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Internationally renowned expert in **Endoanal Ultrasonography**. Editorial Board Member of leading international journals, author of 300+ peer-reviewed publications, book chapters, and five landmark textbooks.



Dr. Phil Tozer

London, England

World Expert in IBD & Complex Perianal Fistula Surgery

Dr. Phil Tozer
Head of the Robin Phillips Fistula Research Unit, St Mark's Hospital, The National Bowel hospital , UK.

Co-author of the ESCP Guidelines for cryptoglandular fistula management and co-developer of the TOpClass Classification for **Fistulising Perianal Crohn's Disease.**

Co-founder of the TOpClass Consortium (2021), advancing global collaborative research in perianal Crohn's disease.



Dr. Valentin Sojar

Ljubljana, Slovenia

International Authority in Laser Proctology & Advanced Fistula Surgery

Dr. Valentin Sojar
Consultant Surgeon, IATROS Medical Centre & Ljubljana Medical Faculty, Slovenia
Secretary General, International Society of Laser Proctology (ISOLP)

Dr. Valentin Sojar is an internationally recognized expert in minimally invasive laser proctology and a pioneer in **Laser-Assisted Fistula Surgery**.



Dr. Arun Rojanasakul

Bangkok, Thailand

The Pioneer Behind the Revolutionary LIFT Technique

Emeritus Prof. Arun Rojanasakul
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- Pioneer and innovator of the **LIFT (Ligation of Intersphincteric Fistula Tract)** procedure for anal fistula.
- Internationally acclaimed leader in **Colorectal and Sphincter-Preserving Fistula Surgery.**
- Honorary Fellow of the ASCRS, ACRSI, Singapore Society of Colorectal Surgeons, Philippine Society of Colorectal Surgeons.



Dr. Francis Seow-Choen

Singapore

Professor Dr. Francis Seow-Choen is a world-renowned colorectal surgeon and one of **Asia's Pioneers In Colorectal Surgery,** having helped establish the first dedicated colorectal surgery department in Asia at Singapore General Hospital. He is the founding President of the Asian Federation of Coloproctology and the **Eurasian Colorectal Technology Association,** and a past President of the Society of Colorectal Surgeons of **Singapore**. An internationally acclaimed academic, he has authored over 260 peer-reviewed publications and 39 textbook chapters, received and has Excellence for Singapore Award for his outstanding contributions to coloproctology.

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27th NOVEMBER | 4:30 – 7:00 PM

MASTERCLASS BY MASTERS — A TO Z ABOUT FISTULA

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME | 28th – 29th NOV

SESSION 01 — THE FISTULA STORY

Understanding anatomy, biology and behaviour

FROM SUSHRUTHA TO AI
The evolution of fistula surgery
Dr. Jiten Chowdhry — 12 mins

THE MAP BEFORE THE JOURNEY
Surgical anatomy and classification dilemma — does fistula fit any classification?
Dr. Francis Seow-Choen — 12 mins

FISTULA BIOLOGY UNMASKED
Why some fistulas heal and others don't — is every fistula truly cryptoglandular?
Dr. Brij Agarwal — 10 mins

HEALING WITHOUT SACRIFICE
Sphincter function preserving procedures for fistula
Dr. Arun Rojanasakul — 12 mins

ERGONOMICS — THE HIDDEN VARIABLE
Right position for the right surgery
Dr. Meenakshi Yeola — 8 mins

SESSION 02 — SEE IT, MAP IT, UNDERSTAND IT

Diagnosis, mapping and internal opening

SURGEON'S EYE
Understanding basics of fistula in MRI for surgeons
Dr. S.K. Nigam — 10 mins

SEE BEFORE YOU CUT — CAN IMAGING PREDICT THE SURGICAL BATTLEFIELD
To image or not to image, and the roadmap for surgeons
Dr. Giulio Santoro — 15 mins

SCOPE BEFORE SURGERY
Colonoscopy — utility in the management of fistulas (video)
Dr. Makarand — 8 mins

THE GREAT HUNT — MASTERY IN MYSTERY
Internal opening — how to identify, pre- and intraoperative localisation, why do surgeons miss it and its significance
Dr. Anshul Shah — 10 mins

SESSION 03

UNRAVELLING THE COMPLEXITY — THE BIGGER STORY

Perianal abscesses, complex disease and unusual aetiologies

ONLY VIDEOS

THE BEGINNING OF THE STORY
Perianal abscess — do's and don'ts
Dr. Madhavi Shyamala — 10 mins

DRAIN TODAY OR CURE TODAY
Single-step vs staged approach for fistula with perianal abscess
Dr. Vikas Jain — 10 mins

HUNTING THE DEEP SPACE
Deep space abscesses and hidden fistula
Dr. Scott — 10 mins

SETONS... STILL RELEVANT?
Role of setons in current practice
Dr. Vipul Gurjar — 12 mins

BEYOND THE COMFORT ZONE
Fistula in IBD, malignancy, TB, radiation, HIV and immunocompromised patients
Dr. Phil Tozer — 10 mins

SESSION 04

MASTER VIDEO PRESENTATIONS

Expert operative videos

★ FEATURED

VIDEO BASED INTERACTIVE SESSION FROM SIMPLE TO COMPLEX
Dr. Prashant Rahate — 30 mins

SESSION 05 — SEE, LEARN AND OPERATE

Video presentations

VIDEO · 8 mins
FISTULOTOMY
Dr. Devendra Chouhan

VIDEO · 8 mins
FISTULECTOMY
Dr. Phani Mahesh Reddy

VIDEO · 8 mins
VAAFT / FISTULOSCOPY
Dr. Anmol Ahuja

VIDEO · 8 mins
DLPL
Dr. Jaya Maheshwari

VIDEO · 8 mins
MARTIUS FLAP REPAIR
Dr. Francis Seow-Choen

VIDEO · 8 mins
SLOFT
Dr. CRK Prasad

✦ DEBATE ✦

SESSION 06 — LASERS

The debate

BATTLE OF BEAM

Laser — hype, hope or hard science

Dr. Anshul Shah **VS** Dr. Kalyankar

20 mins

CASE-BASED DISCUSSION

SESSION 07 — CASE-BASED DISCUSSIONS

Interactive clinical discussion

CASE-BASED DISCUSSION

A to Z about fistulas

MODERATOR: Dr. Parvez Sheikh

50 mins

SESSION 08 | LASER-ASSISTED SURGERY

LASER-ASSISTED SPHINCTER-SAVING COMPARTMENTAL EXCISION
Dr. Kalyankar — 10 mins

SESSION 09 | WHY DID IT FAIL?
Recurrence, non-healing and post-op complications

EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED — THE FISTULA SURPRISE
Oops moments in fistula surgery and unexpected intraoperative complications
Dr. Pravin Gore — 12 mins

THE RECURRENCE PUZZLE
Why does fistula fail? Lessons from recurrence and non-healing
Dr. Niranjan Agarwal — 12 mins

BEYOND THE THEATRE
Comprehensive postoperative management
Dr. Dinesh Shah — 12 mins

THE DREADED VILLAIN
Fecal incontinence management with sacral nerve stimulation
Dr. Valentin Sojar — 12 mins

SESSION 10 | ANCIENT WISDOM

ANCIENT WISDOM IN CONTEMPORARY PRACTICE
Prerequisites and follow-up for Ksharasootra
Dr. Mahesh Sanghavi — 12 mins

SESSION 11

EXPERIENCE VS EVIDENCE

What does long-term practice teach us?

MAXIMAL FISTULAS TREATED MINIMALLY
Experience of more than 20 years
Dr. Ashish Ganatra — 12 mins

HYBRID PARTIAL FISTULOTOMY AND STANDARDISED KSHARASOOTRA PLACEMENT
Complex anal fistula-in-ano — a 24-year multicentre cohort study of 17,000 patients
Dr. Sandeep Kumar — 12 mins

SESSION 12

BEYOND THE CLOSURE

Reconstruction, continence and restoration

REMOVE THE CORE — CURE THE DISEASE
Is central disease excision the right way to cure?
Dr. Kushal Mittal — 12 mins

REBUILDING THE DIVIDE
Perineal body reconstruction
Dr. Ladukar — 12 mins

SESSION 13

HOW MUCH TO CUT?

Sphincter-saving procedures • Video presentations

VIDEO — 8 mins
LIFT AND MODIFICATIONS
Dr. Parth Sarthi

VIDEO — 8 mins
E-PARK TECHNIQUE
Dr. Sanjay Singla

VIDEO — 8 mins
PILTEC
Dr. Samrat Jankar

VIDEO — 8 mins
TROPIS WITH AWR
Dr. Madhukar Pai

VIDEO — 8 mins
IFTAC
Dr. M.D.P. Raja

VIDEO — 8 mins
UNUSUAL FISTULAS
Dr. Vikas Jain

SESSION 14 — NAVIGATING THE COMPLEX FISTULAS

Where anatomy, aetiology and strategy collide

IS FISTULECTOMY A SPHINCTER SAVING PROCEDURE?
Dr. Valentin Sojar — 12 mins

FISTULECTOMY & VAAFT
Central fistulectomy with VAAFT for optimal disease clearance
Dr. Arshad Ahmad — 12 mins

AROUND THE BEND — MAPPING THE UNSEEN
Managing horseshoe fistulas
Dr. Neeraj Goyal — 12 mins

THE FEMALE FISTULA — DOES THE STRATEGY CHANGE?
Tailoring fistula surgery for women
Dr. Santhi Vardhani G — 12 mins

THE FISTULA AT THE FRONT DOOR
Urethral fistulas
Dr. Ashwin Porwal — 12 mins

FISTULA GONE ROGUE
Fistula beyond the perineum and penoscrotal fistula
Dr. Atef Baakza — 12 mins

THE UNCHARTED
Pediatric fistula
Dr. Sukumar Maity — 12 mins

BEYOND THE ALGORITHM
Hybrid methods for complex fistula
Dr. Rajendra Sonavane — 12 mins

✦ DEBATE ✦

SESSION 15 — THE GREAT DEBATE

CUT OR CONTROL? THE GREAT DEBATE IN IBD FISTULA

Medical vs surgical management — when to intervene

Dr. Ravishankar **VS** Dr. Prasad Babu

20 mins

SESSION 16 — DIGGING DEEPER

Miscellaneous

MALIGNANCY LAST 2 CMS

What we must know beyond chemotherapy (recent advances for surgeons)

Dr. Bharat Vaswani — 10 mins

SESSION 17 — FISTULA SURGERY 2.0

Recent advances

A GLANCE AT THE FISTULA THROUGH FUTURE LENS

Recent advances in fistula surgery, stem cells, adipose tissue and role of AI and robotics

Dr. Vipul Yagnik — 12 mins

FUTURISTIC APPROACH ON FISTULA IN ANO

Dr. Sanjay Singla — 12 mins

★ FEATURED

TAILORED SURGERY

Standardised vs individualised approach in fistula · Take home message (concluding remarks)

Dr. Prashant Rahate — 20 mins

CASE-BASED DISCUSSION

SESSION 18 — SPECIAL CASE-BASED DISCUSSION

By eminent women faculty

INTERESTING DISCUSSION EXCLUSIVELY ON PERIANAL ABSCESS

MODERATOR: Dr. Anjali Dawle — 45 mins

✦ *Every scientific session is followed by Discussion & Q&A.* ✦

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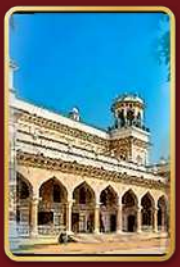
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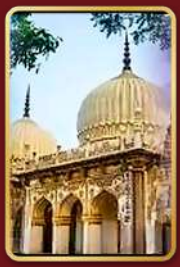
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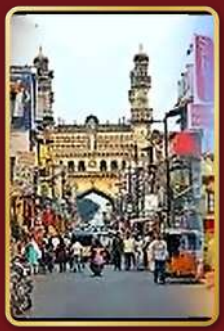

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4:00 PM – 6:30 PM

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SATURDAY 28 NOV

LIVE OPERATIVE WORKSHOP

8 AM – 11 AM

followed by CME

SUNDAY 29 NOV

CME from 8 AM, followed by

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2 PM – 5 PM

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