patients together?

Supported by video clips and still pictures, this session will include an overview of 10 specific procedures and the key issues associated with each:

lobectomy and segmentectomy	anterior upper mediastinal mass and thymus
posterior mediastinal mass	thoracic duct ligation /treatment of chylothorax
middle mediastinal mass	thoracic myotomy
heller myotomy	hiatal hernia
epiphrenic esophageal diverticulum	leiomyoma resection from esophagus

This session is presented by the leaders of the thoracic surgery team from the City of Hope Medical Center located just outside Los Angeles; one of just a handful of Comprehensive Cancer Centers in the United States as designated by the National Cancer Institute (NCI), and a founding member of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN). The speakers have experience with over 200 robotic cases and understand the issues as they relate to integrating robotics with hospital policies and procedures—while keeping patient care and safety as the first priority.

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Faculty: Cassandra A. Anderson, MD & Andres Falabella, MD

- **The relative advantages and disadvantages of traditional, open thoracotomy vs. minimally invasive approaches**
- **A brief history of robotics and survey of currently available robots**
- **A practical guide to setup and troubleshooting robotic equipment—particularly for chest surgeries**
- **Patient selection & preoperative preparation: the staff, the patients, the machines**
- **Intraoperative management issues and an overview of specific procedures**
- **Postoperative concerns, problems and solutions**
- **New developments in robotics**

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